



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage." Saint John XXIII

Mrs. Lori Hodder
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"We can do hard things."

January 18, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

Catholic Schools Week begins this Sunday! It will run from **January 21 to January 26**. Due to repairs/upgrades being made in the gym, Sports Day will be rescheduled for a later date and parents will be invited to attend when the new date is announced. Please see the letter included in this white envelope regarding the gym upgrades/repairs. Important upcoming dates include:

- Jan. 19 – **End of 2nd Marking Period** and Block B Clubs
- Jan. 21 – Catholic School's Week Opening Mass 9:00 AM (students wear uniforms)
School Open House 10:00-12:00
- Jan. 21-25 – Book Fair
- Jan. 22 – Block C Clubs begin
- Jan. 24 – End of Clothing Drive (this date was extended)
- **Jan 26 – 11:50 AM dismissal**
- **Jan 30-Feb. 1 – Midterm Exams Grades 5-8**

The marking period ends on tomorrow, and report cards will be available for viewing on **January 25**. There are no formal conferences scheduled, so if you wish to speak with a teacher, please reach out to them via email or by leaving a message in the main office.

Our first attempt at virtual instruction seemed to go well. We have been out of practice since COVID, so I anticipate bumps along the way. I welcome any feedback, both positive and negative, to help make this a positive educational experience for all students. A virtual day half-day will be called should school be closed tomorrow, so students should check in with their homeroom teacher by noon in order to be counted present. Teachers will be available to answer questions from 8:00 AM to 1:45 PM.

Finally, Father Ken is home and recovering nicely. He wanted to extend his thanks to all of the St. Stanislaus Kostka families for their prayers and well-wishes for a speedy recovery.

Warmest Regards,

Lori Hodder
Principal

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January 18, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

As you may have noticed, a light in the gym was in need of repair. There was a plan in place to repair the light as well as check all of the other fixtures. Late Friday, one of the other fixtures became loose and needed to be taken down.

In order to ensure the safety of our students and families, Father Ken and the School Finance Committee have come to the decision to replace all of the fixtures in the gym to ensure that they are installed properly and safe. Estimates have been collected and the work is going to begin as soon as possible.

That being said, the gym will be closed until the work is completed. The students will still have gym classes, but health lessons will be administered. We will institute outside gym or classroom activities whenever possible.

The safety of our students is our top priority, and we appreciate your understanding while these needed improvements are made to our gym. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

Father Ken Murphy
Pastor



Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from **Sunday, January 21 – Thursday, January 25th**:

Say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ststanislauskostkaschool3>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Lori Hodder
Principal
St. Stanislaus Kostka School

Freezin for a Reason

Dive into St. Stan's School spirit at the ***Polar Bear Plunge for Catholic Education*** sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2 Monmouth.

The plunge will take place on Sunday, February 4th in Sea Bright, New Jersey at the Municipal Beach. Registration begins at 11am and closes at 12:30 pm. 12:45pm we line up on the beach and 1:00 pm is plunge time! Ms. Grover will register our team.

The money raised for this event will go towards the 2023-2024 Project Fundraisers: School Boilers & School/Church AC Replacement. 15% of all donations will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

If you would like to be a part of our St. Stan's Plunge Team, please fill out the form on the next page and return with a \$30.00 registration fee to the attention of Ms. Grover by **Thursday, February 1st. OR** this can be done online <https://sskplunge2024.cheddarup.com>

Those who are plunging ***will receive a sponsor/waiver form that must be returned, signed and dated.*** This form is also available on the cheddarup link to print. The Plunger sponsor donations can be made online or sent in.

If you would like to make ***a donation only*** to sponsor our team and receive an out of uniform pass(es), please see the bottom of the next page for information **OR** this can be done online <https://sskplunge2024.cheddarup.com>

Thank you for your support!!



Polar Bear Plunge 2024

____ Yes! I will be there at the event to join our plunge team, and I will collect sponsor donations for our school.

\$30.00 registration fee per plunger (money goes back to our school/Out of Uniform Pass to be received for registration fee)

Name of plunger: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade _____

Parent email: _____

*Students and faculty/staff members who **take the plunge** will be able to dress down on Monday, February 5th as well as receive additional Out of Uniform passes for every \$50.00 donation.*

- \$30.00 sponsor pledge for **non plungers** will receive an *Out of Uniform* pass. Receive an additional pass for every \$50.00 donation.

Name: _____ Grade _____

Please return this form and donations to
Ms. Grover by Thursday, February 1st.

Cash or checks made out to: St. Stan's School or this can be done online

<https://sskplunge2024.cheddarup.com>



If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Grover at lgrover@sskschool.org



7th Grade
Valentine's Day
Cotton Candy
Sale

TUB OF
COTTON CANDY
\$6 EA. OR
2/\$10

DELIVERED IN SCHOOL

2/14

*ORDER BY 2/9
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
7TH GR. FUNDRAISING

EXACT CASH WITH STUDENTS NAME AND CLASS (LABELED: COTTON CANDY) ATTN: SAMANTHA GIRARD
OR VENMO WITH INFO TO: SAMANTHA-GIRARD-2