



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

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"We can do hard things."

January 5, 2023

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

Happy New Year! I hope the surprise Pastor's Holiday made your break even more enjoyable.

The next couple of months have a lot going on. Please find some important dates listed below.

- ✓ Jan. 6 – 9:00 AM Mass
- ✓ Jan. 9 – 11:50 Dismissal
- ✓ Jan. 16 – NO SCHOOL/MLK Jr. Day
- ✓ Jan. 19 – 8th Grade Snack Sale
Out of Uniform Day/\$3.00 (this is NOT on the calendar)
- ✓ Jan. 20 – End of the 2nd MP
- ✓ Jan. 26 – Report Cards available online
- ✓ Jan. 23 – Block C Clubs begin
- ✓ Jan. 24-26 – Midterms Grades 5-8
- ✓ Jan. 29 – Catholic School Week Opening Mass 9:00/Students wear uniforms
Open House 10:00-12:00 PM

Catholic Schools Week will run from **January 29 to February 3**. Next week there will be a schedule of events sent home. We have been working in conjunction with our HSA to make this an amazing week! Thank you in advance to our HSA for all of their help and efforts.

Please remember that lunch envelopes are due by the date printed on the monthly lunch calendar. Going forward, any lunch envelopes handed in after that date will not be accepted. The only exception would be if your child is absent on the day the envelope is due back. We also stated back in December that snack is being sold daily, so please do not include snack money with your lunch envelope. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Lastly, I would like to thank you so much for all of the beautiful cards and gifts I received. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were very much appreciated. I am blessed to have such amazing families here at St. Stan's.

I hope that 2023 brings us all peace, health, and prosperity. May God bless you always.

Warmest regards,



Lori Hodder
Principal

PERMISSION SLIP

ART CLUB

The after school Art Club under the direction of Mrs. Vanore & Mrs. Santiago will meet on select Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM during **Block C beginning the week of January 23 – March 24. Membership will be open to students in Grade 2 only. There is also a supply fee of \$5 that would need to be paid at the time of registration.** Meeting dates will be indicated on the monthly school calendars.

It is important to be aware that meetings will be cancelled in the event of adverse weather conditions (snow or early dismissals).

As per our school policy, students that are not provided with transportation home by 3:05 PM will be put into the After Care program at an hourly rate.

For safety reasons, students will be required to attend all meetings unless we receive a parent note or a phone call to the office stating otherwise. Students are not permitted to call home regarding club meetings. For this reason, parents are asked to look over monthly school calendars carefully. In fairness to all, students who are uncooperative or not actively participating will be removed from the club.

Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Thursday, January 19th.

I request that my child join the Art Club. I have read and agree to the above-stated conditions.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____

In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at the following phone number from 2:00-3:00 PM on meeting days:

PERMISSION SLIP

WIFFLE BALL CLUB

The after school Wiffle Ball Club under the direction of Mrs. Grover will meet on **Mondays** from 2:00-3:00 PM. **Block C will be on select Mondays from January 23 – March 24.** **Membership will be open to students in Grades 3 - 5 only.** Meeting dates will be indicated on the monthly school calendars. Students will need to wear gym uniforms, sneakers and will need to provide their own water bottle.

It is important to be aware that meetings will be cancelled in the event of adverse weather conditions (snow or early dismissals).

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Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Thursday, January 19th.

I request that my child join the Wiffle Ball Club. I have read and agree to the above-stated conditions.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____

In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at the following phone number from 2:00-3:00 PM on meeting days:

PERMISSION SLIP

COOKING CLUB

The after school Cooking Club under the direction of Mrs. Foret will meet on select Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM from the week of January 23 – March 24 . **Membership will be open to students in Grade 8 only. There is also a supply fee of \$15.00 that would need to be paid at the time of registration.** Meeting dates will be indicated on the monthly school calendars.

It is important to be aware that meetings will be cancelled in the event of adverse weather conditions (snow or early dismissals).

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Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Thursday, January 19th.

I request that my child join the Cooking Club. I have read and agree to the above-stated conditions.

Student's Name _____

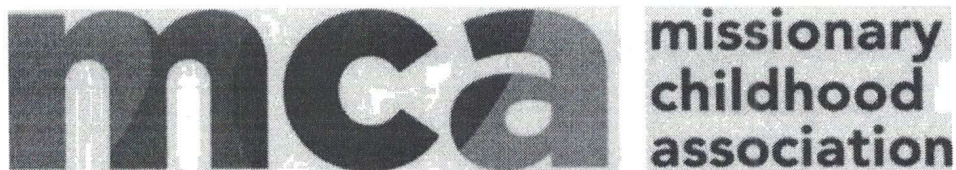
Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____

In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at the following phone number from 2:00-3:00 PM on meeting days:

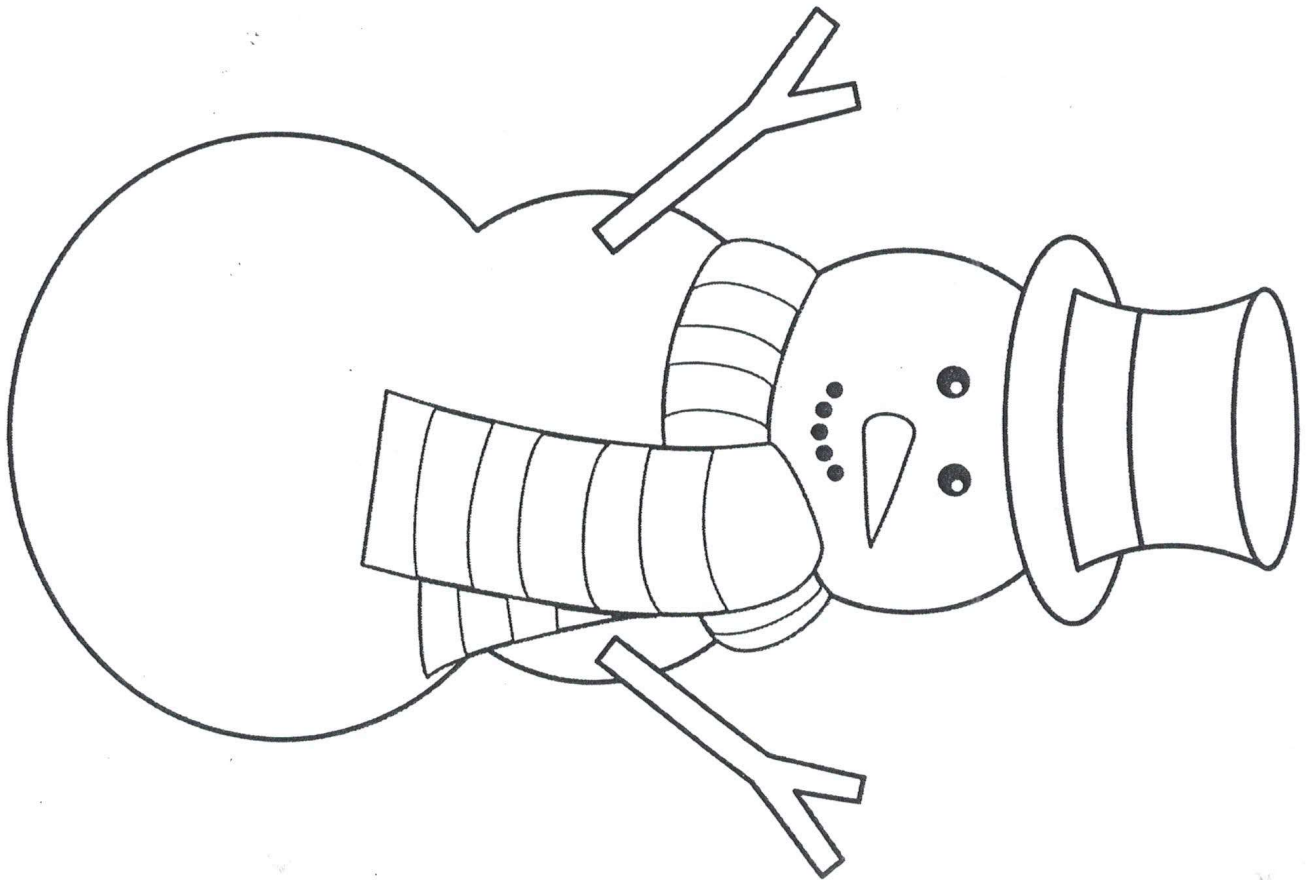
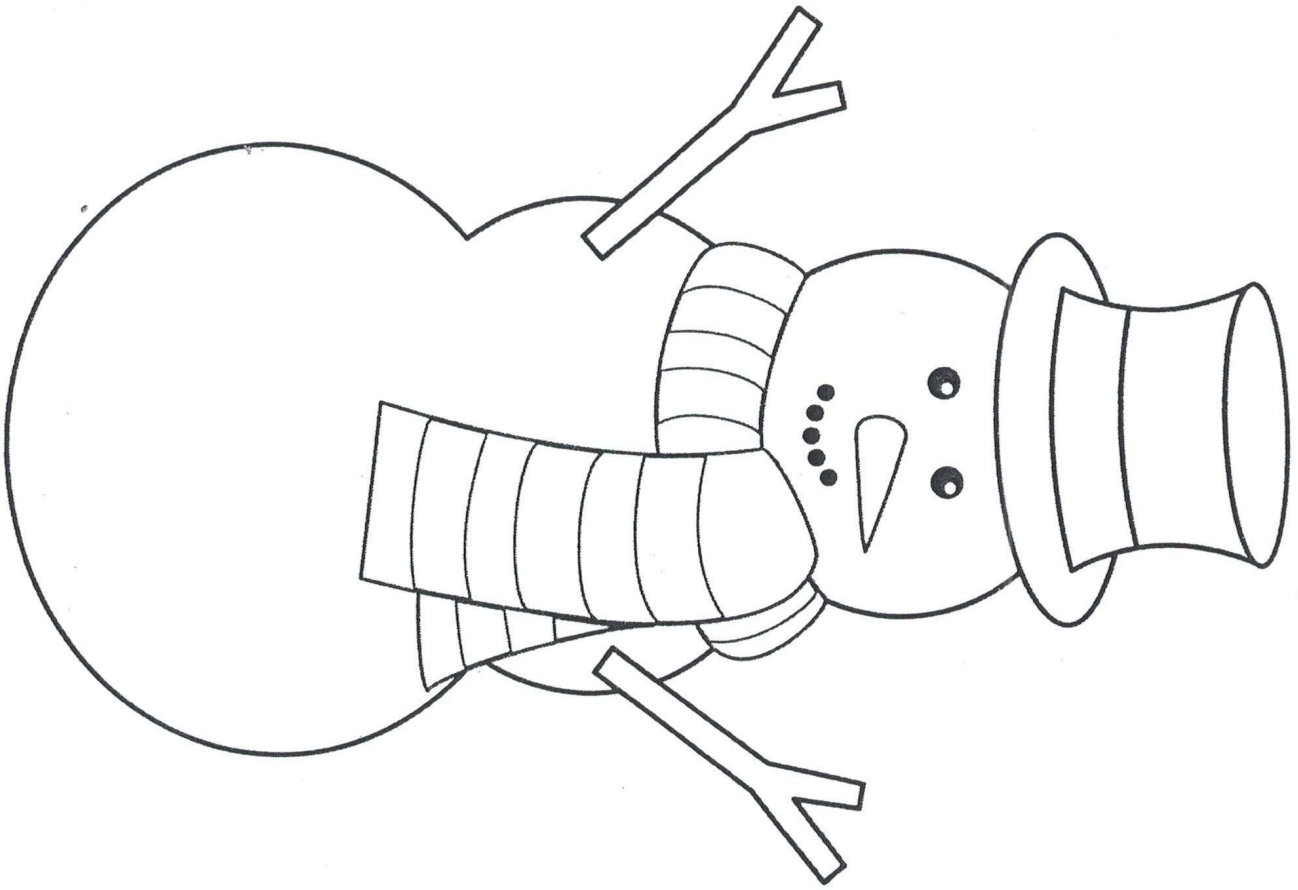
***January
Mission Donation
\$1.00 per snowman***

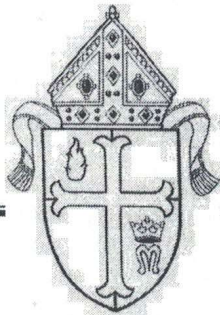
All money collected will be donated to the



***Please write your name on the snowman,
design/color (optional), and cut out (optional).
Send your snowman into school with your donation
to the attention of Ms. Grover.
The snowmen will be displayed in the hallway.***

Thank You for your support!





DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Department of Education

December 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for choosing to give your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic school education, a gift that we realize is given at great sacrifice for many families. For the 2023-2024 school year, we are blessed to provide Diocesan school financial aid to support low-income families who send their children to our elementary and high schools.

To be eligible your child(ren) must be Roman Catholic, must be entering grades K-12 in September 2023, must be registered with your household in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen (please see the list of eligible parishes on the back of the Application Instructions Form), and must attend one of our 21 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata High School or St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Students attending the two private high schools in our Diocese (St. Joseph High School and Mount Saint Mary Academy) will need to seek assistance directly from those schools or from Hope through Education (<https://hopethrougheducationusa.org>).

Families that require computer access and/or help with the online application should contact the school/s where you plan to enroll your child/ren.

Application instructions, with deadlines, are attached and are also available online at diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance. Please note, you are responsible for completing the Parish Verification Form, getting it signed by your Pastor, and returning it to the school or schools where you plan to send your children. If you are enrolling children in more than one school, you should submit a copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form to the additional school/s.

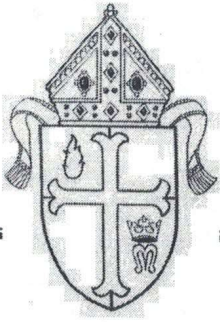
We are not able to consider an application without this form, signed by you and your Pastor. Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call FACTS Grant & Aid at 866.315.9262.

Thank you for the blessing you are to our children and our church and for your commitment to Catholic school education.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stevens
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2023-2024 Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid must complete an online application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application period opens January 1, 2023 and will officially close on **March 31, 2023**. Awards will be announced on or about the first week of June 2023.

Online applications are available in Spanish and English. The application fee is **\$40** and **must** be paid online at the time you submit your application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for School Financial Aid:

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2023—scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool, although they should be included on the FACTS online application;
- Student must be attending one of our 21 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen, **and families must submit a Parish Verification Form to the school/s where they plan to enroll their child/ren by March 31**. A copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form may be used by families enrolling children in more than one school (see list of eligible schools and parishes on reverse side or go to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance to view a list or print the form).
- **All families must submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to each school their child/ren plan to attend or their FACTS online application will not meet the eligibility requirements for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid and will not be processed.**

APPLICATION

Required documents include:

- Copies of your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2022 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both you and your spouse or co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Documents must be:

- Scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- **FACTS Grant & Aid does not accept documents sent by FAX or Email.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If you are applying to a Diocese of Metuchen school, your application will automatically “opt in” to the Hope through Education Scholarship Program online application process. If you meet the eligibility requirements for both Programs you will be considered for either Diocesan Financial Aid or a Hope through Education Scholarship
- For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262.

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid
Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, a student must:

- be a practicing Roman Catholic entering grades K-12 in September 2023;
- attend or plan to attend a Diocese of Metuchen School (eligible schools listed below); and
- Provide the school/s you plan to enroll your children in with a completed Parish Verification Form signed by the Pastor of a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Metuchen (eligible parishes listed below)

School List (by city):

High Schools

Edison – St. Thomas Aquinas
Somerville – Immaculata

Elementary

Annandale – Immaculate Conception
Basking Ridge – St. James
Bernardsville – School of St. Elizabeth
Carteret – St. Joseph
Colonia – St. John Vianney
East Brunswick – St. Bartholomew
Edison – St. Helena
 St. Matthew the Apostle
Kendall Park – St. Augustine of
 Canterbury
Metuchen – St. Francis
Old Bridge – St. Ambrose
 St. Thomas the Apostle
Perth Amboy – Perth Amboy Catholic
Phillipsburg – Ss. Philip and James
Raritan – St. Ann
Sayreville – St. Stanislaus Kostka
Somerset – St. Matthias
Somerville – Immaculate Conception
South Plainfield - Holy Savior
Academy
Spotswood – Immaculate Conception
Woodbridge – St. James

Parish List (by city):

Alpha - St. Mary
Annandale - Immaculate Conception
Avenel - St. Andrew
Baptistown - Our Lady of Victories
Basking Ridge St. James
Belvidere - St. Patrick
Bernardsville - Our Lady of Perpetual
 Help
Blairstown - St. Jude
Bloomsbury - Annunciation
Bound Brook - St. Joseph
 St. Mary of Czestochowa
Bridgewater - Holy Trinity
 St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Califon - St. John Neumann
Carteret - Divine Mercy
 St. Joseph
Colonia - St. John Vianney
Dunellen - St. John the Evangelist
East Brunswick - St. Bartholomew
Edison - St. Helena
 St. Matthew the Apostle
Edison-Highland Park – Transfiguration
 of the Lord
Far Hills - Peapack –
 St. Elizabeth - St. Brigid
Flemington - St. Magdalen de Pazzi
Fords - Our Lady of Peace
Great Meadows - Ss. Peter & Paul
Hackettstown - Assumption of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
Hampton - St. Ann
Helmetta - Holy Trinity
High Bridge - St. Joseph
Hillsborough - Mary, Mother of God
 St. Joseph
Hopelawn - Good Shepherd
Iselin - St. Cecelia
Jamesburg - St. James the Less
Kendall Park - St. Augustine of
 Canterbury
Lambertville - St. John the Evangelist
Laurence Harbor- St. Lawrence
Manville - Christ the Redeemer
Martinsville - Blessed Sacrament
Metuchen - Cathedral of St. Francis of
 Assisi
Middlesex – Our Lady of Mt. Virgin
Milford - St. Edward the Confessor
Milltown - Our Lady of Lourdes
Monmouth Junction - St. Cecilia
Monroe Twp - Nativity of Our Lord
Montgomery Twp-St. Charles Borromeo
New Brunswick - Holy Family
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 Parish of the Visitation
 St. Peter the Apostle
North Brunswick - Our Lady of Peace
North Plainfield - St. Joseph
 St. Luke

Old Bridge – Most Holy Redeemer
 St. Ambrose
 St. Thomas the Apostle
Oxford – St. Rose of Lima
Parlin - St. Bernadette
Perth Amboy – Most Holy Name of
 Jesus
 Our Lady of Fatima
 St. John Paul II
Phillipsburg - St. Philip & St. James
Piscataway - Our Lady of Fatima
 St. Frances Cabrini
Pittstown - St. Catherine of Siena
Plainsboro - Queenship of Mary
Port Murray - St. Theodore
Port Reading - St. Anthony of Padua
Raritan - St. Ann
 St. Joseph
Sayreville - Our Lady of Victories
 St. Stanislaus Kostka
Somerset - St. Matthias
Somerville - Immaculate Conception
South Amboy – Sacred Heart
 St. Mary
South Bound Brook - Our Lady of
 Mercy
South Plainfield - Our Lady of
 Czestochowa
 Church of the Sacred Heart
South River - Corpus Christi
 St. Mary of Ostrabrama
 St. Stephen Protomartyr
Spotswood - Immaculate Conception
Three Bridges - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Warren - Our Lady of the Mount
Washington – St. Joseph
Watchung - St. Mary - Stony Hill
Whitehouse Station – Our Lady of
 Lourdes
Woodbridge - St. James



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR
REQUIRED PARISH VERIFICATION FORM

By signing below, the Pastor of a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen is confirming that the Elementary/High School applicants/s listed on this form are registered in and attend his parish, thereby meeting the parish verification requirement for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid.

Parents – you must complete this form, sign it, obtain your Pastor’s signature, and return it to the Diocesan school/s where your child/ren will be enrolled. If your children attend more than one Diocese of Metuchen school, you may copy the completed, signed form for any additional school/s. Forms must be signed by the Pastor and Parent/Guardian and submitted to the school/s **by no later than March 31, 2023.**

All eligibility requirements and a list of eligible schools and parishes can be found on the back of this form and on the Diocese of Metuchen website at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance.

ALL APPLICANT FAMILIES MUST:

- Complete an online application through FGAA (one application/family) – <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>;
- Submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to the school/s their child/ren will attend **by March 31** (please list all children attending a Diocese of Metuchen School, and the name or names of the schools they are attending); and
- **YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS FORM – ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED. MAKE ONE COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SCHOOL.**

Parent/Guardian:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Student Names and Schools (Please Print)

Student Name/s: _____

School/s: _____

Pastor:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Parish Name: _____

(Name of Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen)

SAVE THE DATE

Polar Bear Plunge 2023



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 5th in Sea Bright, New Jersey at the Municipal Beach. Registration begins at 11am and closes at 12:30 pm (Ms. Grover will register our team). 12:45 pm we line up on the beach and 1:00 pm is plunge time!

The money raised for this event will be utilized to repair the front sidewalk of the school. 15% of all cash and check donations will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Out of uniform passess will be given to plungers and to sponsors of our team.

Additional information will go home the second week in January. Polar Bear Plunge Spirit Wear will also be available for purchase.

*We look forward to another great event,
and we hope you will join us!*
(\$30.00 plunger registration fee)
If you have any questions,
please contact Ms. Lisa Grover lgrover@sskschool.org