



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"We can do hard things."

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Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a very restful holiday.

We are all painfully aware of the rise in positive COVID cases. I have enclosed a guide in today's white envelope that clearly explains our procedures for positive cases and close contact exposure. Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these mandates. We want our students and staff to be safe, and hopefully remain in school.

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

- ✓ Jan. 10 – 11:50 Dismissal
- ✓ Jan 13 – Dress-down day/\$3.00
- ✓ Jan. 17 – NO SCHOOL/MLK Jr. Day
- ✓ Jan. 18-20 – Midterms Grades 5-8
- ✓ Jan. 23 – Catholic School Week Opening Mass 9:00/Students wear uniforms  
Open House 10:00-12:00 PM
- ✓ Jan. 28 – 11:50 Dismissal

Catholic Schools Week will run from **January 23 to January 28**. 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.

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

I hope that 2022 brings us all peace, health, and an end to all this uncertainty. May God hold all of you in the palm of his hand and guide you through this coming year.

Warmest regards,

Lori Hodder  
Principal



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## Pre-K-12: Quarantine/Exclusion Timeframes

The CDC has not yet applied the recently revised isolation and quarantine timeframes for the general population to K-12 schools. Therefore, until CDC updates school specific guidance, it is recommended that K-12 schools continue to follow conventional isolation and quarantine timeframes. Students in school are considered to have "chronic exposure" which is why guidelines are different from the outside community.

### For St. Stanislaus Kostka School the procedures will be as follows:

#### Students who **test positive**:

- ★ Please notify the school immediately.
- ★ Must quarantine/be excluded from school for **10 days**. They must also be symptom free for at least 48 hours before they may return. The rules for quarantine outside of school are different and the BOH will direct you as to what they are.
- ★ "Day One" is the day symptoms begin or the day the PCR test was administered. If no test was given, a doctor's note stating that the student is presumed to have COVID must be obtained by the parent. The day of the doctor's visit will then be considered "Day One" unless the symptoms started before the visit.
- ★ Either a positive PCR test or a doctor's note must be provided to the school in order to report the case to the Board of Health. **Rapid tests are NOT recognized and cannot be used for reporting purposes.**

#### Students who have **close contact/positive exposure**:

- ★ Please notify the school immediately.
- ★ Must quarantine/be excluded from school for **10 days** from the last date of exposure without needing a negative PCR test result. The rules for quarantine outside of school are different and the BOH will direct you as to what they are.
- ★ The quarantine/exclusion from school may be shortened to 7 days if a student obtains a negative PCR test result on Day 5-7 of their quarantine. It can not be earlier than Day 5 of the quarantine, or **it will not be considered valid.**

These guidelines have been taken from the NJDOH update that was published on December 30, 2021. We are obligated to follow these guidelines unless we receive notice that they have changed. I have been working with the Middlesex County BOH to ensure that we are following the most updated isolation/quarantine guidelines.

I hope this clarifies things for everyone. When updates are made I will notify you accordingly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation,

*Mrs. Hodder*