



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"We can do hard things."

Mrs. Lori Hodder  
Principal

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732-254-5819

June 14, 2023

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

We are official done! Another year in the books thanks to the wonderful faculty, students, and families we have here at St. Stanislaus Kostka School.

I would like to sincerely thank our HSA Board, for their continuous support and willingness to make whatever I asked for become a reality. I look forward to working with our HSA board in the 2023-2024 school year.

I am pleased to welcome back our incredible faculty for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Smith	Preschool	Mrs. Sobin	Seventh Grade Homeroom
Mrs. Mundy	Kindergarten		Middle School L/A
Ms. Brkaric	First Grade	Mrs. Foret	Eighth Grade Homeroom
Ms. Perry	Second Grade		Middle School Math and
Mrs. Grover	Third Grade		Religion
Mrs. Vitale	Fourth Grade	Mrs. Taylor	Middle School SS
Mrs. Graca	Fifth Grade		and STEM
Mrs. Pagnotta	Sixth Grade Homeroom	Mrs. Santiago	Art
	Middle School Science	Mrs. Vanore	Gym
	Advanced Math 6-8	Mrs. Zygmund	Computers and World Lang.

The summer work is posted on the school website, [www.skschool.org](http://www.skschool.org), on the home page. From here you will be able to view/print all of the summer work and supply lists.

Our summer office hours will be M-F 9:00-12:30, except for Fridays in June and July. The office will also be closed July 3-7. We are looking forward to another great school year, and we are excited to welcome new families to our school. Have a wonderful summer, and as always, you will be in my prayers!

Warmest Regards,

Lori Hodder  
Principal

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## 2023-2024 School Calendar

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


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-  School Closed
-  School Mass

-  PD Teacher Professional Day (No school for students)
-  End of Marking Period
-  Early Dismissal

Sept. :	5	First Day of School Grades 1-8
Sept. :	6	First Day of School Grades PreK-K
Oct.	31	Halloween
Nov.	10 - 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Jan.	21 - 26	Catholic School's Week

### MAP Testing Dates

*Sept. 25 - Oct. 9
*Feb. 5 - 16
*May 6 - 17



STAY INFORMED

# Sign Up for Uniform Updates!

First things first: opt-into St. Stanislaus School's uniform newsletter to stay in-the-loop on important information and promotions. Make sure to enter your school code listed below to ensure you only receive information relevant to your school!

[JOIN HERE](#)

SCHOOL CODE: **NJ155**

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# School Uniform Shopping

Whether you're brand new to school uniforms or a returning shopper preparing for the school year ahead, FlynnO'Hara makes it safe & easy to shop for back-to-school.

## 1 ONE

### Review Your Uniform Requirements

Click the link below & enter your student's Grade & Gender to view their specific uniform requirements, products, and pricing.

FIND YOUR UNIFORM

## 2 TWO

### Shop For Your Uniform!

#### IN-STORE

2145 ROUTE 35  
HOLMDEL, NJ 07733  
(732) 888-3885

#### HOURS & DIRECTIONS

#### ONLINE

FLYNNOHARA.COM

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We recommend families get their uniform shopping done at least **ONE MONTH** before the first day of school to ensure your students have everything they need!



## Additional Resources

### Need Help with Sizing?

Visit the link below for fitting tutorials and other resources to help you choose the right sizes for your student's uniform.

FITTING TUTORIALS

### Questions? We're Here to Help!

atyourservice@flynnohara.com  
(800) 441-4122

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● **K-8 SUBSTITUTE EXPERIENCE**

● **100+ COLLEGE CREDITS**

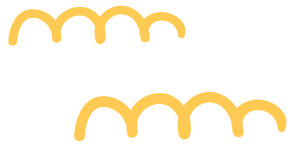
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***KIERAN HODDER***  
***(732) 754 -4472***



# SUMMER SPANISH 2023

- ✓ A new Spanish class every day M-F, including an advanced Spanish challenge class each week
- ✓ Fun, themed weeks - such as Ocean Animals, Edible Science, Super Mario, Soccer, and many more!
- ✓ Vocab lists, worksheets, games, and printable flashcards for additional learning opportunities
- ✓ Science experiments, cooking classes, songs, stories, games and more!
- ✓ Tons of fun Spanish learning over summer break



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## **Faith, Learning, and Growth: Diocese Catholic Schools Close Year with Gratitude and Hope**

As we conclude another fruitful academic year in our Diocese of Metuchen Catholic Schools, we would like to reflect on the numerous highlights and accomplishments that have defined our collective journey of faith, knowledge, and service. We are incredibly proud of our students and staff and their many accomplishments during the 2022-23 school year. It is with great joy and pride that we share these memorable moments with our entire Diocesan community.

Our students have embraced the pursuit of knowledge and have displayed remarkable academic excellence throughout the year. The diligence, hard work, and the guidance of our dedicated teachers have resulted in outstanding achievements. We commend all our students for their progress and extend our congratulations to those who have received special recognition for their academic accomplishments.

The NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is an assessment tool used by our schools to measure student growth and proficiency in mathematics and language arts. It provides our teachers with valuable data to inform instruction, track progress, and support student learning. The MAP test is an adaptive assessment, meaning it adjusts the difficulty of questions based on each student's responses. As a student answers questions correctly, the test becomes more challenging, and if they answer incorrectly, the test becomes less difficult. This adaptive nature allows for a more precise measurement of each student's academic abilities.

Our Diocesan wide STREAM Fair was held on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> and was hosted by Immaculata High School and St. Thomas Aquinas High School. STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Fair showcased projects, experiments, and creative works related to the fields encompassed by STREAM. It involved student presentations, demonstrations, and interactive displays that highlight scientific principles, technological innovations, engineering designs, mathematical concepts, artistic expressions, and connections to religious and ethical perspectives.

The purpose of our STREAM fair was to highlight representation from all of our schools and foster project based interdisciplinary learning, encourage creativity, and promote a well-rounded experience that integrates various subjects. We were very impressed and enjoyed our students' presentations as they showcased their amazing work and applied their knowledge and skills in practical and meaningful ways.

The Diocese is committed to nurturing the faith of our students. Our religious education program has provided them with a strong foundation in Catholic teachings, fostering spiritual

growth and a deepened relationship with God. We are proud of our students' commitment to living out their faith through acts of service, prayer, and reflection.

Our schools celebrate the Eucharistic Revival which fosters a renewed emphasis on the celebration, understanding, and reverence of the Holy Eucharist within our school community. The aim of the Eucharistic Revival is to cultivate a deep love and reverence for the Eucharist in the hearts of our students, fostering a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Each of our schools participate in Spirituality Days which are dedicated to nurturing the spiritual development and faith formation of students. These days are designed to provide students with opportunities for reflection, prayer, and engagement with our Catholic faith. These days play an essential role in fostering a holistic education that nurtures the spiritual, intellectual, and moral growth of students within our Catholic values and virtues.

We have completed the second year in the process of implementing the Theology of the Body curriculum which is a comprehensive teaching on human sexuality, love, and the meaning of the body within the Catholic Church. Ten of our schools have been trained and have started the initial process of implementation and the remainder of our schools will begin in the next two years. Theology of the Body invites individuals to live according to their true dignity as beloved sons and daughters of God, embracing love, respect, and self-giving in their interactions and relationships. Developed by Pope Saint John Paul II, it presents a profound understanding of the human person and the purpose and dignity of the body.

Beyond the classroom, our students have excelled in a wide range of extracurricular activities. Whether in sports, music, art, or academic clubs, they have showcased their talents and passions. Their dedication, teamwork, and perseverance have been an inspiration to all. We celebrate their accomplishments and the joy they have brought to our school community through their involvement.

Service to others lies at the core of our Catholic identity and our staff and students have had many opportunities to make a positive impact in their school and community. This year, our students have actively engaged in numerous service projects, both locally and globally. They have selflessly reached out to those in need, making a tangible impact on the lives of others. We are grateful for their compassionate hearts and their commitment to living as Disciples of Christ.

Ensuring the safety and security of students, staff, and the entire school community is a top priority in our schools. With a commitment to providing a nurturing environment conducive to learning and spiritual growth, our 26 schools implement the various measures needed to create safe and secure campuses. All of our schools have well-defined safety policies and procedures in place. These policies cover areas such as emergency response protocols, visitor management, student supervision, bullying prevention, and crisis management. Regular review and updates of these policies ensure they align with the latest best practices. We also employ measures to enhance the physical security of our campuses. This includes restricted access entry points,



controlled visitor management systems, surveillance cameras, well-lit areas, and secure fencing. Schools often conduct safety audits to identify potential vulnerabilities and take appropriate measures to address them.

We would like to offer our heartfelt gratitude to Bishop Checchio, the pastors of our Parish schools, and the parishioners for their positive support of our mission at the Office of Schools. It takes a team of caring individuals to work for the success of each and every one of our students and we are grateful for the prayerful support.

We extend our deepest appreciation to our exceptional teachers, staff, and administrators for their unwavering commitment to the mission of Catholic education. Their dedication, expertise, and compassionate guidance have nurtured the academic, spiritual, and personal growth of our students. We are truly grateful for their tireless efforts.

We would like to thank our parents for their continued support and active partnership in the education and faith formation of their children. Your involvement, encouragement, and collaboration has been vital to the success of our schools. Together, we have created a nurturing environment where students can thrive academically, spiritually, and personally.

As we conclude this academic year, we eagerly anticipate the future with hope and excitement. We remain committed to providing a transformative education rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service. With the grace of God, we will continue to inspire our students to grow in wisdom, faith, and character.

May the summer break be a time of rejuvenation, relaxation, and spiritual renewal for all of our families. We pray that God's blessings be with you and your families during this well-deserved rest.

We look forward to welcoming our students, staff and families back to the Diocese of Metuchen Catholic Schools for another remarkable year of faith, learning, and community in the pursuit of excellence.

In Christ,

Barbara Stevens-Superintendent of Schools

Joseph Diskin-Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Sister Mary Louise Shulas-Director of Curriculum and Instruction