



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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Mrs. Lori Hodder  
Principal

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"We can do hard things."

March 21, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

Next week will be a short one. Please remember that Wednesday is an 11:50 AM dismissal with no aftercare. When we return on **April 8**, the spring uniform option will begin. Please make sure that you have the appropriate pieces, and students, of course, may wear the winter uniform if they choose.

Important dates going forward:

- Mar. 18 – Lenten Mite boxes due
- Mar. 25 – Wacky Science Program
- Mar. 26 – Sport's Day 9:30/wear gym uniforms
- **Mar. 27 – 9:00 AM Mass/Bunny Breakfast/11:50 AM dismissal with NO AFTERCARE**
- **Mar. 28-April 7 – Easter Break/Classes resume April 8**
- April 8 – Spring uniform begins

Thank you to everyone that participated in our annual Read-A-Thon. So far, we have raised over \$12,500.00 as a school. The winners and final amount will be announced next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very blessed and Happy Easter. I hope you enjoy this time with those you love. May your Easter basket be filled with God's blessings, joy, happiness, and peace this season and always. Thank you for all that you continue to do for our school to make it such an amazing place!

Warmest Regards,

Lori Hodder  
Principal



# APRIL 2024

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL



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<h2>EASTER BREAK</h2>																																																							
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# Cotton Candy

## FLASH SALE

Order by 3/22



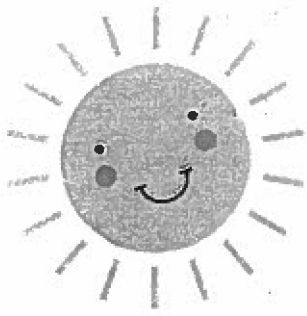
\$6 ea.

or 2/\$10

All proceeds go towards  
7th Grade Fundraising

DELIVERED  
IN SCHOOL  
3/26

Venmo: Samantha-Girard-2 or cash w/child's name and class.



# **FIELD DAY 2024 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST**

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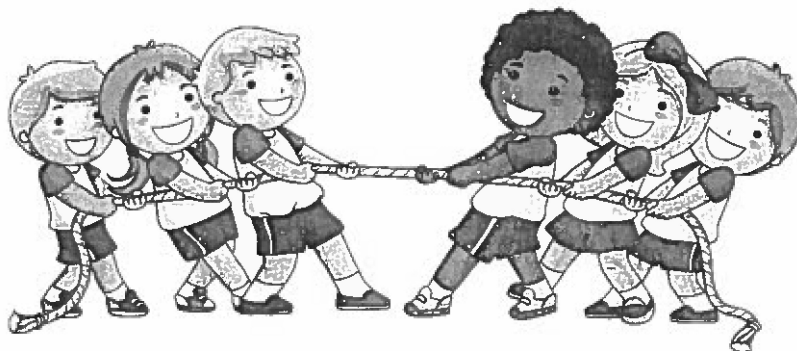
**SUBMIT YOUR ORIGINAL DESIGNS (COMPUTERIZED  
OR HAND-DRAWN) TO: BETHIE726@AOL.COM OR TO  
YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER BY 3/22**

**\*ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT\***

**WINNING DESIGN TO BE FEATURED ON THE  
2024 FIELD DAY SHIRT!**

**VOTING TO TAKE PLACE THE WEEK OF 3/25**

**WINNER ANNOUNCED AT THE BUNNY BREAKFAST ON 3/27**





# 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 WE DECLARE A SSK PENNY WAR TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH



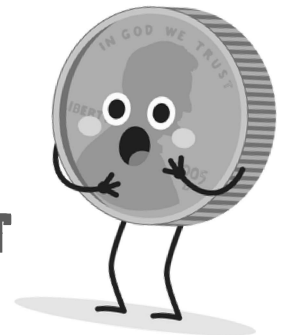
**DURING LUNCH PERIODS**

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Each CLASS has their own coin jug for collecting money located in the CAFETERIA. **ADD POINTS** to your jug by adding pennies and dollar bills. **SUBTRACT POINTS** from other grades by adding silver coins to their jug.

**TEACHERS WILL HAVE THEIR OWN JUG TOO!**

**WINNING CLASS GETS  
A PIZZA PARTY**





**IF TEACHERS WIN, THEY WILL GET  
A BAGEL BREAKFAST!**






The winning group will be announced on **March 27th at the Bunny Breakfast!**

## POINT SYSTEM

### ADDING POINTS

-  EACH PENNY = **+1** POINT
-  \$1 BILL = **+100** POINTS
-  \$5 BILL = **+500** POINTS
-  \$10 BILL = **+1,000** POINTS

### SUBTRACTING

-  NICKEL = **-5** POINTS
-  DIME = **-10** POINTS
-  QUARTER = **-25** POINTS



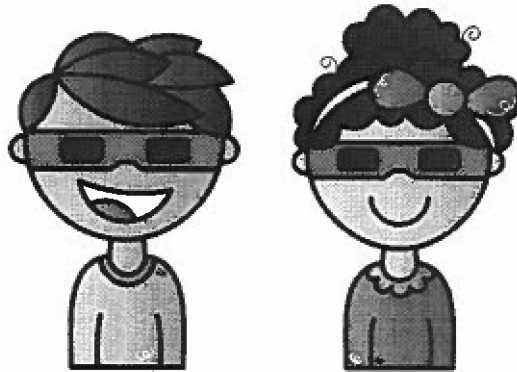
**Monday, March 18**  
**St. Patrick's Day Themed**  
**\$3.00 out of Uniform Day**



**Friday, March 22**  
**School Spirit Wear**  
**Out of Uniform Day**  
**School Spirit attire**  
**including 2024 Polar Bear Plunge.**  
**(Gym uniform is not included in this *free* out of uniform day)**



# Solar Eclipse Party



## April 8, 2:00-2:45 PM

Open to all St. Stan's students! Feel free to bring an extra snack to enjoy.

Please note, this is a weather-dependent event. If it is rainy or overcast, we won't be able to see the eclipse and the event will be canceled.

Eclipse glasses are required and available for \$2 each.

If you would like to attend, please complete the permission slip below and return it to Mrs. Pagnotta by March 25.

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### Solar Eclipse Party

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature granting permission to attend:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to purchase eclipse glasses? (\$2 each, please enclose)

- Yes - number of glasses: \_\_\_\_\_
- No, I already have a pair

Dismissal at 2:45

- Pickup by \_\_\_\_\_
- Aftercare



## DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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Department of Education

December 2023

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 2024-2025 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 2024, 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](http://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

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### Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2024-2025 Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid must complete an online application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application period opens January 1, 2024 and will officially close on **March 31, 2024**. Awards will be announced on or about the first week of June 2024.

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 2024—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 page 2 or go to [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://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 2022 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 2023 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

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DIOCESE OF METUCHEN – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID  
2024-2025 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, 2024.**

All eligibility requirements and a list of eligible schools and parishes can be found on page 2 of this form and on the Diocese of Metuchen website at [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance).

**ALL APPLICANT FAMILIES MUST:**

- Complete an online application through FGAA (one application/family) – <https://online.factsmgt.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)





# Math + Night

## FAMILY FUN MATH NIGHT

Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:00pm – 8:00pm  
St. Stan's School Gym

Join us for rewards, giveaways, and games for the whole family. Grades K-5. Admission is free. Register by scanning the QR code, or email Ms. Grover at [lgrover@skschool.org](mailto:lgrover@skschool.org)



St. Stan's School in partnership with  
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South Amboy, NJ 08852

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The Math Learning Center



## **Polar Bear Plunge 2024**

*We raised \$4,110.00!*

\$620.00 was donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Thank you to all the plungers (41 in total) and the families/friends who came to cheer us on at the plunge on Feb. 4th.

Thank you to all the school families who made donations and to the Athletic Association.

Special thanks to the HSA for the donuts, hot chocolate, coffee, and for setting up/breaking down (Thank you Schneider Family).

Thank you to Mr. Justin Girard for the 2024 polar bear plunge logo design.

Thank you to our parish supporters: Knights of Columbus, David & Debra Samuel, Dan & Annette Hockenjos, Stanley & Joanne Przybylowski, Tom & Mary Ann Weber, and Joe & Liz Butewicz

And of course a very special thank you to the organizers of this annual event for Catholic Education:  
Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2 Monmouth

We appreciate your support!



Makes for a  
**GREAT**  
Easter present!

# Saint Stan's Carnival 2024

## Carnival Hours:

Thurs June 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00 – 11:00 PM

Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 – 11:00 PM

DISCOUNTED RIDE TICKETS....SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS

SHEET OF 18 TICKETS FOR ONLY \$12.00

Send tickets through school office – **Attention: Kim Carlson**

(Last year's ride tickets will be honored)

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## SAINT STAN'S ADVANCED TICKET SALES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of discount ticket sheets \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to St. Stan's Carnival

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...

# ST. STAN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

# 2024 AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2024



ST STAN'S GYMNASIUM  
221 MACARTHUR AVE  
SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872



6PM-10 PM

PLAYERS, COACHES & TEAM PARENT- FREE

ADULTS- \$50 CHILDREN- \$25



*DRESS TO IMPRESS*

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FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM \_\_\_\_\_ (Players will sit with their teams, parents please indicate which team you'd like to be seated with)

PLAYER- FREE X \_\_\_\_\_ = FREE

TEAM PARENT X \_\_\_\_\_ = FREE

\*PLEASE INDICATE IF THERE ARE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES

ADULT @ \$50 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD @ \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY 3/23. SEATS LIMITED TO PARENTS, PLAYERS, AND SIBLINGS ONLY.