



# 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 7, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

It seems that our building has been plagued by the flu and stomach bugs. An alert from the nurse went home yesterday, and it will be in this electronic envelope as well. This past Saturday I had the building fogged and our maintenance crew has been using spray gun disinfectant throughout the last couple of weeks. We are trying our best to keep the germs at bay! Some dates to remember:

- Mar 4-8 – Dr. Seuss Week
- Mar. 8 – Read-A-Thon ends
- Mar. 8 – Stations of the Cross Grades 3-8
- Mar. 10 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- **Mar. 11 – NO SCHOOL/Professional Development Day**
- Mar. 15 – Stations of the Cross Grades 3-8
- Mar. 16 – Polish Platter Fundraiser 4:00-7:00
- Mar, 18 – St. Patrick's Dress Down Day \$3.00
- Mar. 20 – Spring Pictures

Thank you to everyone that participated in our annual Read-A-Thon. We will announce the winners next week. So far, we have raised over \$10,000.00 as a school.

Please continue to pray for Father Ken as he works towards a full recovery. I am forever grateful for our St. Stan's families.

Warmest Regards,

*Lori Hodder*

Principal



February 29, 2024

Welcome Parents, Students, and Friends to our Read-A-Thon!

We are excited to announce that we are currently holding our sixth annual Read-A-Thon fundraiser. This is a program that brings students together with family and friends to encourage reading and to build literacy skills. The main focus of the Read-A-Thon is for everyone to know we are committed to improving reading skills. The students will begin a personal Reading Adventure that challenges each reader to complete 10 reading sessions over our 2-week event. Our Read-A-Thon started February 26th and will end on March 8th.

Last week, students brought home a sheet outlining how to activate their personal Read-A-Thon page. By activating your reader's personal page and using the promotional tools found there, family and friends can show their support for your reader by making a donation to our Read-A-Thon. The minutes your child reads will be logged in on their activated page.

\$100.00 donation per family to the Read-A-Thon is a 2023-2024 workbond requirement. This can be offset by the support of the reader's family and friends. The donations will be used to benefit the students through technology upgrades, special programs and activities, and needed school supplies.

If you would like to send in cash or a check, please send in an envelope to the attention of: *Read-A-Thon* (along with your family name and child's/children's name(s) and grade(s) check made payable to: St. Stan's School.

One out of Uniform Pass per \$100.00 donation will be awarded and the class raising the most money will receive a pizza party. Additional prizes will be awarded.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sobin  
asobin@skschool.org.

***Thank you for your support!***



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



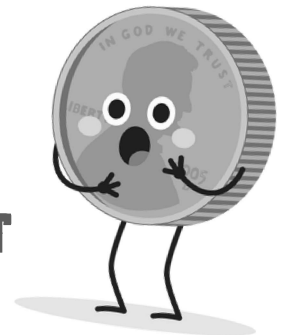
**DURING LUNCH PERIODS**

**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!**

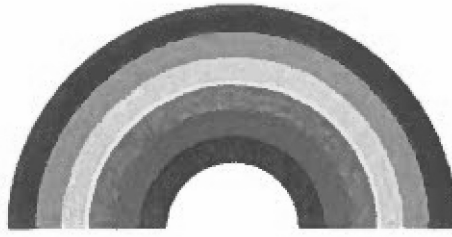
## POINT SYSTEM

### 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



# ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

LEON THE LEPRECHAUN MYSTERY TREAT BOX

**\$7 EACH**



**WHEREVER YOU GO,  
WHATEVER YOU DO,  
MAY THE LUCK OF THE IRISH  
BE WITH YOU**

Please fill out below & send in attention HSA Kelly/Beulah. Orders due 3/8. Treat boxes will be handed out 3/15.  
Any questions call Kelly @ 908-487-8998 or Beulah @ 732-910-2379

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed:





## ACTION ALERT

### Nonpublic School Nursing Services and School Transportation

**ISSUE:** The accounts for nonpublic school nursing services and transportation continue to be underfunded. The funding for nursing services has not kept up with the additional legislative requirements that a school nurse must perform, including the administration of certain medications and their role as first responder in a school emergency.

Nonpublic school transportation continues to be problematic for many students, with the result being that parents receive aid-in-lieu payments instead of transportation. Aid-in-lieu for parents at the current rate does not help in getting their children to and from a nonpublic school from which they may be forced to transfer.

**OUR**

**POSITION:** The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the Catholic school community support an increase in Nonpublic School Nursing Services to \$150.00 per pupil to cover the increased cost of nurses' salaries and the cost of other requirements imposed by the Legislature. They also support the raising of the per-pupil statutory ceiling for nonpublic school transportation to \$1,300 per pupil in order to have bus routes run for the majority of our students.

**ACTION:** Call, write or email the Office of Governor Phil Murphy and ask for the requested increases in nursing services to \$150.00 per pupil and to \$1,300 per pupil for transportation. See [Talking Points on Nonpublic School Transportation](#) and [Talking Points on Nonpublic School Nursing Services](#) enclosed with this Alert.

Mailing Address    The Honorable Phil Murphy  
Governor of the State of New Jersey  
The State House  
P.O. Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone:                (609) 292-6000

Email:                <https://nj.gov/governor/contact/all/>

You can also contact Governor Murphy through the NJCC Voter Voice System

<https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/111235/Respond>



## **Children's Mass**

The Liturgy is essential in the faith formation of our children. To help nourish and guide their spiritual growth, a Children's Mass will be celebrated on the second Sunday of every month at 9:00 am beginning on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is open to children of all ages. We encourage children in our school and parish to attend with their families to share God's Word.

*We hope to see you this Sunday at 9 am!*

# Polish / Irish Platter Fundraiser



All proceeds benefit  
**St. Stanislaus Kostka School!**



**Saturday, March 16th  
4:00-7:00PM**



**Curbside pick-up behind the school**

**Polish Platter  
includes:**

**Irish Platter  
includes:**

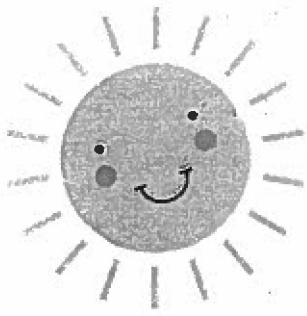
**5 Potato & Cheese Pierogi  
Kielbasa & Sauerkraut  
1 Stuffed Cabbage  
Rye Bread/Butter**

**Corned Beef  
Cabbage  
Boiled White Potatoes  
Rye Bread/Butter**

**Can't decide? Order both!**

**PRE-SALE PURCHASE ONLY  
\$15/platter**

**Tickets can be purchased after  
Mass or by calling/texting  
Gina at 732-277-2552**



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

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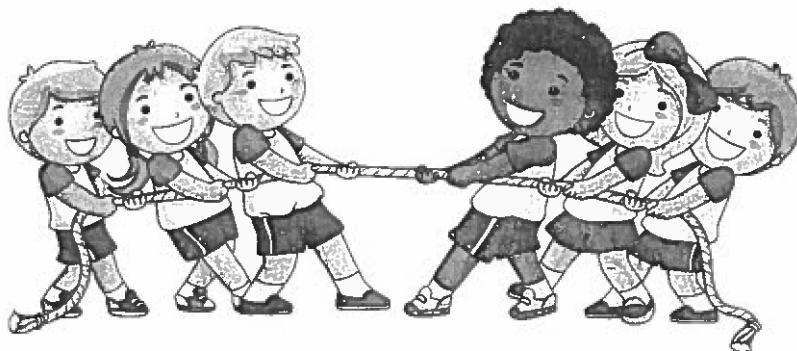
**SUBMIT YOUR ORIGINAL DESIGNS (COMPUTERIZED  
OR HAND-DRAWN) TO: BETHIE726@AOL.COM OR TO  
YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER BY 3/22**

**\*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**





## St. Stan's Student Council Easter Grams & Candy Guess

Starting on March 12th through the 15th Student Council members will be selling Rice Krispy Treats for our Easter Candy Gram Sale. This special treat will be sold during both lunch periods for \$1.50. They will be delivered on the 26th.

March 12-15th during both lunch periods Student Council will also have a jelly bean guess. The person closest to the number without going over will be declared the winner and take home the jelly beans! Each guess is \$0.50.

All proceeds will support the Student Council Middle School Dance.

The Students Council thanks you for your support!



To: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_



To: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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From: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

## PERMISSION SLIP

### WIFFLE BALL CLUB

The after school Wiffle Ball Club under the direction of Mrs. Grover will meet on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM. **Block D will be on select Tuesdays from April 8 – May 21**. **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).**

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, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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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:

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**PERMISSION SLIP**

**GIRLS ON THE RUN**

The after school Girls on the Run Club under the direction of Mrs. Vitale & Mrs. Foret **will meet on selected Wednesdays at 2:00-3:00 PM in Block D starting from the week of April 8 thru May 21st.** Members will be open to female students in grades 5-8. 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, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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I request that my child join the Girls on the Run 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:

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**Girls on the Run Parents:**

In order for the girls to have a safe place to run, we will be taking them to the park across the street from the church. You will still pick up your daughter at the school at 3:00. Please be sure that your daughter has her gym uniform to change into and sneakers. Please sign and return this form by Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you!

Mrs. Vitale & Mrs. Foret

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My daughter \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to go to the park with the Girls on the Run Club.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Calling All Alumni!

We are in the process of updating  
our alumni contact information.

Make sure you are on our list,  
as we look forward to inviting you to upcoming events.

Please use the QR code below  
to complete the online form.





## 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:**

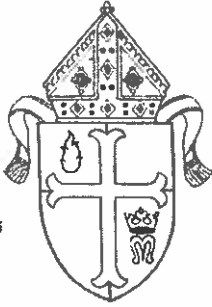
- Copies of your 2022 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2023 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both you and your spouse or co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, 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)



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.



It's that celebratory time of year again for our basketball and cheer teams here at St. Stan's! We had an incredible season filled with triumphant victories, lesson-learning defeats, challenges, growth, pride and sportsmanship.

**We are excited to organize our awards banquet, but we can't do it without your help!**

Please consider placing an ad in our banquet program.

Showing your support by doing so would mean so much to our program and most importantly our children!

You can scan your business card, picture (jpg), or well wishes to the association or a player and send your ad to our Gmail account: [Saintstansaa@gmail.com](mailto:Saintstansaa@gmail.com) or turn it into the parish office:  
c/o St. Stan's AA

**Full Page \$75.00**  
**Half Page \$40.00**  
**Quarter Page \$25.00**  
**Patron \$5.00**

**All ads are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>**





# Double Good<sup>®</sup>



March 13th 5pm – March 17th 5pm

## How do I create a Pop-Up Store?

A little personalization goes a long way. Before creating your Pop-Up Store, you want to have the photo you will use on your phone's photos app. Adding a photo is required to create your storefront, and it will help make it more appealing to potential supporters.

**You can create a pop-up store using the instructions below:**

1. Download the Double Good app
2. Log into the Double Good App
3. Tap on the Enter an Event Code card
4. Enter the Event Code **PCCUPO**
5. Tap "Create a Pop-up Store"
6. Tap "Add Photo" to take or upload a photo
7. Set Goal Amount
  - a. This is displayed on your Pop-up Store - it won't prevent you from earning more than your goal, but it helps supporters know what you're aiming for!
8. Toggle "Feature My Store" [DoubleGood.com](http://DoubleGood.com)
  - a. Toggling this on means you are opting to allow your store to be featured on the Double Good website

Participation is not required but greatly appreciated! 50% of what we raise goes back to our school!

Thank you!

HSA