



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."

November 17, 2022

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

We are getting closer to our Thanksgiving break, and I am sure you are all looking forward to it as much as I am. **Please remember that November 23 is an 11:50 AM dismissal with no aftercare.** We are closed on November 24-25, and school will resume on Monday, November 28. Upcoming events/important dates include:

- Nov. 18 – Thanksgiving basket items due along with a \$1 turkey donation
- Nov. 22 – Science Assembly
- Nov. 23 – **11:50 AM Dismissal/NO AFTERCARE**
- Nov. 24-25 – Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29 – Make a Wish Foundations letters due
- Dec. 1 – Class pictures/picture retakes
- Dec. 2 – 9:00 AM Mass/8th Grade Ring Ceremony
- Dec. 5 – 11:50 AM Dismissal

This year we will again be participating in the Make a Wish Foundation letter writing Christian service project. St. Stan's will be supporting their mission to shine a light of hope for children fighting critical illnesses when they need it most. There is a letter with more information contained in this white envelope. I am so happy that we are able to be a part of such a great project.

As this will be my last letter before Thanksgiving, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday spent with those you love. I am so thankful for all of our St. Stanislaus Kostka families!

Warmest regards,

Lori Hodder
Principal



DECEMBER 2022

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p><i>1</i></p> <p>2:00-3:00 Science Club</p> <p>Picture Retakes & Class Pictures</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>6:30 PM 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting</p> <p>9:00 AM Mass - 8th Grade Ring Ceremony</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>
<p><i>4</i></p> <p>St. Stan's Christmas Bazaar</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>11:50 Dismissal</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>2:00-3:00 Religion Club</p> <p>St. Nicholas Day</p> <p>St. Peter's Project Respect Gr. 6-8</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>2:00-3:00 Book Club</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>2:00-3:00 Science Club</p> <p>9:00 Mass - Immaculate Conception</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>Jesse Tree Ceremony</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> 
<p><i>11</i></p> 	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>2:00-3:00 Chorus</p> <p>2:00-3:00 Sports Club</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>2:00-3:00 Religion Club</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>2:00-3:00 Book Club</p> <p>2:00-3:00 Student Council</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>2:00-3:00 Christmas Card Project</p> <p><u>8th Grade Snack Sale</u></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>\$3.00 Dress Down Day - Blessing Bag Brigade</p>	
	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>2:00-3:00 Chorus</p> <p>2:00-3:00 Sports Club</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>1st Day of Winter</p> <p>7:00 PM Christmas Performance</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>11:50 Dismissal - NO AFTERCARE!!</p> <p>9:00 Mass</p> <p>HSA Christmas Breakfast</p> <p>Out of Uniform Day - Dress Up</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Christmas Break Begins - School Closed</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> 
<p><i>25</i></p> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> 		<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	
<p>CHRISTMAS BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED</p>						

Jan 2023

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 14, 2022

Dear Parents,

On Thursday, it was my great pleasure to spend time at St. Stanislaus Kostka School for the Veteran's Day celebration. I was able to speak with your children directly as we assembled outside on such a beautiful day. I was so impressed to hear their stories about family members who are veterans and to see how happy they were to share!

The ceremony was inspiring to all who attended. What a blessing it was to pray with and for the veterans who gave so much for our country. Our children had an opportunity to witness the loyalty and dedication of so many men and women, and it was a blessing to see the children show their respect for them through song and gifts that were offered to the veterans. This was truly a day to remember; an occasion for our children to put the values of love and respect that they learn about daily at St. Stan's School into action.

I am grateful to Fr. Ken Murphy, Mrs. Hodder and the faculty and staff for their dedication to Catholic education. Thank you, too, for choosing a Catholic school for your child's spiritual and academic formation, recognizing the great gift of Catholic education. I understand the sacrifice it takes and I thank you for making that financial commitment to St. Stan's.

I wish you many blessings as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday and I encourage you to pray daily to our Blessed Mother so that we will place Christ as the center of our lives. Be assured of my prayers for you and I ask that you keep me in your prayers as well.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

Make a Wish Foundation Letters

Dear Families,

This year we are asking that you as a family write "My Holiday Wish" letters. We would like these letters written over Thanksgiving break. We as a School have a Goal to Collect **500 letters** this year. Attached will be the letter you can fill out and return with your child. Each member of your family can fill out a letter. The more letters we receive the better. These letters will support a family from St. Stans who lost their cousin to cancer in their mission to help make other children's wishes come true. Students will be writing letters in school as well, **but we would really like for families to contribute and support this amazing cause.**

Letters are DUE: Tuesday November 29th

If you have any questions please email me at nperry@sskschool.org

Thank you so much and Happy Thanksgiving,
Ms. Perry

A Million Reasons to Believe

My Holiday Wish

From, -----
Grade, -----



St. Stan's Christmas Card Project

Want to spread joy this Christmas season? Know someone who has experienced a loss, is battling an illness, or could otherwise use some extra cheer this year? Join the St. Stan's Christmas card project!

3 Ways to get involved:

- Nominate someone to receive cards (max 2 per family), due Dec. 8 - [click here](#)
- Donate Christmas cards, stamps, cardstock, or envelopes by Dec. 14
- Students in grades PreK-8 can volunteer to stay after school Thursday, Dec. 15 to write cards

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Pagnotta, kpagnotta@sskschool.org

Inspired by the Angel Card Project



St. Stan's Christmas Card Project

Permission for student(s) to stay after school to work on cards December 15, 2:00-3:00:

*Please return to Mrs. Pagnotta by Dec. 8.

List student name(s) and grade(s):

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Dismissal at 3:00:

Aftercare

Pickup by: _____



- **Each class will be given a pine wreath (generously donated by the Barber Family)**
- **Class moms will organize a collection of items to decorate the wreath (can be a theme or just random decor)**
- **Wreaths should be completed and hung on classroom doors by 12/16**
- **Students will vote on their favorite wreaths**
- **Winning class will be announced at the Christmas Grinch Breakfast on 12/22 and the winners will receive an "out of uniform" pass**

St. Stan's HSA &
Mike's Crumb Cake Factory Fundraiser



Proceeds will go directly towards events for St.
Stan's Students.



Freshly made 8x8 Vanilla Crumb Cake or
Vanilla Chocolate Chip Crumb cake for \$13
each!

Orders are due no later than December 9th. Cakes
will be distributed in the school cafeteria on
Monday December 19th from 4pm-6pm.

Cash or Check made payable to St. Stan's HSA
Send orders in to: Olivia Jackowski-3rd Grade
% Jean Jackowski

Venmo is accepted: @jean-jackowski

Any questions: Jean Jackowski 848-565-5515

Students Name _____

Grade _____

Phone # _____

Name	Number Vsnilla Crumb Cakes	Number of Vsnilla Choc Chip Crumb Cakes	Total \$





Dear St. Stan's Family, Friends, and Parishioners,



We are so excited to be partnering with Amazon again this year with a program called

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support **St Stan's Church and School** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to **St Stan's Church**. Any questions, please contact Stacey McGrane (smcgrane@skskschool.org or 732 309 3306)

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Spread Joy this Christmas for Families in Need

For 35 years Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen has been faithfully serving mothers and families who are faced with difficult or unplanned pregnancies. Since 1985 they have helped thousands of women choose life for their babies by providing them with practical, emotional, spiritual and material support.

Through community donations, the ministry is able to supply the families with clothing, formula, diapers, wipes, car seats, cribs, strollers, etc. As you can imagine, most of these parents cannot afford to purchase presents for their children during this time of the year.

Our school and parish will be helping out the ministry again this year. We will be collecting monetary donations that will be used to purchase gift cards for families in need.

We are asking for a donation of \$10.00 per family, but of course any amount is appreciated.

If you would like to donate, please send in your donation by Friday, December 9th to the attention of *Ms. Grover, Life Choices Donation*. Checks can be made out to St. Stan's School. Venmo: @Lisa-Grover-15

*Thank you for your generous support
during the most wonderful time of the year -
when we celebrate giving in honor of God's gift of His only son.*

