



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"We can do hard things."

Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

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November 19, 2020

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

I hope this letter finds you safe, warm, and healthy. We are again, as disappointing as it is, in a state of closure to do a positive case of COVID in our school. This puts us on virtual instruction up to **December 4**, and we are closed on **November 26-27** for Thanksgiving break. We are also closed for a Bishop's holiday on **November 7**, and will return to the building for in-person instruction on **December 8**.

We have worked hard to maintain a zero transmission rate within our building, which is why these closures are so important. That being said, life goes on outside of our building and we cannot control what gets brought in. Now more than ever it is important that everyone wear their masks during drop-off and pick-up, and keep their children home should they exhibit any symptoms. If you have any questions regarding possible contact please call the school, as many of you have done already. We would rather air on the side of caution than have a potential exposure in our building. The safety of the students and faculty is our top priority.

I want to be clear that if your child is ever in a class that experiences direct contact a specific email will be sent home to you explaining that. The entire school is made aware of any positive cases via email as well. If you still have questions after you receive any email correspondence please contact the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. It is one of the things that makes St. Stanislaus Kostka such a special place! As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. I wish you all a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving! You will be in my prayers.

Regards,

Lori Hodder
Principal



DECEMBER 2020

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sun, Nov 29 Advent Begins	Mon, Nov 30 Virtual Learning	1 12:00-1:00 Virtual Religion Club Virtual Learning	2 Virtual Learning	3 Virtual Learning	4 Virtual Learning	5 3:00-7:00 Chicken Dinner Fundraiser
6	7 <i>Bishop's Holiday - School Closed</i>	8 3:00-4:00 Virtual Religion Club 9:00 Mass - Immaculate Conception / 8th Grade Ring Ceremony Return Back into School	9	10 Picture Retakes	11 6:45 PM Canvas & Cocoa Night - Grades 3-5 Jesse Tree Ceremony	12
13	14 11:50 Dismissal 3:00-4:00 Virtual Religion Club	15 3:00-4:00 Virtual Religion Club	16	17 Dress Down Day \$3.00 - Christmas Theme	18	19
20	21 	22	23 <u>11:50 Dismissal - No Aftercare!!</u> 9:00 Christmas Mass Out of Uniform - Dress Up Day	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Jan 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div>	
<h1>CHRISTMAS BREAK</h1>						



**St. Stan's
Thanksgiving
Pie Pick-Up**

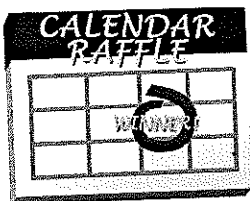


Pies will be available for curbside pick-up on
Tuesday, November 24, 2020 between
6 pm and 8 pm behind the school.

We will also be selling calendar raffles and
Christmas 50/50's.

If you have any questions, please call
Carolyn at (732) 406-3459.

As always, thank you for your support!!!



St. Stan's HSA Christmas Sale

John Gasko & Son Farm

Purchase beautiful Poinsettias, Grave Blankets with velvet bows or Fresh Fur Wreaths with a velvet bow from a local family friendly farm.

Paper Order Forms are due back Wednesday, November 25th
Venmo Orders til Monday, November 30th

Pick up Date: Sunday December 6th
Curbside pick up
Time: 8am-12pm

Please send all Order Forms
with cash, check (payable to St. Stan's HSA)
in envelope to:
Jean Jackowski
Care of Olivia Jackowski 1st Grade

Venmo is also accepted
(Please put order in comment box or
Text me your order form)
@Jean-Jackowski

Any questions please don't hesitate to reach me on my cell
848-565-5515

St. Stan's HSA Christmas Sale

Name: _____

Students Name/Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Quantity	Item	Total
	7.5" poinsettias \$16	
	12" Fresh Frasier Fir Wreath with a Velvet Bow \$20	
	Sm. 24" Grave Blanket with 2 Velvet Bows \$30	
	Med. 36" Grave Blanket with 3 Velvet Bows \$40	
	Large 48" Grave Blanket with 4 Velvet Bows \$55	

Toal Items: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Payment Options:

Cash Check (payable to St. Stan's HSA) Venmo (@Jean-Jackowski)

All orders forms due back Wed., Nov. 25th & Venmo Mon., Nov. 30th

Pick Up Date: Sunday December 6th, Time 8am-12pm



St. Stan's HSA

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, December 5th 3pm-7pm

Curbside Pick-up behind the school

Dinner includes:

Roasted 1/2 Chicken,

Baked Potato, Green Beans,

Dinner Roll & a Slice of Apple Pie

Tickets will be sold after Masses, in the Church office, or by contacting Gina at 732-277-2552

Pre-sale dinner \$15

Drive-up dinner \$16

St. Stan's
presents
**Canvas & Cocoa
Night**

Open to students in
grades 3, 4, and 5

Friday, December 11th @ 7:00pm
(6:45 arrival)


Please join us in creating a beautiful
snow scene painting on canvas while sipping
nice warm cocoa!

\$20 per student
(* *bring a smock or old shirt)

Drop off event. Pick up at 8:30.

All supplies needed are provided.

Exact cash, or check made out to Samantha Girard,
or Venmo Samantha-Girard-2



Christmas Classroom Decorating Contest


This year, with all of the COVID restrictions, I thought it would be fun to have a classroom decorating contest!

The rules are simple:

- 🌲 Check with your teacher before bringing anything in
- 🌲 Be creative!
- 🌲 You can decorate any part of the room.
- 🌲 Make sure to be safe! Do not block doorways or walkways.
- 🌲 You can bring in things from home or make things
- 🌲 You need to work as a team!
- 🌲 It must be completed by December 21!

The winning classroom will be announced the day we leave for Christmas break. They will receive a dress down day.

I cannot wait to see all of the classrooms!
Have fun!





Memorandum

To: Pastors, Elementary School Principals, CYM/Athletic Program Directors
From: Anthony P. Kearns, III, Esq., Chancellor
Date: November 12, 2020
Subject: Winter Sports – Announcement

In collaboration with the Vicar General, the Diocesan Schools Office, the Secretariat for Family & Pastoral Life and the Diocesan General Counsel, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Winter 2020-2021 Indoor Sports Season for elementary school students. This decision is grounded in *Guidance for Sports Activities*, published by the NJ Department of Health and most recently updated on 11/2/20, which indicates that sports in indoor settings “carry significant risks.” Just this past week, with a spike in COVID-19 cases in New Jersey, Governor Murphy imposed a suspension of interstate indoor youth sports tournaments and games.

The primary responsibility of the elementary schools in the Diocese of Metuchen is to ensure formation and education of all students while ensuring their health and safety to the greatest possible extent.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring a safe and healthy environment has required extraordinary efforts on the part of school personnel, most notably principals, teachers and maintenance staff. In some cases, schools are using their gymnasiums for alternate purposes as adaptations for school operations (e.g. cafeteria or classroom space). To date, these efforts have been effective in mitigating the risk of the spread of COVID-19. However, as cases of COVID-19 continue to increase in New Jersey, ongoing vigilance is needed. We must keep the children of our parishes/schools safe.

Another factor in our decision is that indoor spaces require professional cleaning protocols. Use of gymnasiums for winter sports would incur additional costs for the schools to undertake these protocols. It is also imprudent and impractical to place the burden of accountability and liability in the high risk environment of interscholastic competition on volunteer coaches.

In our discussions with Diocesan leaders, the decision has also been made that there should be NO type of clinics or intramurals occurring in our school gymnasiums or parish facilities at this time. This is for everyone’s wellbeing.

The loss of winter sports can be understandably disappointing to students and all who support them. I would like to thank all of you for the work that has been done in anticipation of having a full year of sports. In particular, I would like to thank Bob Berger, the diocesan CYM Coordinator, for all of his hard work in preparing readiness plans in anticipation of the basketball season. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 data and evaluate if there are safe options that might help us to reconsider our decision as well as the possibility of offering basketball at a later time.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have questions regarding this announcement please contact me at chancellor@diometuchen.org.