



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

*Roman Catholic since 1914 - Home of the Falcons*



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*Mrs. Lori Hodder, Principal*

December 5, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

As we begin this liturgical season of Advent, we eagerly await the birth of Jesus. It is also the first season of the new liturgical year, in which we are renewed with anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

Important upcoming dates include:

- Dec 6 9:30 AM Mass/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ring Ceremony  
St. Nicholas' -Day
- Dec 8 9:00 AM Children's Mass  
HSA Christmas Bazaar
- Dec 9 9:30 AM Mass/Immaculate Conception
- Dec 11 Jesse Tree Ceremony
- Dec 12 \$3.00 Out-of-Uniform Day/Christmas colors
- Dec 13 HSA Movie Night
- Dec 17 Christmas Performance 7:00 PM
- **Dec. 20 11:50 AM Dismissal/NO AFTERCARE/Christmas Break Begins**
- Dec 22 9:00 AM Children's Mass
- **Jan. 2 Classes Resume**

The work on our cafeteria is wrapping up, just in time for the St. Stanislaus Kostka Annual Christmas Bazaar this Sunday. We hope that everyone will be in attendance, and we are excited to welcome some new additions to this event!

Finally, we want to pray for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class who will be receiving their rings tomorrow. May God be with them and guide them through their last year at St. Stanislaus Kostka School.

Warmest Regards,

Lori Hodder  
Principal

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*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*

MATTHEW 19:14



# DECEMBER HSA NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## *Ho Ho Hold On! It's December!*






Hello Wonderful Parents, Faculty and students:

Can you believe we've made it to December? It seems like just yesterday we were kicking off this school year. As we slide into the holiday season, buckle up for some festive fun, laughter, and maybe a little chaos. A big St. Stan's thank you to everyone who came out to the 4th Annual Christmas Tree lighting event 12/1. What a lovely crowd and thanks for braving the winter cold! Thank you for all your generous donations to our Bazaar – thanks for all the non-stop helping, but be assured – we need YOU for our biggest fundraiser Sunday 12/8/24. So be sure to sign up and reach out.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

Join us for Our Annual Christmas Bazaar 12/8 in the school's gym. Kindly show up in time for your shifts. Note that we are adding a Winter Wonderland and Shop for our children, where they pay \$5 entrance and can do some Christmas crafts, watch a movie, listen to a Christmas Story and buy some 'secret' gifts for their parents/grandparents. We promise a very exciting day for big and small with great activities (and lots of food!) – so be sure to bring the whole family and all your friends! Did I mention new kindergames.... And...Santa is coming too?




### **Thank you!**

-  Mrs Lieberman for your help with Veterans day set up and serving
-  Romer, Pannapara, Oberai, Davis, Silva families and all the class moms for your dedication to wrap our Christmas Baskets for Bazaar!
-  Castillo family – for arranging the beautiful Christmas decorations outside the school and kicking off the season for our school families.
-  Mrs. Hallas and Mrs. Cawley (grandparents) for helping the HSA with Sunday Bingo kitchen! You've both been beyond amazing and stepping up in this time.
-  HSA Board for showing up, working countless hours in the background and having fun with it.



### **Reminders**

- We still need many cake donations for our cake wheel at bazaar – please reach out to [hvaevents@skskschool.org](mailto:hvaevents@skskschool.org) if you could still donate
- 12/6/24 - St. Nicholas day for students (HSA provide little surprise)
  - 12/10/24 – Poinsettia fundraiser orders in - pick up 12/12
  - 12/13/24 – Annual Christmas movie night at 6pm
  - 12/17/24 – Christmas Performance by students
  - 12/20/24 – Grinch Breakfast for our students (provided by HSA)

### **Still coming in the New Year**

-  Family fitness night in January
-  General HSA meeting – date to be confirmed
-  Valentines Bingo in February (encouraged for all couples!)

### **Stay Connected!**

-  Don't forget to follow us on our social media pages! You can follow the St. Stan's HSA and St. Stan's Parents page on both Facebook and Instagram
-  If you face any issues with the Work Bond commitments, please reach out to Kim at [hsaworkbond@skskschool.org](mailto:hsaworkbond@skskschool.org)

Wishing you all a holiday season filled with laughter, love, and a little bit of craziness. Enjoy every moment (even those that involve untangling Christmas lights)!

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns – please reach out to me directly parents, thank you for all you do. Your involvement truly helps shape the success story for your children and St. Stan's School. This is ultimately our legacy.

Merry Christmas and wishing you all a beautiful holiday, with grateful hearts.

Beulah DePasquale

[hsapresident@skskschool.org](mailto:hsapresident@skskschool.org)



## **Saint Stan's School 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 twice a month and every first Friday with the school children.

Please join us on

**Sunday, December 8th at 9am**

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 on  
Sunday, December 8th at 9am.*



# THURSDAY BINGO

UNTIL MARCH 6TH 2025



*St Stan's HSA*

# POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

The poinsettia shape reminds us of the Star of Bethlehem  
 Which led the wise men to a manger with gifts for Him,  
 And the brilliant red of the Christmas flower symbolizes  
 The shed blood of Jesus Christ which every Christian prizes  
 Reminding us that Jesus the Messiah's birth, is the reason,  
 The red and green come to us during the Christmas season.



**ORDER BY**  
 12/10  
**PICKUP**  
 12/12 by 5:00PM



**6" RED PLANTS**  
 \$6 EACH  
 or  
 2 for \$10

**Send payments to "St. Stan's HSA - Kim McKeivitt"**

For Questions: Kim McKeivitt - kim.mckev@gmail.com

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: cash/check: \_\_\_\_\_

DECEMBER

13

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
MOVIE STARTS AT 7PM



St. Stan's HSA  
presents

\$5

PER PERSON  
\*CASH ONLY EVENT

elf

•SNACKS  
for sale

•PIZZA

•BYOB  
(Bring your own Blanket/Chair)

WEAR YOUR MOST  
COMFY PAJAMAS



Movie  
Night



ALL PROCEEDS GO  
TOWARDS ST. STAN'S HSA

This event is made  
possible thanks to the  
generosity of the  
HOLOVAGO FAMILY!



ST. STANISLAUS  
KOSTKA SCHOOL



# Christmas Pajama Day

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024



**CHRISTMAS JAMMIES ARE  
ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT  
MANDATORY!**



**DRESS CODE:  
SNEAKERS ONLY!  
NO SLIPPERS, SLEEVELESS  
SHIRTS, CROP-TOPS OR  
SHORTS!**





## **Spread Joy this Christmas for Families in Need**

For 39 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 6th to the attention of *Ms. Grover, Life Choices Donation*. Checks can be made out to St. Stan's School.

*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.*





# Heaven in Your Home

A Free Workshop to Build a Flourishing Catholic Household



February 4, 2025  
7:00 P.M.  
on Zoom

There's so much coming at you as a parent... overwhelming schedules, media overload, concerns about your ability to pass on the faith, an increasingly sexualized and toxic culture, loneliness in our busy world, the wounds and burdens we all carry...

## Learn to:

- Root your household in God's life through prayer, scripture and sacraments
- Tend to your marriage and develop the personality and gifts of each family member
- Build a productive household economy based on shared work
- Enjoy mealtimes and traditions as you build a vibrant family culture
- Share your flourishing family life with neighbors and friends

To register, visit

<https://diometuchen.org/events/heaven-in-your-home-workshop>



## Soren & Ever Johnson Workshop Presenters



Soren and Ever Johnson are proud parents of five children and parishioners at St. John the Apostle in Leesburg, VA. They founded the non-profit Trinity House Community and Trinity House Café + Market to inspire families to make home a little taste of heaven for the renewal of faith and culture. Soren formerly served as Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Arlington and his writing has appeared in the Washington Post, Columbia, and the Arlington Catholic Herald. Ever formerly served as Research Assistant to papal biographer George Weigel and has been published in Magnificat, the National Catholic Register, and the Arlington Catholic Herald. They both hold MAS in theology and have presented at many conferences and workshops.