

October 17, 2013

Dear Parents,

In this week's Thursday envelope you will find instructions explaining how to register for our new Honeywell Alert System. It is imperative that all parents sign up for this system. Beginning November 1st this is the method by which parents will be notified in case of emergencies. Please be sure that you register before October 31st when we will be sending out a test message.

This is a reminder that the 5th grade class is sponsoring a food drive for the Sayreville Food Bank. It is requested that our children bring in donations such as canned vegetables, pasta, sauce, rice, coffee, etc. by Monday, October 21st as the food bank is currently very low on supplies.

Our Annual Halloween celebration will take place on Thursday, October 31st at 12:30. Students should bring costumes to school and may change during or immediately following recess time. They are reminded that costumes cannot be violent in nature and that they may not wear masks or carry props for safety reasons. No treats should be sent in to school that day as the HSA will be treating the children with pizza lunch and treats. Unless parents have been specifically asked to help, no one should be in the school building before to help the children, or after the parade.

Please join us for All Saints Day Mass on November 1st at 9:00AM.

Our annual Veterans Day celebration will take place on Friday, November 8th beginning at 9:00AM with a short assembly at which time we will be honoring Mr. Matthew Kenny our Veteran of the Year. Please join us and our many esteemed guests to honor not only Mr. Kenny but also our brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces.

Finally, please be sure to come out and support St. Stan's on Wednesday evening, Oct 23 at Gusto Grill on Rt.18N in East Brunswick between 5-9PM. 10% of your bill will be donated to St. Stan's School. What a great way to enjoy a family dinner out!

Enjoy this beautiful all weather. God bless all of you and your families.

Mrs. Patricia Graham

BINGO WORKERS NEEDED

We are in need of 2 Bingo workers on the dates of October 20th and October 31st. If you are available to work please contact Mrs. Carolyn DeRusso at 732-390-7442.

Saint Stanislaus Kostka School

October 2013

Dear Parents and Students,

The St. Stan's Student Council will be holding a Dress Down Day on October 22, 2013. Please follow all dress down rules stated in the handbook. The price is \$3 and all profits will go towards the school. We will also be holding two fundraisers during school lunch periods from October 21st to October 28th. The first is a Mystery Candy Count. Students will guess the amount of candy in the jar. The type and amount of candy is a mystery. The second is Pumpkin Weight Guess. Students can guess the weight of our pumpkin. Chances for each fundraiser are \$0.50 for 1, \$0.75 for 2, and 3 for \$1. We hope that you will participate in and enjoy our fundraisers this month. Thank you for supporting the St. Stan's Student Council!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Foret, Mrs. Hodder, and the Student Council

Dear Parents,

Keeping parents informed and involved helps to assure student safety and improve student success. With today's on-the-go lifestyles, it has become more difficult for schools to reach families quickly and effectively. This is why our school has decided to implement a new system called Honeywell Instant Alert® for Schools.

Instant Alert for Schools is an essential tool for notification and communication. Within minutes of an emergency, school officials can use Instant Alert to deliver a single, clear message to the students' parents or guardians by telephone, cell phone, e-mail, pager or PDA in any combination. Instant Alert can also be used to notify you of a school closing due to inclement weather. It's an equally effective way to keep you informed of everyday activities, such as event times and locations as well as schedule changes.

Instant Alert is Internet based, allowing each family to maintain a secure, password protected online profile. Included in this letter is an instruction sheet for accessing the system and creating your profile. You can log into your profile at any time to update your contact information. Maintaining the accuracy of your profile will increase the ability of the school to keep you informed.

Your online profile will enable you to:

- Input your personal contact information
- Select which type of school information you would like to receive on each of your contact devices
- Set the days and time of days you would like your phone devices to receive alerts
- View the alerts that have been sent to you in the past

The system will be ready for you to use at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> on **November 4, 2013**. We encourage all of you to take advantage of this opportunity, as we will be utilizing this system for most of our school-to-home communication.

If you need assistance with your profile, please go to <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> and click on the **Help Request** link on the lower right hand side of the page, or contact the school at 732-254-5819. Be sure to set your e-mail spam filter to receive e-mail from Honeywell.com. If you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to come to the school to use our facilities. We hope you enjoy this new service!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Graham, Principal

Honeywell Instant Alert® for Schools

Parent User Interface

Website URL: <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>

Minimum Requirements

Register and create your account

1. Go to the Honeywell Instant Alert for Schools website listed above.
2. If you are not a staff member in the school, click on 'Parent' in the New User box.
3. If you are a staff member in the school, you could instead click on 'School Staff' in the New User box.
4. Complete the student information form. Click 'Submit.'
5. Complete the corresponding screen. Click 'Submit.'
6. After receiving the Confirmation message, click 'Proceed' to get started with Instant Alert.
7. Note: Remember your Login Name and Password so you may use it to update your profile.

View and check details about yourself and your family members

1. Upon successful login, click on 'My Family.'
2. Click on a parent name to view and edit parent details.
3. Click on a student name to view details about your children enrolled in this school.

Configure alert settings for yourself

1. Click on 'Alert Setup.'
 2. Click on the check boxes to select which alert type you would like to have sent to which device. Click on 'Save' when complete.
 3. If you would like to add another contact device, select the device type and enter the device details. Select the person to whom the device belongs and click on 'Add.'
 4. You are also able to set the days and times you would like your phones to receive alerts. For example, if you want your work phone to receive alerts only during the workdays, you could set the weekday start time to 8:00am and the weekday end time to 5:00pm and then uncheck the weekend box. Or, if you did not want your cell phone to receive alerts while you were sleeping, you could set the weekday start time to 6:00am and the weekday end time to 10:00pm and the weekend start time to 8:00am and the weekend end time to 11:00pm. You have the flexibility and control to set up your phones in many different ways.
 5. For e-mail, text messaging and pagers you may send yourself a test message. Click on 'Send Test Message' to send yourself a message.
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Additional Functions

View History of Alerts

Click on 'Alert History' to view Alerts that have been sent to you. Use the calendar icons and 'Alert Type' list to filter the Alerts.

For Assistance: <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>

Click on the **Help Request** link in the lower right hand side of the page

Be sure to set your e-mail spam filter to receive e-mail from Honeywell.com.

Honeywell Instant Alert® for Schools Frequently Asked Questions for Parents

- Registration -

Q: I'm trying to register and I received an error that says "Invalid login details." What do I do?

A: This error means that you have chosen a login name that someone else has already chosen. Choose a more complex login name, such as a first and last name combination, or add a number to your name.

Q: Are there any restrictions to the user name and password?

A: User names need to be unique across the database. They are not case sensitive. Passwords are case sensitive and need to be between 7 and 17 characters long.

Q: I'm trying to register and I received an error that says my child cannot be located. What's wrong?

A: A few things could be wrong in this situation. If it is the start of a new school year or you have just moved into your school district, we may not have you or your child loaded into our database. If it is the start of the new school year, you should wait a few weeks and try again when we will more likely have you added into the system. If you are new to the district, you should contact your school to have them add you into the database. One other possibility is that the information you are entering about your child is not matching the information we have in our database, which we receive from the school. You may either contact your school or Honeywell for this correction.

- Parent Online Profile -

Q: How many phone numbers can a family have?

A: A family may receive alerts on an unlimited amount of phone numbers.

Q: How many email and text addresses can a family have?

A: A family may receive alerts on an unlimited amount of email and text devices.

Q: I am married but my spouse's name isn't appearing in our profile. What should I do?

A: This is because the school only gave us one parent name for your family. You can contact the school to have them add your spouse's name in our database, and also request that they add the name into their records as well.

Q: I am divorced but my ex-spouse's name is appearing in my profile. What can be done to resolve this?

A: Instant Alert was built with flexibility to handle today's various family situations. In our database, a child may belong to multiple families in order to allow alerts to be sent to those who are allowed information about the child. Please contact your school, as they have the ability to "split" your profile and create two separate accounts for you and your ex-spouse. You may also have them add, for example, your new spouse to your profile if you would like as well.

Q: Not all of my children are shown in my profile and I can't seem to add them myself. What do I do?

A: Please contact your school in order to have your other children added to your profile.

- Alert Receipt -

Q: What happens if my line is busy or I don't answer and I don't have an answering machine?

A: Should a call reach a busy signal, the system will try the call a total of 3 times, waiting 5 minutes and then 10 minutes between calls. On non-answers, the system will try the call a total of 3 times, waiting 15 minutes between calls. If the call reaches a voicemail system or answering machine, it will leave a message.

Q: How do the email alerts get through spam blockers?

A: We have made arrangements with some email providers to allow our emails into their system without the spam designation. Email systems let the user create their own list of allowable email addresses. If you are not receiving alerts on our email address, check your junk email folder and put @honeywell.com in your allowable email list.

Q: Can your calls get through telezappers?

A: Yes. If you have a telezapper you should submit a request to our help desk via the Help Request link to ignore the telezapper along with the associated phone number.

Q: Why didn't I receive a phone call from the last alert that was sent?

A: Make sure that your profile is set up to receive the type of alert that was sent.

Q: When I answered the phone call, the voice started over. What's wrong?

A: The phone dialing system detected noise on your line, such as talking, coughing or typing. It assumed you were in a noisy area and you could not hear the message, so it started over for you.

Q: Why didn't I receive an e-mail from the last alert that was sent?

A: Make sure that your profile is set up to receive the type of alert that was sent. Also be sure to check your junk email folder.

Q: I have my neighbor listed in my profile and set up to receive alerts. I received a phone call but my neighbor did not the last time an alert was sent. What's wrong?

A: Even though you choose which alerts are sent to which people within your profile, the school still retains some control over who receives an alert. If the school sends an alert to the "All Students" group, the alert will go to the parents and everyone else the parents have designated in their profile. However, if the school sends an alert to the "All Parents" group, only the parents will receive the alert. The school may choose to do this such as when sending an early morning alert to delay the start of school so that only the parents are wakened at an early hour. Note: This question and answer applies to installations that were done prior to August 15, 2010.

- Browsers -**Q: What browsers can I use?**

A: As noted on the home page, Instant Alert works best on Internet Explorer, Safari and Firefox. You should avoid Mozilla.

Q: What if I have concerns about data security and data sharing?

A: Go to our homepage at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> and click on the Privacy Statement at the bottom of the page. We will not sell, rent, loan, trade, or lease any personal information of our members, the children for whom they have responsibility, or others listed as contacts in the system.

- Assistance -**Q: How can I get help?**

A: Go to our homepage at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> and click on the *Forgot User Name / Password* if that is your issue, or on the general *Help Request* link.

Q: I filled out the form for a forgotten user name but I did not receive an email. What's wrong?

A: The email address we sent your information to is the one we have in our records. If you do not use that email address anymore you will not receive an email. Please return to the homepage and click on the *Help Request* link.

Meeting minutes for Back to School Night - Sept. 18, 2013

Meeting started as welcome back to St. Stan's old/new parents.

Mrs. Joanne Gottstine introduced Mrs. Graham (Principal),

HSA Board

Herself as president,

Shannon Santiago – Vice President.

Treasurer - Karen Iaccarino/Jen Zappola,

Corresponding Sec. – Gina Rispoli

Recording Sec. – Linda Kelly,

Lower Board : Denise Biancamano - Advertising

Christy Stoehr - Fund Raising

Amy Biebel- Fund Raising

Amy Huff – licensing

Mrs. Joanne Gottstine spoke a little of work bond – welcomed anyone to come join in and help with any functions we might be in need of. Explained how parents should get involved as this is their child's school. Volunteers is what makes the tuition cost stay down.

Asked if anyone wanted to take over the Bingo scheduling – as part of their work bond.

Jennifer Zappola- introduced herself, welcomed all to back to school, and discussed what the work bond requirements are. Explained that we do not want your money we need your help and support to make this a good working school / community.

She explained when you do not fulfill your work bond requirements/show up when scheduled - you not only hurt the school but you are putting a burden to those who are there leaving them shorthanded.

Explained that it is your responsibility as a parent to try to provide a substitute to fill your spot. If you abuse this by not complying to what you signed for then you may be penalized as not being able to attend field day, and other school functions the parents might be asked to volunteer.

She set up a back to school night for new parents just joining St. Stan's this year for the very first time. All are welcome – Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013 @ 7:30

Mrs. Graham (Principal) - discussed welcome back to a new school year, Introduced the staff /faculty–

Faculty	
<u>Pre-Kindergarten Teacher</u>	<u>Ms. Kristen Harvat</u>
<u>Pre-Kindergarten Aide</u>	<u>Ms. Paula Giannace</u>
<u>Kindergarten Teacher</u>	<u>Mrs. Betty Vitale</u>
<u>Kindergarten Aide</u>	<u>Ms. Elizabeth Gorka</u>
<u>Class Aide</u>	<u>Mrs. Janice O'Brien</u>
<u>Grade 1 Teacher</u>	<u>Mrs. Kathleen Krolick</u>
<u>Grade 2 Teacher</u>	<u>Mrs. Angela Augustyne</u>
<u>Grade 3 Teacher</u>	<u>Mrs. Lori Hodder</u>
<u>Grade 4 Teacher</u>	<u>Ms. Danielle Fardin</u>
<u>Grade 5 Teacher</u>	<u>Mrs. Lisa Grover</u>
<u>Grade 6, Middle School Science & Advanced Mathematics Teacher</u>	<u>Ms. Katherine Zavoda</u>
<u>Grade 7, Middle School Mathematics & Religion Teacher</u>	<u>Mrs. Irene Foret</u>
<u>Grade 8, Middle School Language Arts Teacher</u>	<u>Mrs. Elena Malinconico</u>
<u>Middle School Social Studies</u>	<u>Mrs. Debra Kubeck</u>
<u>Spanish & Library Teacher</u>	<u>Mrs. Norella AbdelAziz</u>
<u>Physical Education & Art Teacher</u>	<u>Mrs. Teresa Capotosto</u>
<u>Music</u>	<u>Mrs. Debra Kubeck</u>
<u>Technology Teacher & Coordinator</u>	<u>Mrs. Magdalene Florczak</u>
Staff	
<u>Lower grade Basic Skills Instructor</u>	<u>Ms. Catherine Eber</u>
<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Mrs. Kimberly Carlson</u>
<u>Nurse</u>	<u>Mrs. Virginia Kenny</u>
<u>Cafeteria</u>	<u>Mrs. Donna Cassidy</u>
<u>Cafeteria</u>	<u>Mrs. Jane Bowne</u>
<u>After Care</u>	<u>Mrs. Chelly Kolczynski</u>

Maintenance	Mr. James Dabroski
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Mrs. Graham – spoke on how she is looking forward to a great nurturing year with the new staffing changes and some new teachers on board and how they are all excited to join in and make this a great learning experience for all our children.

Mrs. Graham - informed us that we have a new improved school website that has been upgraded and is more user friendly, if you take a look you will navigate yourself to all that you want to know.

Teacher websites – emails for corresponding with them

Lunch menu

Lunch Duty

Clubs

Weekly White envelope

Mrs. Graham – touched lightly on the HoneyWell Alert System that she is working on to get introduced to our school. This will enable the school to pass alerts/ emergency messages out to parents when needed.

Mrs. Graham-- stressed on work bond – that she will be notified of who is abusing their assigned schedule (parent voluntarily signed up for) and will be e -mailing them of this abuse and will notify them that they can be refused from any other parent privileges i.e.... parties/class involvement/ field day.

Mrs. Graham – spoke in regards with morning drop of for your child. If you would like to walk your child into school you are more than welcome, however, you need to park your car , no one is allowed to drive in the side where the buses come in and cross the barrier.

If you are doing a drop of please follow the path accordingly in line with the cars, you must stay in your car and not get out and start having conversation with your children / other parents.

You cannot cross the barriers from one side to the other side as a parent did the morning of September 18. This is for the safety of your child. We do not want to endanger anyone.

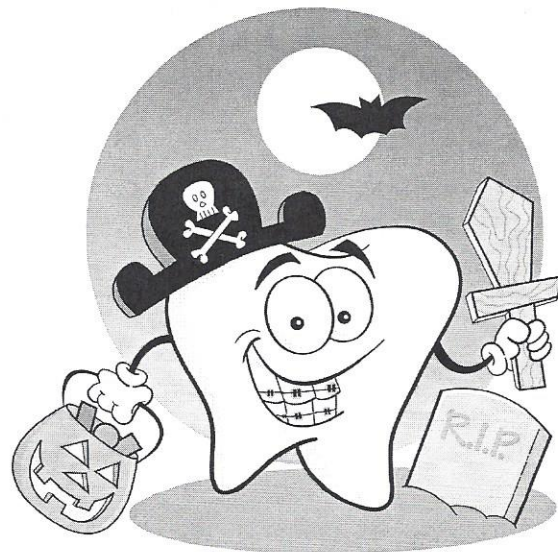
Mrs. Magdalene Floczak- our new computer science technology teacher
- introduced herself, gave a brief description of her past work experiences, introduced the new and improved St. Stan's website.
Explained the new Power school website – an online reporting system of your child's grades. How to navigate - what requirements are needed from each parent before they can get access and the features it has to allow you to see comments /notes from the teachers.

Last - looking forward to a great year, hoping more will get involved, dismissed the meeting so parents can go introduce themselves to their child's new teacher.

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Wishing You and Your Teeth a Safe Halloween!

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing, so you are more visible (and remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms too!).
- Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles (costumes can be extremely flammable).
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- This is also a great time to buy fresh batteries for your home Smoke Alarms.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Be cautious of animals, strangers and goblins!
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children
- Teach children their home phone number and to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.
- Review the principle of "Stop-Drop-Roll", should costumes catch on fire.
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. You don't want a lot of injured ghost in your front yard.
- Brush and floss after enjoying your Halloween treats!



Pet Safety Tips:

- For an indoor party, make sure that you put your dog or cat in a room where they won't be disturbed.
- As much as your dog or cat may beg for some of your Halloween candies, always remember that chocolate is deadly to them in any amount.
- The wrappers, such as tin foil, can get stuck in your pet's digestive tract and make them ill.
- Leaving your pets outside on Halloween is not a good idea. Keep your cats or dogs inside for the night.

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