



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage." Saint John XXIII

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We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves.  
Buddha

December 11, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This season is filled with so much joy. The thought of God's love being so wonderfully deep that he gave us his only son is completely joyous in itself. We have only a couple of weeks left before we take leave a school for a few days to celebrate the joyful birth of Christ and the joy of family and friends as well.

Here are a few reminders for you in this busy season:

1. The Christmas concert is Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Doors will open at 6:30p.m. A letter was sent home around Thanksgiving in reference to what each class should wear for the concert.
2. We are making a donation to Toys for Tots in lieu of grab bags in each class. Please send in your new unwrapped gift as soon as possible.
3. We ask for donations towards a gift to our pastor, Father Ken. Father Ken's support of our school is so unwavering that we would like to recognize that at this time of year.
4. December 23, 2014 is an out of uniform day but it is a **Dress Up** day. Students should not come to school in jeans, t-shirts or sweat shirts but rather dressed up to attend our school Mass. Our HSA will also be providing students with breakfast that day as we begin to celebrate Christmas.
5. On December 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have a 12 noon dismissal and there will be **NO** after care.

May the preparation of Advent fill each of you with an inner peace as we wait for the coming of our Lord.

In His Peace,

Mrs. Elena Malinconico, Principal



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please be advised that Ms. Alexandra Burke will be out of school between now and February 3, 2015 due to a serious medical condition. We are all saddened by her absence and I ask that you keep her in your prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

In the interim, we are delighted that Mrs. Alison Laffey has agreed to substitute for her using plans developed by Ms. Burke. Participation grades will be updated weekly, so that students know their status in this class. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elena Malinconico

Principal

# **ATTENTION PARENTS**

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

On the reverse of this letter is an Action Alert that was just released by the New Jersey Catholic Conference, in reference to non public school students' transportation.

As many of you may already know, South River students lost their busing to all non-public schools this year. We strongly agree with the Catholic Conference in reference to the hardship that not increasing the stipend for transportation places on our parents and students.

I am asking as a family we all join together to write the governor to ask for the increase in money. There is power in numbers and if we stand together hopefully, we can succeed in making a difference. My concern is today it was South River, what does tomorrow hold in store?

Please take a moment from your very busy schedules to write the governor. There is a simplified message listed at the bottom of the page that you can use through the advocacy group to request the increase.

Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Elena Malinconico  
Principal



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149 North Warren Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08608  
609-989-1120

# ACTION ALERT

**ISSUE:** The ceiling for nonpublic school transportation, currently at \$884.00 per pupil, has not been increased since the 2008-2009 school year. As a result, nonpublic school students are losing transportation services because of the costs incurred by districts and private contractors.

**OUR POSITION:** Over the years, New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families have continued to find ways to increase transportation for nonpublic school pupils. As a result, after attempting ways to reconfigure nonpublic transportation, we have no other alternative other than to ask for the increase commensurate with increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the years between 2008 and 2014.

**ACTION:** Please call, email, or write Governor Christie on a continuing basis between now and the release of his Budget in February to ask for this increase. Please keep the following points in mind:

1. Public school students living within the designated mileage limits are never denied a ride to school of enrollment.
2. Nonpublic school students are dependent upon the bids submitted by public school districts and private contractors which do not exceed the \$884.00 per pupil limit.
3. In contacting Governor Christie's Office, please describe in detail your own stories with respect to nonpublic school transportation.
4. Be courteous but firm in your request for this most important health and safety issue.
5. A question and answer document is included with this Alert. Please feel free to use it as needed.

You may contact Governor Christie's office as follows:

Email the Governor - <http://nj.gov/governor/contact/>  
Call the Governor's office - 609-292-6000

Please note that Governor Christie frequently makes Town Hall appearances. This should be another opportunity to speak with Governor Christie about this important issue.

YOU MAY SEND A SIMPLIFIED MESSAGE THROUGH THE NJCC ADVOCACY NETWORK AT: <https://votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/37671/Respond>.



Gertrude Hawk candy will be delivered on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for pick up after 2:00 pm.

Thank you all who participated!! Once again this was a very successful fundraiser for St. Stans!

Any questions or problems, please contact Amy immediately via email [amyhuff@optonline.net](mailto:amyhuff@optonline.net) or text 732-425-0005.

Have a very Merry Christmas & Safe New Year!

# JANUARY 2015

Circle the days you wish to order

\$3.50 Daily Lunch Price

## LUNCH CALENDAR

PB J or Cheese Sandwich Option  
Specify which day in the box.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Aquatics & Fitness  
**CENTER**

Winter Break

# SCHOOLS OUT CARE

December 26, 29, 30 & January 2

only  
**\$35**  
per child per day

**Ages 4 - 13 years**  
**Child Care from 7:30am - 6:00pm**

**Daily activities including:**  
**Swimming, Arts & Crafts, and Sports**

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