



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"Hope is being able to see there is light despite darkness."

January 17, 2019

Dear St. Stans' Families:

If we do not have hope we lose everything and we all have our moments of doubt and pain. Will we do well at work? Will we pay our bills? Will our family remain healthy and happy? Our students also suffer doubt. Will I do well on my exam? Will my friends like my new haircut? How will I do in my basketball game? It is our job as educators to always keep that hope alive, and remind students that even when things do not go as they had wished, not to lose hope because God is with us and guiding us always.

As we come to the midpoint of our school year, with midterm exams next week for grades five through eight and the end of the second marking period on January 25th; I want to remind parents and students that our STOPit anonymous, online notification program for incidents of bullying or student concerns regarding violence or harassment is still up and running. If you need sign up information or a review on how to use it, please contact the main office. On a similar note, it has come to my attention that some of our students may be participating in risky online behaviors. We have addressed red flag issues in school recently, such as "friending" and "speaking" to strangers, group chats that include conversations that may be inappropriate, and visits to websites that may not be age appropriate. As a parent, myself, it is imperative that we be involved in our children's online "life". Please have these safety discussions with your child, monitor their phones and computers and should you come across anything that may include something regarding another student please contact the office so we may address it.

On Sunday, January 27th at 9am Mass (which all students should attend in uniform) we kick off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Included in this week's envelope is the schedule of events that are scheduled. We hope each family can invite at least one other family that may become a member of our school family.

As always my door is always open.

Elena Malinconico, Principal



St. Stanislaus Kostka School, Sayreville, NJ  
Catholic Schools Week 2019 Schedule of Events

- January 27, 2019      *9am Opening Mass*  
*10am-12 noon Open House and Breakfast*
- January 28, 2019      9am The Brain Show Assembly  
Souper Fun Day (Donate a can of food get to wear your  
favorite team jersey, t-shirt or sweatshirt)
- January 29, 2019      *9am-11am School Sports Day*  
12-1:40 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mexican Prayer Service,  
Feast, and Dancing (tent)
- January 30, 2019      Student Appreciation Day Movie, Snacks, and Dress Down
- January 31, 2019      *10am- 11am Pre-K-3 Academic Academic Olympics*  
*12:30pm to 1:30pm Spelling Bee*  
7pm First Penance
- February 1, 2019      Teacher Appreciation Day  
8th grade Student Teachers  
11:50 dismissal

All week the school will be open for observation of classes by prospective parents.

*Italicized and purple events are open to all school parents.*

## St. Stan's Winter Book Fair

St. Stan's will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from January 27<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. This book fair will count as an "other" event as part of your H.S.A. work bond commitment. Please put a check next to the dates you are available to work and return this to the school office no later than Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please check the white envelope on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> for the schedule of assigned workers. Thank you in advance for your assistance with the book fair.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am - 11:30 am

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am - 11:30 am

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am - 11:30 am

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 7:30 am - 11:30 am



## DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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Department of Education

January 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for choosing to give your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic school education, a gift that we realize is given at great sacrifice for many families.

For the 2019-2020 school year, we are blessed to make our tuition scholarship program available to families who need financial aid. Scholarships are made possible through *The Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE)*, an endowment fund that provides financial support to aid low-income families who send their children to our elementary and high schools.

To be eligible your child(ren) must be Catholic, must be entering grades K-12 in September 2019, must be registered with your household in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen (please see the list of eligible parishes on the back of the Application Instructions Form), and must attend 1 of our 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Bishop Ahr or Immaculata High School. Students attending the two private high schools in our Diocese (St. Joseph High School and Mount Saint Mary Academy) will need to seek assistance directly from those schools.

Families that require computer access and/or assistance with the online application may attend one of two FACTS Online Application Workshops. Staff and FACTS representatives will be on-hand to walk families through the application process. Both workshops will have Spanish-speaking staff available to assist families.

**Application instructions, with deadlines, and an Application Workshop schedule are attached or online at [diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance). Please note, you are responsible for completing the Parish Verification Form, getting it signed by your Pastor, and returning it to the FCE at the mail or email address provided. We are not able to consider an application without this form, signed by the Pastor.** Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call our Tuition Assistance Hotline at 732.562.1990, ext. 1610.

Thank you for the blessing you are to our children and our church and for your commitment to Catholic school education.

Sincerely,

Ellen Ayoub  
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures



# Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship Fund

## Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship Program 2019-2020 FGAA Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an online application at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. The application period is now open and will officially close on **March 31, 2019**. Awards will be announced on or before the first week of June 2019.

Online applications are available in Spanish and English. The application fee is \$35 and **must** be paid online at the time you submit your application, otherwise your application is considered incomplete. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### To be eligible to apply for a Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship:

- Student must be Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2019;
- Student must be attending one of our 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Bishop Ahr or Immaculata High School;
- Student must be registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen (see list of eligible schools and parishes on reverse side or go to [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance) to view a list); and
- **Your parish must verify that you are registered, and you must submit a Parish Verification Form signed by you and your Pastor**
  1. Forms are available for download at [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance) or from your school
  2. **Forms must be mailed or emailed to the Foundation for Catholic Education**  
**By Mail:** The Diocese of Metuchen, Foundation for Catholic Education, 146 Metlars Lane, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191  
**By Email:** [FCE@diometuchen.org](mailto:FCE@diometuchen.org)
  3. Forms are due to the FCE by no later than March 31, 2019. **If your parish registration is not verified, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed for an award.**

### APPLICATION

#### Documents required, but not limited to, include:

Copies of your 2017 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules.

- Copies of your 2018 W-2 form/s for both you and your spouse or co-applicant.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Supporting documentation can be:

- Scanned and uploaded in .pdf format directly to your application;
- Faxed to 866.315.9264; or
- Mailed to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, P.O. Box 82524, Lincoln, NE 68501-2524. **Please be sure to include your applicant ID on all faxed or mailed correspondence. Do not mail documentation after April 3, 2019.**
- **NO APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED BY MAIL, and the link will be deactivated April 16.**

### WORKSHOPS

- Attending a workshop is not required – attend if you need one-on-one assistance with the application or computer/internet access.
- Workshops will be held at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy on:
  1. Wednesday, January 23, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm (Spanish translator available)
  2. Thursday, February 7, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm (Spanish translator available)
- For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262, or call the Tuition Assistance Hotline at 732.562.1990, ext. 1610.
- Registration is not required—Assistance is first come, first served.

Diocese of Metuchen ~ FCE Scholarship Fund  
FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment  
Online Application Workshops  
2019

**Parents/Guardians who need assistance with the online application, or computer/internet access may attend one of two scheduled workshops. Registration is not required, but assistance is on a first come, first served basis. Available workshop locations, dates and times are:**

**Perth Amboy Catholic Upper School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy**

Wednesday, January 23, 2018, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm (Spanish Translator Available)

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm (Spanish Translator Available)

If you applied to FGAA online in a previous school year, please bring your username and password.

Please bring as much of the following documentation as you have available:

- a copy of your 2017 IRS Federal Form 1040, 1040A or 1040-EZ US Individual Income Tax Return (if Applicant and Co-Applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same tax year);
- Copies of all 2018 W2, 1099, or 1099R Wage and Tax Statements for both the applicant and co-applicant;
- Copies of all applicable supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all supporting documentation for household non-taxable income such as Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Worker's Compensation, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

If you have any questions regarding the FACTS Online Application Workshops, please call  
732.562.1990, extension 1610.