



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must always be moving forward."

May 30, 2019

Dear St. Stans' Families:

Forward is truly the only direction to travel and remain balanced, focused, and growing in knowledge and faith. As we come to the end of the school year, I remind our children each day, the race is not over and the learning is still not done. Next week we are one step closer to the end of this portion of the race with grades 5-7 taking finals and all other grades wrapping up an exciting year of learning.

It is also a big week for our 8th grade as they prepare to graduate on Friday, June 7th and leave this safe little nest to the world outside. I hope they take what has been taught to them here and apply it to the world they are going to face. We ask you to join us on Friday, June 7th at 9am for our final school Mass which is also the eighth grade graduation Mass.

A reminder that Wednesday, June 5th is a full day. If your child ordered lunch for June 11th they will receive that lunch on Wednesday the 5th since, June 11th is an early dismissal. Anyone who did not order lunch for June 11th will have to bring their lunch from home. On the 5th students should also wear their gym uniform since it will be our spring school cleanup day.

Please note that all supply lists for the 2019-2020 school year can be found on the Yubbler.com website; while you do not have to purchase the items through Yubbler, we encourage you to, since a portion of the profits are shared with the school for us to purchase supplies, technology and textbooks for our students. If you go to the following link it will take you to St. Stan's page directly: www.yubbler.com/Yub/Details/28337?couponreg=true

Finally, please see the Before Care and Aftercare memo enclosed in this week's envelope about how payment needs to be made beginning on June 3, 2019.

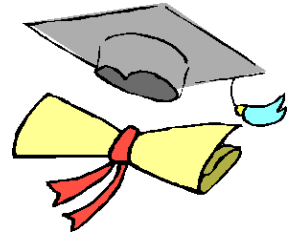
In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico



JUNE 2019

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL



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ATTENTION BEFORE/AFTER CARE PARENTS

Starting on Monday, June 3rd Before/After Care will need to be paid on a per day basis. For Before Care students, a bill will be sent home with your child for that day and for After Care, parents when you sign your child out Mrs. Capotosto will present you with a bill. Payments must be submitted the next school day in order to utilize the Before/After Care program. If payment is not sent in the next day, your child/children will not be able to use the Before/After Care program until the bill has been paid in full. Also, be aware that the bill for May will go home with your child on Monday, June 3rd and must be paid in full by Thursday, June 6th. Payments for the May billing not paid by this date will also cause you to not utilize the Before/After Care program.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.



SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA SCHOOL

"A Small School Doing Big Things"

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APRIL/MAY 2019

EDUCATOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Danielle Zygmund



Mrs. Zygmund is a wonderful asset to our St. Stan's faculty! She currently teaches our middle school students & enjoys watching them grow each year!

Q: What has been your favorite memory of this school year?

A: It would be extremely difficult to summarize this school year with just one terrific memory. I would have to say that my most blessed memory, although not school related, would be giving birth to my second daughter in December. Another fabulous notion that comes to mind is having the opportunity to watch the 8th Grade class grow from little boys and girls, to young men and women. I have had the privilege of teaching them for almost four consecutive years and I'm very proud to see how they have grown in both their personalities and academics. Finally, I relish in witnessing all the growth that has happened with all of my middle school students this year. When I think back to the beginning of the year, I am overcome with pride to see how many students have accomplished so many of their own goals, whether it be personal or academic. They continue to rise to the high expectations that have been set for them, by myself included, and take on challenges with such vigor. They are the reason I come to work everyday with a smile.

Q: How do you plan on spending your summer?

A: This summer I look forward to spending some quality time with my family and friends, as well as, completing some household projects. I'm excited and blessed to have this time off to watch my daughters learn and grow, and recoup and re-energize for the upcoming school year. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and takes the time to have fun, relax, and enjoy the break!

CURRENT EVENTS

St. Stan's recently honored the 2019 Mother & Father of the Year! Congratulations to Ms. Janet Rzepka & Mr. Robert Grover! This is well-deserved recognition. Thank you for being you!!



HOLY COMMUNION



God Bless our 2nd graders!
May the spirit of Jesus live within you.

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SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA SCHOOL

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

APRIL



MAY



Congratulations to our outstanding students! Keep up the good work!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8th Grade Graduation - June 7th
- Pre-K Moving-Up Ceremony - June 10th
- Kindergarten Graduation - June 11th
- Last Day of School - June 12th
- CARNIVAL - June 19th-22nd

Athletics

Mrs. Florczak encouraged Madison Vitucci to enter a free-throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Madison hit 21 out of 25 free-throws!

How impressive!!



RICE MISSION



Our students recently participated in the "Rice Mission." Our upper grade students participated by consuming a rice and water lunch. Our younger students graciously donated their snack money. Together, our school raised over \$415 to support the Missionary Childhood Association. Amazing job!

FIELD DAY



St. Stan's annual field day went off without a hitch!

Students participated in a variety of activities.

Thank you to Mrs. Malinconico, the teachers and the HSA for making this day possible! Also, thanks to the parents who volunteered!

It takes a village! St. Stan's is lucky to have all of you!



Volunteerism is essential to our children's education and to the overall success of our school!

Please remember that when you donate your time and effort, everyone benefits!

Many Hands Make Light Work!

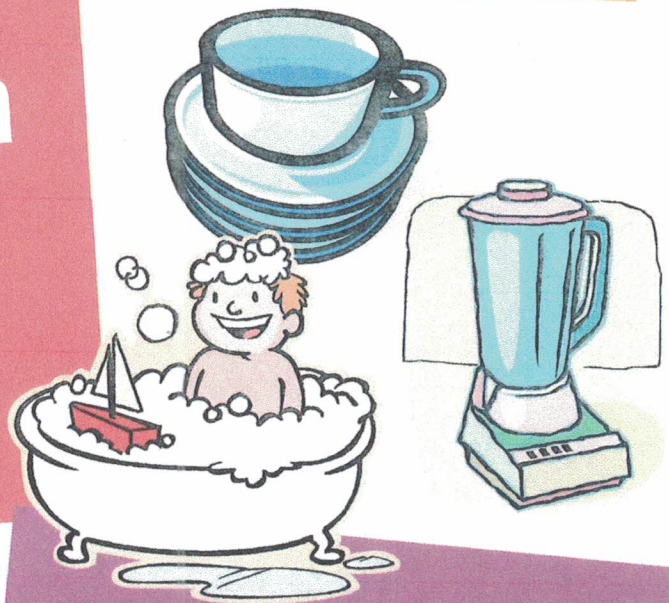
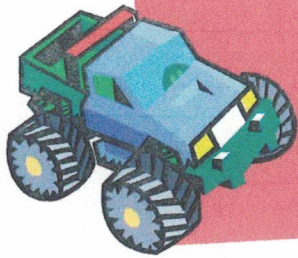
If you know of any families that might be interested in seeing what Saint Stan's has to offer, please have them contact the school and schedule a tour!

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St. Stan's Carnival

Bed, Bath & Toys Stand



- Towels
- Blankets
- Blenders
- Glassware
- Beach Towels
- Board Games
- Small Appliances
- Sheets
- Barbie Dolls
- Matchbox Cars
- Sport Toys
- Trucks
- Lego's
- etc.

(No Stuffed Animals)

We need your
Donations!
New & Unopened
Items Only!



Please drop off your donations in the
Church Lobby

St. Stan's Carnival

JUNE 19-22, 2019

HOMEMADE CAKES NEEDED!



At least 60 cakes
are needed per day!!

Please drop off your cakes at
the cake stand daily.

We can never have enough cakes!!





Bingo Sign-Up

The 2019-2020 school year Bingo duty signup is now live!

Follow the instructions below.

BINGO HOURS: Sundays from 12-4 pm
 Thursdays from 6-10 pm

If you cannot make your scheduled shift, you must find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement, please call/text [Beth Poulsen](tel:732-236-6776) (732-236-6776) or email bethie726@aol.com.

Sign up in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Go onto SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/go/aHndcpS> or go onto the St. Stan's website, under Parents & Students tab, click on "Bingo Sign Up," and follow the link button (available after July 1st). You can even do it right from your smartphone!!
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.



Please note that up to 5 days before the next month begins you will have the ability to change your dates if needed. After that time all assignments will be locked in. For your convenience a reminder email is sent a few days prior to your shift. Also the current month's assignments will be listed on the website under "Bingo Calendar."





May 28, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for participating in our most recent survey, *Catholic Identity: Defining Characteristics*. As you well know, the mission of our Catholic schools is to proclaim the Gospel, to build community and to serve others. Catholic schools must provide an excellent academic program that is developed in a faith-filled community that reflects the teachings of the Catholic Church. As Pope Benedict XVI stated, "Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the good news. First and foremost, every Catholic institution is a place to encounter the Living God, who in Jesus Christ, reveals His transforming love and truth. Catholic schools are an outstanding apostolate of hope."

As the parents and guardians of Catholic school students, you have a unique perspective on our Catholic identity; we welcome your opinion as we assess that identity. In our assessment of our schools, we are guided by the *National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*. The survey you completed specifically assessed the defining characteristics of Catholic schools. The characteristics serve as the platform on which our standards and benchmarks are built. They provide the justification and meaning to all we do in our schools. These defining characteristics are:

- Centered in the Person of Jesus Christ
- Contributing to the Evangelizing Mission of the Church
- Distinguished by Excellence
- Committed to Educate the Whole Child
- Steeped in a Catholic Worldview
- Sustained by Gospel Witness
- Shaped by Communion and Community
- Accessible to All Students
- Established by the Expressed Authority of the Bishop

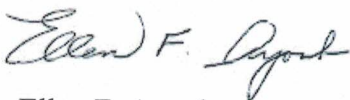
We had 1873 responses from parents and guardians and the results are most gratifying to see. Your responses to the statements were very positive, particularly in the following areas: the display of symbols of the faith throughout the school; the school is a community of prayer; Jesus and His teachings are made known to all students; students develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ; and, the school lives the Gospel message through service to the poor and those in need. You can clearly see how closely these statements align with our defining characteristics.

As we look to next year, using your responses as a guide, we will be providing additional opportunities in our schools and diocese to assist parents/guardians to fulfill their role as the primary teachers of the faith to their children. By using our year of consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe, we want to live Bishop Checchio's words, "to set a fire in the heart of our world, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in Central New Jersey." We will have many opportunities to work together during the upcoming school year.

One of the statements you responded to is: Our school does everything it can to eliminate obstacles that hinder or exclude students from receiving a Catholic education. As a school and diocesan response to your interest in this, we will refocus our efforts at advocacy for school choice in the NJ Legislature and for meaningful change to the current system of school busing. We will be looking for innovative suggestions from our parents/guardians as we work together to address these ongoing concerns.

As this school year comes to a close, I want to thank you for your participation in our surveys this year and your dedication to Catholic education. Pope Benedict XVI stated, "A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above others, should help all its students to become saints." Thank you for allowing us to partner with you and your children in this beautiful task.

Sincerely,



Ellen F. Ayoub
Secretary of Education