



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Elena Malinconico
Principal

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"We know what we are but not what we might be."

October 3, 2019

Dear St. Stans' Families:

Watching our students grow into what they may be someday is one of the most exciting parts of being an educator. We have the privilege of watching this growth over the course of each school year they fill our classrooms.

Next week we begin the first set of M.A.P. testing, MAP is an acronym for measures of academic progress. These tests in math and language arts will be given three times over the course of the year. This testing is replacing any other standardized testing we have previously used. As educators, we are quite excited to go this route with this new nationally normed test. We are like gardeners, and our goal is steady growth throughout an academic year for each student. This test will allow us to track all students growth very closely and adjust our teaching and curriculum on a regular basis as opposed to waiting until the end of the school year. This program is very similar to a program we previously used, so it will be relatively easy for our students to acclimate themselves to it. We want students to do their very best; but this is not a test one that should invoke dread or pressure with anyone; if you have questions please contact my office.

A reminder that Monday, October 7th is an early dismissal and Wednesday, October 9th is picture day! Students are allowed to wear any uniform (except gym) that you choose. Also, please be advised I will send out a letter and Honeywell when students must switch over to the winter uniform (most likely towards the end of October). Finally, class parent request forms were sent out today. I ask you to please seriously consider helping our teachers, school and HSA by volunteering to do this job.

As always, you remain in my prayers.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico
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Dear St. Stans' Parents and Guardians:

Aftercare is a service we provide for working parents. It is in place from the final bell until 6 pm. Over the course of the first month of school we have been presented with a significant number of parents missing the 6 pm end time; while I am aware that occasionally issues arise to cause parents to be late, this is becoming a real issue. Beginning with October we will need to initiate a new policy.

If you arrive after 6pm according to the school clocks, you will incur a charge of \$1.00 per minute per child. This charge is in place for all parents, **including** any families who may have made a payment, in full, at the start of the year. You must call the after care number to inform the teachers that you will be late and finally after three occasions of late pick ups the school reserves the right to exclude your children from aftercare. This is certainly not the course of action we would choose to make; but in fairness to our teachers and our students we need to make it an option. Should you have any questions please contact the main office.

Sincerely,

Elena Malinconico
Principal

October 3, 2019

Dear Parents,

St. Stanislaus Kostka is as successful as we are due to the dedication of parents who constantly help our school and its students. With this in mind, I am asking for class parent volunteers. Class parents work in conjunction with the classroom teacher, the HSA, and the school administration. We ask for two parents in each grade level so that there is no burden on one person.

The primary responsibilities as class parent are as follows:

- To help facilitate special events in their child's classroom at the direction of the teacher (you do not have to be available to come to school for classroom events, your main job is to involve as many as parents as possible to come and help)
- To attend the Christmas Bazaar meeting
- To organize the class basket for the Christmas bazaar
- To attend all HSA meetings

There will be a class parent meeting on October 10 at 2:15 to go over the responsibilities in greater detail. If you are interested in becoming a class parent complete and return the form below no later than October 7, 2019. Thank you so much for considering lending a hand in this capacity.

Mrs. Malinconico & Mrs. Hodder

I am interested in being a class parent for the 2019-2020 school year. Please return this form no later than October 7, 2019.

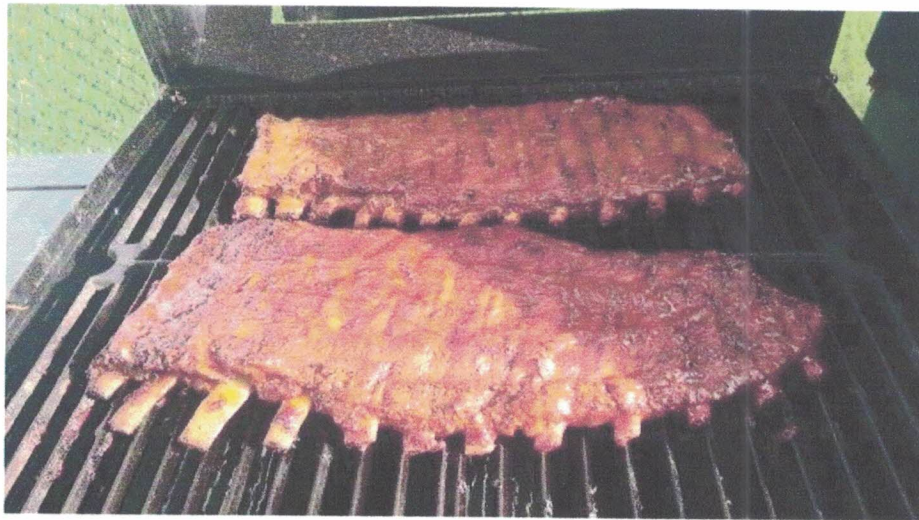
Parent's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Grade(s) which you wish to be considered:

Grade	Child's Name
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

ST. STAN'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY CARNIVAL SPARE RIBS



Saturday, October 5, 2019
At St. Stan's Carnival Grounds
11:00 AM - till the ribs run out!
Price - \$20.00 Full Rack
\$12.00 Half Rack



Dear Parents,

Our first major fundraiser for this school year will take place on Friday, October 18th. That evening, we are having our 7th Annual Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray.

With every fundraiser we also need volunteers. We will need about 25 people to work the Coach Bingo that evening. The shift will start at 5:PM **sharp** and end at approximately 11:PM. This will count as an “**other**” for work bond. Please understand that if you are buying a ticket to attend the Bingo then you **cannot** work the event. There will be other opportunities during the school year to fulfill your “other” work bond commitment such as Book Fair, Christmas Bazaar set-up or clean-up, etc...

If you would like to volunteer to work please send back the bottom portion of this form to the school office, Attention: Gina Rispoli, HSA. Those assigned to work the event will be posted in the white envelope the week prior to the event. Volunteers will be added on a first come, first assigned basis.

Thank you for your support and we hope to have a very successful fundraiser and school year!

Print Your Name:_____

Child's Name & Grade:_____

Phone #:_____

_____ I would like to work the Coach Bingo on Friday, October 18th. I understand that I cannot play bingo and work the event.

The HSA invites you to.....
St. Stanislaus Kostka School's

Trunk or Treat



Saturday, October 26th
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
St. Stanislaus Kostka School Grounds

****WE NEED FAMILIES TO HOST TRUNKS****

How It Works

Families park and decorate their trunks in the school parking lot and trick-or-treaters will go from car to car to show off their costumes and collect treats.

YOU SUPPLY THE TREATS!!!!

Car set-up 3:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.

- You **MUST** pre-register your car. No registrations will be accepted the day of the event.
- For the safety of our children, you **MUST** arrive at the parking lot by 3:30 p.m.
- Parking will be on a first-come, first serve basis.

There will also be food, snacks and drinks available for purchase provided by Food For All Food Truck and Maple Magic Confectionery as well as a DJ, car decorating contest and costume contest!

GAMES, ACTIVITIES, HAUNTED HOUSE, RIDES (Unlimited trips on everything with purchase of wristband for \$15.00)

**For more information or if you have any questions,
contact Carolyn at 732-406-3459 or cjbera@aol.com**

St. Stanislaus Kostka School's



REGISTRATION FORM

I understand that I will need to have my car parked no later than 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, October 26th at St. Stanislaus Kostka School and that I will be responsible for purchasing candy and/or novelty items to distribute to the trick-or-treaters.

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Deadline to Register: Wednesday, October 23rd.

Please return this form to: Carolyn Bera c/o Lizzie, Grade 7
Any questions, or for more information contact Carolyn at
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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 17, 2019

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the past couple of weeks, I've had the chance to visit three of our Catholic Schools - St. Ann in Raritan, St. Thomas the Apostle in Old Bridge, and St. Matthias in Somerset. It was a joy to visit with the wide-eyed students, dedicated teachers and administrators. As you have heard me say before, one of the many blessings I have found in serving as the Bishop of Metuchen is the opportunity to visit our parishes and schools. The chance to support and witness the different catechetical and service initiatives taking place is so encouraging.

I was sad to learn, however, that for nearly 115,000 people, just in our four-county diocese, poverty is a day-to-day reality. Here in the Diocese of Metuchen, we are blessed with a rich diversity of ethnicities, cultures, languages, religions, and a broad economic diversity, too. The four counties in our diocese - Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren - are some of the wealthiest areas in our state, yet poverty continues to rise, especially in urban areas where there is an alarmingly high poverty and school dropout rate, some of the highest in the state.

Poverty has a significant impact on a family's ability to provide children with a quality education. Economic disadvantage is, in many ways, associated with educational disadvantage and yet, a quality education is critical to breaking the cycle of poverty. As a diocese, we are committed to education and, particularly, the education of the poor. Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen work hard to give parents a choice by keeping Catholic education available and as affordable as possible to ensure our schools are for everyone, rich or poor. Our diocese provided \$796,250 in scholarships to needy students for this current year, thanks to donations from you, our faithful to the diocese and in the annual collection as well as from interest on some endowed funds held by the diocese in a sacred trust for this purpose.

As a new further effort, I am grateful for the recent establishment of **Hope through Education**, a newly incorporated, independent, nonprofit charitable organization. Hope through Education was established by lay people from throughout the diocese to try to close the educational gap by providing low-income families with partial tuition scholarships for children K-12 to attend private and parochial schools located in our four counties. This will be a God-send. As an independent nonprofit corporation, even businesses not able to donate to the Church are able to offer hope to the children of our diocese by helping them to attend private and Catholic schools. Through this partnership, I am indeed hopeful that we can make our Catholic schools even more accessible to our youth.

In its first organizational year, Hope through Education offered 26 scholarships of need-based tuition-assistance, totaling \$74,000, to qualified low-income students living in our diocese and though that amount is significant, the need is even greater. From the applications for tuition assistance we receive each year, low-income applicants are in need of more than \$2 million in tuition assistance. There is great need, but gratefully we are blessed with resources throughout our diocese, too.


As Pope Francis reminds us, “parents themselves enjoy the right to choose freely the kind of education – accessible and of good quality – which they wish to give their children in accordance with their convictions.” (Amoris Laetitia, 84).

I invite and challenge you to be attentive to the needs of the poor, especially the economically disadvantaged youth in our diocese. They are our future, but they are our present, too. We must recognize the need to provide them with a quality, values-based education, so that they have the opportunity to develop to their full potential, grow in their love for the Lord and his Church, and take the Gospel message out into the world. Through our commitment and generosity, let us together take this concrete step to reduce the long-term impact of poverty and prepare the way so that all children may have a bright future.

Please pray for the success of Hope through Education and also for all of our young people, as they begin a new school year and another year of catechetical formation, growing in their own discipleship. Be assured of my love, gratitude and prayers for you, even as I ask for your prayers for me and my ministry here too.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,


Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen



**HOPE
THROUGH
EDUCATION.**
a fund for better futures

hope is on the way

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September 25, 2019

Dear Principals and Pastors with Schools,

Did you hear the exciting news?

A story about a new organization, **Hope through Education – A Fund for Better Futures**, recently ran in the Catholic Spirit, and last week Bishop Checchio also issued a letter about our organization. His letter is attached.

Hope was incorporated in 2018 with the full support of the Diocese of Metuchen. It is led by a board of executives with expertise in finance, accounting, marketing, law, technology, nonprofit management, and real estate – many of them past Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) board members.

I mean this sincerely when I say that this has been a labor of love for our 14 Founding Board members. Their driving motivation is to help children reach their full potential with a great education.

Our Mission is to provide the poorest children living in Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset, or Warren counties with access to academically excellent, values-based schools. Economic disadvantage is, in many ways, associated with educational disadvantage. The fates of these children are often sealed before they even step foot into the classroom.

Our goal is to change these outcomes, to invest in these students – regardless of race or religion – and to close the wide economic and educational gap that can exist from school-age into adulthood.

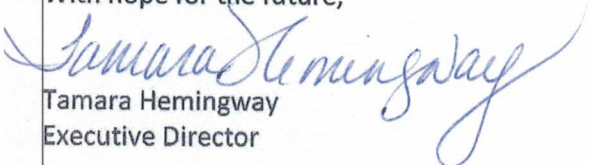
In fact, we have already distributed \$74,000 in Hope Scholarships to deserving children attending nine private and parochial schools this year!

In my new position I am responsible for overseeing the administration, programs and strategic plan for Hope. In addition, with Hope serving the Diocese as a third-party administrator, **I will continue to oversee administration of the FCE Annual Scholarship Program, which includes Kelly's Angels Grants and the Diocesan Tuition Angel Program.**

I have worked with some of you for more than a decade in my prior role with the Diocese, and I am excited to continue as a partner in providing critically needed financial aid to families that are unable to afford the full cost of tuition. I will be in touch soon with details on the 2020-2021 application process for both programs (Hope and FCE).

We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Bishop Checchio and the Diocese of Metuchen for their resounding support and look forward to serving as a significant source of greatly needed tuition assistance for decades to come.

With hope for the future,


Tamara Hemingway
Executive Director

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