

## St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Lori Hodder Principal

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"We can do hard things."

January 27, 2022

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families.

We are almost at the end of another successful Catholic Schools Week! We will close out the week with an 11:50 AM dismissal tomorrow for Teacher Appreciation Day. Students should come dressed in their uniforms.

Other important dates include.

- ✓ Feb. 2 11:50 AM dismissal
- ✓ Feb. 4 9:00 Mass/students only
- ✓ Feb. 7 18 MAP Testing
- ✓ Feb. 14 Valentine's Themed dress down day/\$3
- ✓ Feb. 18 21 NO SCHOOL/President's Day
- ✓ Feb. 24 Dress Down Day/\$5/Proceeds going to Sayreville TNR for Animals

Re-registration information is going home in today's white envelope. The re-registration paperwork is due in to the office by **February 28**, and fees will come out that day via FACTS. If you are not returning for the 2022-2023 school year, the office must be notified by **February 16** and an exit interview needs to be scheduled.

On a final note, thank you for all of the donations that were sent in for our Christian service projects this week! We were able to help out so many worth causes with the items collected.

Stay safe everyone, and as always you are in my prayers.

Warmest regards,

Lori Hodder Principal



# FEBRUARY 2022 ST. STAN'S SCHOOL





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2:00-3:00 Religion Club Confessions	2 11:50 Dismissal Groundhog Day	3	9:00 Mass - Students Only	5
6	7 2:00-3:00 Wiffle Ball Club MAP Testing Begins Gr. 1-8	8 2:00-3:00 Religion Club	9 2:00-3:00 Sewing Club	10	11	12
Happy Valentine's Day	\$3 Out of Uniform Day - Valentine's Theme 2:00-3:00 Wiffle Ball Club Valentine's Day	2:00-3:00 Religion Club	16  Deadline for families not re-registering	17 MAP Testing Ends	18 School Closed	19
20	President's Day - School Closed	22	23 2:00-3:00 Sewing Club	24 \$5 Out of Uniform Charity Day	25	26
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## Re-Registration Grades 1-8 All Families

Welcome back to St. Stanislaus Kostka School! We are continuing our streamlines re-registration process. All families will be automatically re-registered. Please refer to the back of this page to see the tuition fees for the 2022-2023 school year. If you do not want to re-register, you must send a written letter to the office

stating that you will not be returning and the reason why. This letter must be received by the school office by February 16, 2021 to avoid re-registration fees.

We are continuing to use the FACTS program for all tuition and fees. Remember to update any necessary information if anything has changed. Their website link is: https://online.factsmat.com/signin/3KPX8

On February 28, 2021, your FACTS account will be charged the following:

Academic Fee	\$350.00 per student
Registration Fee	\$50.00 per family

Your current H.S.A. Workbond Fee will be rolled over into the next school year, upon the conditions of completing your workbond requirements for the 2021-2022 school year. If you do not complete your workbond, the deposit will not be rolled over. It will be held and you are required to pay the additional \$750.00 penalty no later than August 15, 2022. At that time you will also be required to pay the new \$250.00 workbond deposit for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in opting out of the voucher program, you must send a check to the school in the amount of \$125.00 no later than February 22, 2022.

This re-registration program eliminates the need to complete any re-registration paperwork on your part. Attached you will find the following:

- a B6T transportation form
- a textbook loan form
- a family income survey
- the H.S.A. commitment form

This information is used to determine the school's eligibility for state and federal funding, and is very important to our fiscal health. Please complete and return all the above forms to the school office by **February 28, 2022**.

## Choose the correct column (no. of children). CIRCLE amounts that apply and TOTAL each section.

#### I. TUITION

Number of Children	1	2	3 or more
Active Parishioner	5670	8160	9960
All Others	7100	10.400	40,000
All Others Option 1 ONLY	7100	10,490	12,820
Subtract 6%	_	-	-

#### **TUITION TOTAL**

The above total represents your tuition for the 2022-2023 school year. In order to avoid late fees, payment for Options 1 is due no later than July 5 or 20 and payments for Option 2 are due no later than July 5 or 20 and December 5 or 20. All families must be enrolled in F.A.C.T.S.

#### II. REGISTRATION FEES

Academic Fee (non-refundable)	350	700	1050
Registration Fee (new students only, non-refu	100 indable)	200	300

#### REGISTRATION FEE TOTAL

#### III. H.S.A COMMITMENT

Commitment per Family	250	250	250
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DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION OR RE-REGISTRATION \* NO EXEMPTIONS WILL BE MADE AFTER REGISTRATION IS EXCEPTED\*

#### H.S.A. TOTAL

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If you are interested in opting out of the voucher program, you must send in a check to the school in the amount of \$125.00 no later than February 28, 2022.

## ST. STAN'S HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION JULY 2022-JUNE 2023 COMMITMENT RE-REGISTRATION

Parental involvement is crucial to the success of all parochial schools as it is to St. Stan's. The H.S.A. at St. Stan's supports the students and faculty with various activities such as school trips, assemblies, holiday parties and special events to enhance the education experience at St. Stan's. Equally as important, the H.S.A. supports the school by providing funding to defer school expenses that are not met by tuition including salaries, supplies, utilities, etc.

Only when we all contribute our time and effort will St. Stan's achieve it's full potential. Please read the Commitment Requirements on the attached sheet. Please make every effort to fulfill your obligation so that we can provide a quality education and environment for our children.

If you have any questions or concerns about this commitment, please contact the President or Vice President of the H.S.A. through the School Office.

Your current H.S.A. Workbond deposit of \$250.00 will be rolled over into the next school year, upon condition of completing your work bond requirements for the 2021-2022 school year. If you do not complete the work bond your deposit will not be rolled over but rather will be held and you are required to pay the additional \$750.00 penalty no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>. Due at that time will also be your new \$250.00 deposit for the 2022-2023 school year.

\*\*Voucher Opt Out (optional): \$125 fee IS DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION, NO EXEMPTIONS WILL BE MADE AFTER REGISTRATION IS EXCEPTED\*\*

IF YOU DON'T OPT OUT OR PURCHASE \$2500 IN VOUCHERS YOU WILL FORFEIT YOUR \$250 WORKBOND DEPOSIT.

Your registration is not complete without this signed commitment and work bond deposit.

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#### 2022-2023

#### HSA WORK-BOND REQUIREMENTS July 1st-June 30th

#### MANDATORY:

Christmas Bazaar

1 Shift

Carnival

2 Shifts:

(1 shift Wednesday or Thursday)

(1 shift Friday or Saturday)

Bingo

5 Shifts

#### TWO SHIFTS OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Christmas Bazaar Set-up

Christmas Bazaar Clean-up

Coach Bingo (one shift counts as two others)

Book Fair

Other Events as Determined by HSA (food prep; pie fundraiser; raffle sales; etc)

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Raffle Books

Christmas - \$20

Calendar Raffle - \$20

Carnival - \$20

Read-a-Thon Pledge

\$100 per family

Color Run Pledge

\$50 per family

Shoprite Gift Cards

\$2500 (per year) or \$125 opt out

(available in parish office)

Please note that the work bond requirements <u>MAY</u> change depending on the needs of the school, the enrollment of students, and COVID-19 restrictions. Ample notice will be given to any changes made to these requirements.

## INDIVIDUAL STUDENT REQUEST FOR LOAN OF TEXTBOOKS

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Department of Education

December 2021

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 2022-2023 school year, we are blessed to provide Diocesan school financial aid to support low-income families who send their children to our elementary and high schools.

To be eligible your child(ren) must be Roman Catholic, must be entering grades K-12 in September 2022, 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 Immaculata High School or St. Thomas Aquinas 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 or from Hope through Education (https://hopethrougheducationusa.org).

Families that require computer access and/or help with the online application should contact the school/s where you plan to enroll your child/ren.

Application instructions, with deadlines, are attached and are also available online at 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 school or schools where you plan to send your children. If you are enrolling children in more than one school, you should submit a copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form to the additional school/s.

We are not able to consider an application without this form, signed by you and your Pastor. Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call FACTS Grant & Aid at 866.315.9262.

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

Sincerely,

Ellen Ayoub

Secretary of Education

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**Enclosures** 



## Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2022-2023 Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid must complete an online application at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. The application period opens January 1, 2022 and will officially close on March 31, 2022. Awards will be announced on or about the first week of June 2022.

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. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

#### **ELIGIBILTY**

#### To be eligible to apply for School Financial Aid:

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2022—scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool, although they should be included on the FACTS online application;
- Student must be attending one of our 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen, and families must submit a Parish Verification Form to the school/s where they plan to enroll their child/ren by March 31. A copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form may be used by families enrolling children in more than one school (see list of eligible schools and parishes on reverse side or go to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance to view a list or print the form).
- All families must submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to each school their child/ren plan to attend or their FACTS online application will not meet the eligibility requirements for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid and will not be processed.

#### **APPLICATION**

#### Required documents include:

- Copies of your 2020 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2021 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both you and your spouse or co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

#### Documents must be:

- Scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- FACTS Grant & Aid does not accept documents sent by FAX or Email.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If you are applying to a Diocese of Metuchen school, your application will automatically "opt in" to the Hope through Education Scholarship Program online application process. If you meet the eligibility requirements for both Programs you will be considered for either Diocesan Financial Aid or a Hope through Education Scholarship
- For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262.

#### Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements

#### To be eligible, a student must:

- be a practicing Roman Catholic entering grades K-12 in September 2022;
- attend or plan to attend a Diocese of Metuchen School (eligible schools listed below); and
- Provide the school/s you plan to enroll your children in with a completed Parish Verification Form signed by the Pastor of a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Metuchen (eligible parishes listed below)

## School List (by city): High Schools

Edison – St. Thomas Aquinas Somerville – Immaculata

#### **Elementary**

Annandale – Immaculate Conception
Basking Ridge – St. James
Perpendicular – School of St. Fligshot

Bernardsville – School of St. Elizabeth

Carteret – St. Joseph

Colonia – St. John Vianney

East Brunswick - St. Bartholomew

Edison - St. Helena

St. Matthew the Apostle

Kendall Park – St. Augustine of Canterbury

Metuchen - St. Francis

Old Bridge - St. Ambrose

St. Thomas the Apostle

Perth Amboy - Perth Amboy Catholic

Phillipsburg – Ss. Philip and James

Raritan - St. Ann

Sayreville – Our Lady of Victories

St. Stanislaus Kostka

Somerset - St. Matthias

Somerville – Immaculate Conception

South Plainfield - Holy Savior

Academy

Spotswood - Immaculate Conception

Woodbridge - St. James

#### Parish List (by city):

Alpha - St. Mary

Annandale - Immaculate Conception

Avenel - St. Andrew

Baptistown - Our Lady of Victories

Basking Ridge St. James

Belvidere - St. Patrick

Bernardsville - Our Lady of Perpetual

Help

Blairstown - St. Jude

Bloomsbury - Annunciation

Bound Brook - St. Joseph

St. Mary of Czestochowa

Bridgewater - Holy Trinity

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Califon - St. John Neumann

Carteret - Divine Mercy

St. Joseph

Colonia - St. John Vianney

Dunellen - St. John the Evangelist

East Brunswick - St. Bartholomew

Edison - St. Helena

St. Matthew the Apostle

Edison-Highland Park – Transfiguration

of the Lord

Far Hills - Peapack -

St. Elizabeth - St. Brigid

Flemington - St. Magdalen de Pazzi

Fords - Our Lady of Peace

Great Meadows - Ss. Peter & Paul

Hackettstown - Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Hampton - St. Ann

Helmetta - Holy Trinity

High Bridge - St. Joseph

Hillsborough - Mary, Mother of God

St. Joseph

Hopelawn - Good Shepherd

Iselin - St. Cecelia

Jamesburg - St. James the Less

Kendall Park - St. Augustine of

Canterbury

Lambertville - St. John the Evangelist

Laurence Harbor- St. Lawrence

Manville - Christ the Redeemer

Martinsville - Blessed Sacrament

Metuchen - Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

Middlesex - Our Lady of Mt. Virgin

Milford - St. Edward the Confessor

Milltown - Our Lady of Lourdes

Monmouth Junction - St. Cecilia Monroe Twp - Nativity of Our Lord

Montgomery Twp-St. Charles Borromeo

New Brunswick - Holy Family

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish of the Visitation

St. Peter the Apostle

North Brunswick - Our Lady of Peace

North Plainfield - St. Joseph

St. Luke

Old Bridge - Most Holy Redeemer

St. Ambrose

St. Thomas the Apostle

Oxford - St. Rose of Lima

Parlin - St. Bernadette

Perth Amboy - Most Holy Name of

Jesus

Our Lady of Fatima

St. John Paul II

Phillipsburg - St. Philip & St. James

Piscataway - Our Lady of Fatima

St. Frances Cabrini

Pittstown - St. Catherine of Siena

Plainsboro - Queenship of Mary

Port Murray - St. Theodore

Port Reading - St. Anthony of Padua

Raritan - St. Ann

St. Joseph

Sayreville - Our Lady of Victories

St. Stanislaus Kostka

Somerset - St. Matthias

Somerville - Immaculate Conception

South Amboy – Sacred Heart

St. Mary

South Bound Brook - Our Lady of

Mercy

South Plainfield - Our Lady of

Czestochowa

Church of the Sacred Heart

South River - Corpus Christi

St. Mary of Ostrabrama

St. Stephen Protomartyr

Spotswood - Immaculate Conception

Three Bridges - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Warren - Our Lady of the Mount

Washington – St. Joseph

Watchung - St. Mary - Stony Hill

Whitehouse Station - Our Lady of

Lourdes

Woodbridge - St. James



#### DIOCESE OF METUCHEN – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR REQUIRED PARISH VERIFICATION FORM

By signing below, the Pastor of a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen is confirming that the Elementary/High School applicants/s listed on this form are registered in and attend his parish, thereby meeting the parish verification requirement for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid.

Parents – you must complete this form, sign it, obtain your Pastor's signature, and return it to the Diocesan school/s where your child/ren will be enrolled. If your children attend more than one Diocese of Metuchen school, you may copy the completed, signed form for any additional school/s. Forms must be signed by the Pastor and Parent/Guardian and submitted to the school/s by no later than March 31, 2022.

All eligibility requirements and a list of eligible schools and parishes can be found on the back of this form and on the Diocese of Metuchen website at <a href="https://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assisstance">www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assisstance</a>.

#### **ALL APPLICANT FAMILIES MUST:**

- Complete an online application through FGAA (one application/family) <a href="https://online.factsmgt.com/aid">https://online.factsmgt.com/aid</a>;
- Submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to the school/s their child/ren will attend by March 31
  (please list all children attending a Diocese of Metuchen School, and the name or names of the schools they are attending); and
- YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS FORM ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED. MAKE ONE COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SCHOOL.

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 20, 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin a new calendar year, we always make time to recognize our Catholic schools. Unfortunately, again this year we are challenged to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (January 30 – February 5, 2022) in the midst of rising COVID numbers and the disruption that has resulted. But, as always, our schools will rise to the challenge. I was very proud that our schools were able to offer in-person education last year to those families that wanted to have their children in school. In addition, for those families that preferred to have their students remain at home, a very successful virtual learning opportunity existed in every school. It was a great blessing to be able to serve our families, and I am so grateful to the pastors, principals and teachers that made it happen. The students were most cooperative too. Without a doubt, being able to keep our schools open during that challenging time was certainly a blessing.

While we all had hoped that this school year would be a bit easier, that has not proven to be the case. Once again, our schools have adapted to the needs of the school community. They are providing virtual learning to those that must quarantine, being attentive to health and safety requirements, and enjoying as many school activities as possible. There are school Masses celebrated, plays being performed, school clubs have resumed and outreach to others remains a hallmark of a Catholic school.

In my recent Pastoral Letter on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Metuchen, I asked that we embrace three priorities that will enable us to answer the Lord's call even more effectively: increased prayer, works of mercy and vocations. During this anniversary year, I am looking forward to learning how these priorities will be met in the schools. There are many liturgical celebrations during the year in every school, Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, special devotions, and daily prayer.

This year, there will be an increased focus on prayer, the quiet time that our students need to be with God. The campus ministry programs at our high schools have many good activities taking place. Recently, given the number of young priests we have ordained, we are blessed to again have some young priests assigned full time to our high schools as Directors of Catholic Identity and as teachers, who I hope and pray are able to foster the prayer lives of our students and faculties. Our schools are such an important part of our evangelization efforts, as they assist our students in not only learning about Jesus and the Church but in deepening their friendship with Him. I hear from our school parents how grateful they are as our schools not only offer a great education for their children but also enable our families to live Gospel values proudly at a time when that is becoming more and more challenging.

I am always so impressed, too, by the outreach and acts of mercy that our school communities do within their school and parish, but also for others. From Appalachia to Haiti and beyond, students and their families are encouraged to reach out and act in the name of Jesus. This year, I am asking that our students, just like everyone else in the diocese, perform 40 acts of mercy in honor of our anniversary year. So often when students participate in outreach of any kind, the entire family becomes involved, and that is such a blessing.

The third priority we are embracing during this anniversary year is the need for vocations. We must constantly pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is difficult in today's noisy and fast paced world to create a culture that allows young men and women to be able to even hear God's call. Our Catholic schools must be such places. I was delighted to hear that each of our schools has "adopted" one of our seminarians. In some schools, the seminarian has visited, either virtually or in person, to discuss his spiritual journey and vocation with the students. It is good to know that there are so many prayers coming from our students in support of our seminarians and praying for more young men and women to answer God's call to serve as priests and religious.

As a product of Catholic schools, I know what a blessing they are, and am so grateful to my parents for having always sent me to Catholic schools. I was not as aware then of all the significant sacrifices people make for our Catholic schools but have certainly learned that, so I want to thank all those who make our schools possible. We here in the Diocese of Metuchen are blessed by the leadership of Ellen Ayoub who serves as our Secretary for Schools. Her love of our Lord and His Church is evident, and she knows well the value of what our schools do. We are grateful for her dedication to our school families. I am grateful, too, for all our religious sisters and brothers who have taught with our dedicated lay teachers, our principals, administrators and staff and I truly appreciate all the dedicated supporters of our schools.

I am very thankful that quite a few of our pastors have told me that in these past two years more people are choosing to send their children to our Catholic schools. I know from my own experience and from what I see, they will not regret it.

While I have the great privilege of learning about our school communities through by visits to them, even now as we are being more careful, I invite you to visit the Office of Catholic Schools' website to learn more about our wonderful schools. Check our social media, too, to see what is happening in the schools.

So, as we journey into a new year, please join me in praying for our youth as well as our schools and all who make them possible. Know of my love and prayers for you always and may all of you have a Blessed 2022.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

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

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### **Outerwear Winter Clothing Drive**

January 24th to January 31st

Dear St. Stan's Families and Friends.

January 24th is our *Christian Service Day* to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Various service projects will be started this day to continue our mission to help those in need.

We are collecting gently used or new winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for the homeless. We will also accept gently used blankets. These items will be donated to the Blessing Bag Brigade NJ who will distribute the items to those in need.

There will be collection bins in the main entrance or items can be dropped off in front of the 3rd grade classroom. The Religion Club will be separating the items collected to make distribution easier for the Blessing Bag Brigade.

Thank you for your continued support to help those in need. Monetary donations will be accepted and given to the Blessing Bag Brigade for any items they are in need of during this time. Cash or check made out to St. Stan's School to the attention of Mrs. Grover - Outerwear Winter Clothing Drive.

Please contact Mrs. Grover <a href="mailto:lgrover@sskschool.org">lgrover@sskschool.org</a> for any questions.

The Blessing Bag Brigade NJ is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to showing compassion and humanitarianism towards those in need.

Committed to aiding the homeless and educating the public.



### Freezin for a Reason

Dive into St. Stan's School spirit at the **Polar Bear Plunge for**Catholic Education sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians

Division 2 Monmouth.

The plunge will take place on Saturday, March 5th in Sea Bright, New Jersey at the Municipal Beach. Registration begins at 11am and closes at 12:30 pm. 1:00 pm is plunge time!

The money raised for this event will go towards the back lot repavement project. 10% of all cash and check donations will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

If you would like to be a part of our St. Stan's Plunge Team, please fill out the form on the next page and return with a \$30.00 registration fee to the attention of Mrs. Grover by **Friday**, **February 25th**.

Those who are plunging *must* return the *Sponsor Form* on the third page with signature/date and donations raised by Friday, March 4th to the attention of Mrs. Grover.

If you would like to make a *donation only*, please see the bottom of the next page for information.

Polar Bear Plunge school spirit wear will be available for sale. Information to come home soon. Those who make a purchase will be able to wear this on a date to be announced.

Thank you for your support!!



## Polar Bear Plunge 2022

Yes! I will be there at the event	to join our plunge team, and I will
collect sponsor donations for our sch	ool.
\$30.00 registration fee per plun	iger (money goes back to our school/Out o
Uniform Pass to be received)	
Name of plunger:	
Child's name:	Grade
Parent email:	
*Attached sponsor form must be filled	d out and signed and turned in along
with any donations by Friday, March	4 to the attention of Mrs. Grover. Mrs
Grover will turn in the registration for	ms the day of the event.
Students and faculty/staff member	s who <b>take the plunge</b> will be able to
dress down on Monday, March	n 7th as well as receive additional
-	for every \$50.00 donation.
□ \$30.00 sponsor pledge for <b>nor</b>	n plungers will receive an Out of
Uniform pass. Receive an additi	ional pass for every \$50.00 donation.
Name:	Grade

Please return this form and money to
Mrs. Grover by Friday, February 25th.
Cash or checks made out to: St. Stan's School
Venmo: @Lisa-Grover-15

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Grover at

<a href="mailto:lgrover@sskschool.org">lgrover@sskschool.org</a>





## 16th ANNUAL AOH POLAR PLUNGE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION Sponsor Form

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 In Water 1:00 pm Host: Town of Sea Bright: Municipal Beach

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PLUNGER			School Name:	
NAME			St. Stanislaus Kostka School	Sayreville, NJ
SPONSOR N	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE	AMOUNT
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I KNOW THAT A POLAR PLUNGE IS A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY. I SHOULD NOT ENTER OR PARTICIPATE UNLESS I AM MEDICALLY ABLE. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND DIRECTIONS OF THE PLUNGE SPONSORS. I ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PLUNGE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE EFFECTS OF EXTREMELY COLD WATER AND TEMPERATURE ON MY BODY, FALLS AND THE RISKS OF ENTERING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. KNOWING THE RISKS I, MYSELF AND ANYONE ENTITLED TO ACT ON MY BEHALF WAIVE AND RELEASE THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, ALL SCHOOLS, THE CITY OF SEA BRIGHT, NJ AND ALL SPONSORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR SUCCESSORS FROM ALL CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES OF ANY KIND ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT OR CARELESSNESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN THIS WAIVER. IN ADDITION, I GRANT THE ORGANIZERS TO USE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, AND OTHER MEDIA OF THIS EVENT FOR LEGITIMATE PURPOSES. I KNOW THAT THIS EVENT INVOLVES THE COLLECTION OF PLEDGES. PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

## PLUNGER'S UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE THIS FORM SIGNED BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

PLUNGE SIGNATURE:	DATE:
QUESTIONS: James Shaw (Plunge Organizer)	jnsiv1958@GMAIL.COM
School Organizer: Lisa Grover   Igrover@ssksc	chool.org