

St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

www.skschool.org
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"We can do hard things."

April 28, 2022

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

We are beginning the final leg of this school year. The next two months will be filled with events so please pay attention to dates listed below, and the May calendar that is going home.

- ✓ May 4 – 11:50 AM dismissal
May the 4th Be with You dress down day/\$3
- ✓ May 6 – 9:00 AM Mass/students only
- ✓ May 9 – MAP Testing begins
- ✓ May 13 – Field Day
Litany Benediction 8:00 AM/students only
- ✓ May 18 – Science Fair 7:00 PM
- ✓ May 20 – Field Day rain date
MAP Testing ends
- ✓ May 23-25 – 8th Grade Final Exams
- ✓ May 26 – 11:50 AM dismissal
Ascension Thursday Mass 9:00/students only

Our 5-8 Class Trip is this Friday, **April 29**. Please remember to have students follow the out of uniform dress code. In the handbook. **There are also NO BACKPACKS of any kind permitted on the trip.**

Finally, our Lenten MCA boxes raised a total of \$909, which is amazing! Our families are so very generous and kind to those in need.

As always, you will continue to be in my prayers.

Warmest regards,

Lori Hodder
Principal



MAY 2022

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 2:00-3:00 Wiffleball Club	3 2:00-3:00 Religion Club 4:30-5:30 2nd Grade Communion Practice Confessions	4 11:50 Dismissal 4:30-5:30 2nd Grade Communion Practice May the 4th Be With You - Star Wars Theme Out of Uniform - \$3.00	5	6 9:00 Mass - Students Only	7 10:00 AM First Holy Communion
8 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	9 Map Testing Begins	10	11 2:00-3:00 Girls On The Run	12 2:00-3:00 Dr. Seuss Club	13 8:00 Litany/ Benediction Gr. 3-8 FIELD DAY - Students dress in gym uniforms	14
15	16 2:00-3:00 Wiffleball Club	17 2:00-3:00 Religion Club	18 2:00-3:00 Girls On The Run 7:00 pm Science Fair	19 2:00-3:00 Dr. Seuss Club Patriotic Theme - Dress Down Day \$5	20 Field Day Raindate Map Testing Ends	21
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30
Memorial Day
- School
Closed

31
8th Grade
Class Trip



Jun 2022						
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SSK CARNIVAL SHIFT INFO FOR PARENTS

TWO MANDATORY SHIFTS
PER FAMILY

THURS, JUNE 23

FRI, JUNE 24

SAT, JUNE 25

"OTHER" SHIFTS

FOOD PREP

Tues, June 21 - Sat, June 25 - 8am

GROUNDS SET-UP

Mon, June 20 - 8:30am

Wed, June 22 6pm

SAVE THE DATE:

MANDATORY CARNIVAL WORKER MEETING

6/15 - 7PM

More info to follow from the School Office

visit <https://signup.com/go/CurcGbN> to schedule your shifts
and for more specific information

The Annual Carnival is coming!

We need your help!

The Grounds Committee has scheduled a number of workdays to prepare the Carnival grounds for the June festivities.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates and come join us.

The more volunteers the better!

Key Volunteer Days

- * **Monday, June 20, 2022 - 8:30 am** *
 - * **Tuesday, June 21, 2022 - 8:30 am** *
 - * **Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – 8:30 am** *
 - * **Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – 6:00 pm** *
- Moving tables and chairs for Food and Beer Tents

St. Stan's Carnival - June 23 – 25, 2022

Sunday, June 26, 2022 - 9:30 am

Post Carnival clean up, remove lights, return tables and chairs, and site restoration.

- * These dates are set aside for final site preparation, tent set-up, lighting, food tent set-up, moving tables and chairs, etc.

Your help during all or any portion of these workdays will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way toward easing the burden on all.

Please complete your volunteer sign-up sheet, and contact the school office to sign up and for information regarding your work bond.

Thank you for helping to ensure a better future for our school!

CARNIVAL GROCERY STAND

Bags for the Grocery Stand will be available after
all masses beginning
May 14th

Fill bags with non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, etc. (Check expiration dates) Also consider donating a food or gas gift card to be placed in the prize bag as well.

Please return completed bags to the church lobby by
June 19th

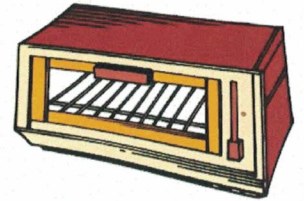


Your generosity helps make this stand a
great success. We appreciate your
continued support!!

St. Stan's Carnival

June 23-25, 2022

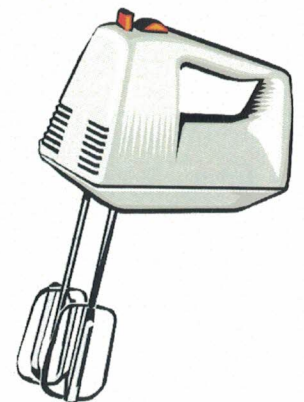
SUPER TRICKY TRAY!



NEW & Unopened
Items only!

- Toys
- Small Appliances
- Household Items
- Gift Cards
- Cash Donations

(NO stuffed animals)



Please drop off your donations in the church lobby



April 28, 2022

Dear Parents,

We are proud to announce that we have raised \$11,268.00 and read 26,331 minutes. The donations will be used to benefit the students through technology upgrades, special programs and activities, and needed school supplies. 10% will go towards the parking lot improvement project.

Congratulations to our top three readers:

1. Grade 5: Alexandra Lieberman -1,700 minutes - \$20 B&N gift card
2. Grade 1: Ava Balagot - 660 minutes - \$15 B&N gift card
3. Grade 1: Madeline Ciesielski - 659 minutes - \$10 B&N gift card

Each reader also received an out of uniform pass, ring pop, and bookmark.

Congratulations to our youngest reader:

Grade Pre-K: Lianna Nowicki - 240 minutes - \$10 B&N gift card,
out of uniform pass, ring pop, and bookmark

Congratulations to our top fundraising class:

Kindergarten \$2,668.00

They will receive a pizza party.

Congratulations to our top fundraiser:

Grade K: Gianna Fereno \$1,123.00 - \$20 B&N gift card, ring pop, and bookmark

Out of Uniform Passes, per \$100.00 donation, were sent home on Tuesday with the oldest child. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Grover

lgrover@skschool.org

Thank you for your support!

Order Your Own Yearbook!

Saint Stanislaus Kostka School

Best yearbook ever!

Filled with memories!



Question of the Day:

~Have you ordered
your 2021-2022
yearbook?!

If not, fill out the
attached order form
today! Return it back
to school ASAP to
guarantee your
colorful copy!



Saint Stanislaus Kostka School Yearbook Order Form 2021-2022



Please fill out the form below.
Return it, along with your payment, to
school, "Att: Mrs. Zygmund."

All orders are due by **May 25th**.
Orders received after this date will
not be guaranteed. Thank you!



Child's name (Please print):



Child's grade: _____

Quantity of books: _____

Amount enclosed @ \$30 each: _____

**Please make checks payable to St. Stanislaus Kostka
School.**



St. Stan's

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Lawn Signs

\$10.00

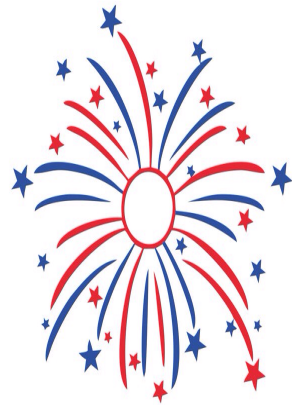
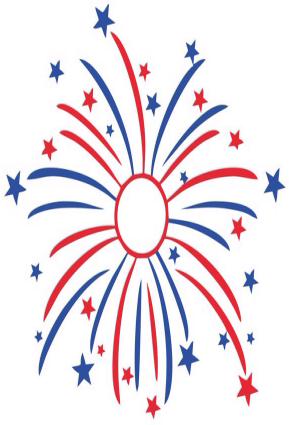
Please send in cash
or a check made out to St. Stan's School
to the attention of Mrs. Grover/lawn sign/
family name/grade
Venmo @Lisa-Grover-15

Signs can be picked up or purchased during the school day from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm Monday through Friday. To arrange for another time, please contact Mrs. Grover.

Thank you for your support to help promote our school!



**ST. STAN'S
POCKETBOOK BINGO &
TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER**



**All proceeds to benefit
School Building Improvements**

Where: St. Stan's School

221 Mac Arthur Ave. Sayreville

**When: Friday, June 10th (doors open at
5:30PM, bingo at 7:30PM)**

**Cost: \$30 per person includes 12 games
of bingo (3 boards per game),
coffee, tea, & dessert**

***The event will feature a 50/50, door prizes, & a variety of tricky
tray raffles. Extra bingo boards can also be purchased.**

***All guests are invited to bring their own food and refreshments.**

Tickets go on sale May 1st!

Call/text Gina at 732-277-2552

****You must be 18 to enter and participate****



Mike's Crumb Cake Factory

New Jersey's Best Tasting Crumb Cake

Students Name: _____ Students Grade: _____

Contact Number: _____

Full Name & Phone # (if needed)	Quantity 8x8 Vanilla Crumb	Total Cost \$12 each
1		
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Total Sold: _____ Grand Total of Sales: _____

Please contact Jean Jackowski with any questions at JJackowski@skschool.org

Checks made out to St. Stan's HSA or Cash is accepted or Venmo with Order at Jean-Jackowski

Orders are due back to Jean Jackowski C/O Olivia Jackowski grade 2 by Friday May 20th

Order pick up will be Tuesday, May 31st Time & Place TBD



St. Stan's HSA is having an 8x8 Vanilla Crumb Cake Sale. These crumb cakes are so delicious you will want to buy more than one!

Photo's are actual products from Mike's Crumb Cake Factory.

Order form is attached.

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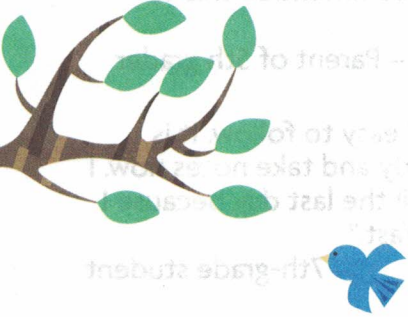


Phonics

Fluency

Comprehension

Love of Reading



Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will get excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Program for Entering 2nd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and strong comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader. Children improve reading fluency and develop excellent comprehension. They build long-word decoding skills and expand their vocabulary. Your child will gain confidence, develop a lifelong love of books and reading, and get off to a great start in third grade.

Comprehension

Writing

Textbook Skills

Vocabulary

Reading Speed

Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders

In these fun and effective programs, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader and a better writer. Students develop strong comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. They expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly.

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders

In these effective and enjoyable programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension in fiction and nonfiction, learn to read twice as fast, and become a better writer. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes and study for tests.

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

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Mon.-Fri. 8am-9pm, Sat. 8am-7pm, and Sun. 10am-6pm

The great books, inspiring teachers, and effective live online instruction your child needs to become a strong reader!



These programs are offered through the Rutgers University Division of Continuing Studies. Programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. Tuition varies by program level. Please ask about our family discount.



“My daughter is sounding out words on her own, and she is so excited about reading to us! She loved this program, and I was very impressed with the books and materials.”
– Parent of kindergartner

“Thanks to this program, my son is now reading independently and his confidence is through the roof. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for this program.”
– Parent of 1st grader

“Online teaching is a special set of skills, and your teachers are spot on!”
– Parent of 2nd grader

“Allison loved doing the long-word decoding lessons. Her reading skills have improved tremendously, and she is reading more challenging chapter books.”
– Parent of 3rd grader

“The teacher was phenomenal! She kept students engaged and participating, and my child was more excited about reading as the weeks went on.”
– Parent of 4th grader

“Patrick’s comprehension has really improved, and he loved the books. I’ve recommended this to other parents.”
– Parent of 5th grader

“The lessons were fun and easy to follow. It is much easier for me to study and take notes now. I don’t put off studying until the last day because I know I can get through it fast.”
– 7th-grade student

“I liked tracking my reading speed and seeing it go up from week to week. I used to not like to read because it was too time-consuming, but now it’s easier to finish.”
– 9th-grade student

Weekend and weekday schedules available!

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INQUIRE EARLY! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.





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Jim King

Executive Director's Column

Care for Creation: Earth Day is Friday April 22nd

*"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."
(Genesis 1:31)*

Many Catholics from an early age can recall reading or hearing these words from the creation stories in Genesis. From this early age, we are taught that all creation is deserving of our care because it is a gift from God. As Catholics, we recognize this truth through tangible actions that protect the Earth's natural resources, which are essential to the safety and dignity of all people, especially children, the elderly, and all future generations. In *On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis wrote, "everything is interconnected and genuine care for our own lives and relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice, and faithfulness to others."

Unfortunately, like many issues, care for the environment is rift with partisan rhetoric and division. However, because of our shared fundamental belief that all creation is a gift from God, Catholics can rise above the partisanship and work together to care of our Common Home.

For our part, the New Jersey Catholic Conference advocates for laws and policies that protect the proper use of creation, including animals, plants, and the Earth's natural resources. We encourage our law makers to work together with us and one another to nurture and cherish creation, as God asked us to do at the beginning of history.

We ask all Catholics and people of good will to do their part in safeguarding the abundant resources God gave us to thrive - - and to pass on to future generations. Here are some examples of ways you and your family can help protect our Common Home: start a family "go-green fund" to reduce the use of water, gas, and electric and use the savings on something fun; adopt a road or park; use cloth napkins instead of paper; dry clothes on a close line or drying rack; use a timer to take shorter showers; add a recycling bin at your parish; go to a car wash that uses recycled water; plant a tree; start a garden to reduce grocery trips; or volunteer for community cleanups.

To learn more about the Catholic Church's work on environmental issues and what you can do, please visit: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>




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Legislative Update - - First Quarter 2022

The mission of NJCC is to advocate and interact with the Legislative and Executive Branches of state and federal government for the Catholic Church's public policy agenda. Some of the bills and issues we have been working on include:

- The "Working Class Families Anti-Hunger Act." NJCC testified in favor of this ten-bill legislative package that would expand free school breakfasts and lunches to students from working class, middle-income families.
 - The Women's Health Protection Act, H.R. 3755, a federal bill, would have imposed abortion-on-demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy and eliminated pro-life laws at every level of government. H.R. 3755 would have compelled all Americans to fund abortions with their tax dollars and forced health care providers to perform, assist in, and/or refer for abortion against their deeply held beliefs. *This bill was defeated in the U.S. Senate on February 28, 2022.*
 - Chapter 192 Programs (Compensatory Education) for Nonpublic School Students provides remedial instruction in reading, language arts, and mathematics for nonpublic New Jersey students. Since the per-pupil amount of \$995.33 for these services has not been increased since the 2008-2009 school year, NJCC is advocating to the legislature for an increase to \$1,300 per-pupil so students can receive the services they need to be successful in school.
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- Nonpublic school transportation continues to be problematic for many students with the result being that parents receive aid-in-lieu payments instead of transportation. Aid-in-lieu for parents at the current rate of \$1,000 does not always help in getting their children to and from a nonpublic school. Consequently, NJCC is asking the legislature to increase the per-pupil ceiling for nonpublic school transportation from \$1,000 to \$1,150.

Serving Christ by Helping Those in Need



As we await the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a ruling that could overturn *Roe v. Wade*, we ask our parishes and all people of good will to welcome with open arms those facing difficult pregnancies with love and compassion, and to promote pro-life programs such as

Walking with Moms in Need, an initiative launched by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2020. We ask all Catholics to help connect expecting and vulnerable mothers to life-affirming agencies, such as Catholic Charities, and resources such as pregnancy and foster care centers, clothing, food, and housing services, and adoption agencies. The Catholic Church is the leading social services provider in the United States and is here to support mothers who choose life over abortion.

Introducing NJCC's Public Policy Committee

As an organization that exists to advocate for the New Jersey Catholic Church's public policy agenda, NJCC is fortunate to have devoted Catholics who are willing to share their time and expertise in the public policy arena. With more than ten thousand bills introduced during each two-year legislative session, it's vital that those of import to the Church are not pretermitted; and equally important to get expert perspective from the people who would be directly impacted by them.

Seeing a need for laity to have a voice in public policy matters, NJCC's Board of Bishops created a public policy committee to work directly with them and NJCC staff on analyzing bills and policy issues to determine what action is needed.

To ensure equal representation throughout the state, the committee is made up of nineteen members, fourteen of whom are appointed equally by the bishops from each of the seven dioceses. The other five members are at-large members who represent the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey, the Diocesan Directors of Human Resources, the office of the Diocesan Attorneys, and one member from the legislative affairs community.

The objective of the public policy committee is to liaise with NJCC staff and the Board of Bishops on the following:

- Public policy issues of import to the Church
- Recommendations for policies, positions, and issues of study, along with resources such as ad-hoc committees that are needed to carry out the work of NJCC
- Assisting and advising on the development and implementation of programs intended to educate parishioners on public policy matters
- Inspiring action from the faithful on public policy matters that can affect the Church

The committee is chaired by Dr. Daniel Rossi, who serves as an at-large member representing the Knights of Columbus. Dr. Rossi is a former executive director of the Northeastern Regional Association of State Agriculture and Station Directors. The committee's vice-chair is Brenda Rascher, executive director for Catholic social services & director of parish counseling services for the Diocese of Trenton.

In a recent discussion with Rossi and Rascher, each shared their optimism and hope that the efforts of the committee can help influence and motivate Catholics to take a bigger role in public policy issues, including the sanctity of life, feeding and clothing the poor and vulnerable, and the environment.

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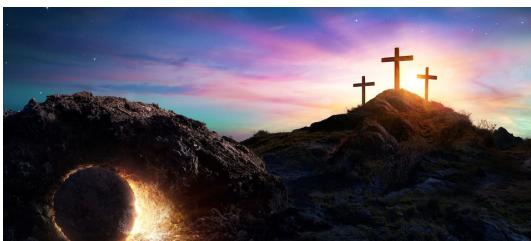
Understanding New Jersey's Budget Process

Understanding New Jersey's budget process at first may seem or sound complex. But it's not once you understand the basics. Below are the steps that go into making New Jersey's annual budget:

- The budget planning process begins in August, about 11 months before it takes effect. State agencies and departments use this time to identify revenue projections needed for expenses such as salaries and pensions, programs costs, essential services, education, mass transportation, public health infrastructure, and public safety.
- By January, when revenue projections are agreed upon by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the state treasurer, and the governor's staff, the budget is submitted to the governor.
- The planning portion of the budget process typically culminates no later than the fourth Tuesday in February, when the governor must deliver the budget to the legislature. The governor's budget address typically begins "budget season." After this address, the legislature begins to craft its own budget through the Office of Legislative Services (OLS), which reflects its own spending and revenue priorities. (Typically the final budget compromises between the governor's budget and the legislature's budget.)
- The legislature then conducts a series of hearings by a Budget Committee of each House, including public and departmental hearings.
- After the legislature has completed its committee hearings, and finalizes its budget, the budget must be approved by the Senate and General Assembly as an "Appropriations Act," (which becomes law after it is signed by the governor).
- The budget is then submitted to the governor in June. The governor has until June 30th to approve and sign it into law, as the budget runs on a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year.
- The governor has four options once the budget is received: (1.) to accept it "as is," (2.) reject it and send it back to the legislature, (3.) line-item veto certain spending priorities before signing it into law, or (4.) if revenue projections from the OMB and OLS are far enough apart, sh/e may accept the budget as is and reserve some funding to be released later in the year if enough revenue is collected to cover those investments.



To learn more about New Jersey's budget process, including how you can be a part of public hearings, click [HERE](#) to visit New Jersey's Office of Management and Budget.



Happy Easter to All!

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay."