



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

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Dear Parents,

We are so excited! Our new interactive Smart Table and Board for use in grades Pre-K through 3 have arrived. Some of the faculty couldn't wait to "play" with them to see how the children will be able to interact with them. Tomorrow a representative from the company will train our teachers in the full use of the equipment. We can hardly wait to actually start using them in lessons beginning next Tuesday. Be sure to stop into those classrooms during Catholic Schools Week to see them in action!

Next week, the 4th through 8th graders will be taking exams from Tuesday through Thursday. Attached you will find the exam schedules so that you can help your children prepare for these tests. All teachers are spending this week reviewing the material taught in the first half of the school year. In addition to reviewing, teachers have given students study guides to help them focus on important information in each area of study. Please be sure that your child is reviewing this information each evening as homework. The students are sure to do fine if they plan their studying in advance. Please understand that the exam grade is a separate grade and will not be included in the second marking period average.

The following week we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning with Mass at 9:00 AM Sunday, January 26th. Please be sure to review the schedule attached for all the exciting events.

We are currently in the process of identifying and training those students in grades 6-8 who have applied for our Ambassador Program. Selected students will be trained by Mrs. Grover and will give tours throughout the year, when needed, as well as serve as greeters and ushers at particular events. The student ambassadors will debut on Sunday, January 26th at our Open House.

Thank you to all our parents who work in so many ways to help our school run smoothly. My special thanks this week goes to Mrs. Lynch who has quietly volunteered on her own to decorate the bulletin board in the kitchen each month without being asked.

Remember, school will be closed on Monday, January 20th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Graham



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

January 13, 2014

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Catholic schools are a great blessing to the Diocese of Metuchen because they provide the good ground for nurturing the seeds of faith and knowledge in the hearts and minds of all our students, who are the future of our church. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to give your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic education, a gift that I know is given at great sacrifice for many families. Please be assured that we are making every effort to ensure that our Catholic schools remain "available, affordable and accessible" to students for a long time to come.

Once again for the school year 2014-2015, we are blessed to make our diocesan **Tuition Assistance Program** available to help keep Catholic education more affordable for those families who may need some financial aid to send their children to Catholic school. Tuition assistance grants are made possible through *The Foundation for Catholic Education*, an endowment fund that provides financial support, primarily tuition assistance, to aid low and moderate income parents who have children in our elementary and high schools. For the 2013-2014 school year, over \$770,000 in tuition grants were distributed to 636 students in our school community. However, as costs and tuitions rise, the need of our families continues to grow each year.

Tuition assistance is available for those families with children in grades K-12 who attend any of our 26 parochial or regional elementary schools, Raritan Bay Catholic Preparatory School, or Bishop Ahr or Immaculata High School. Eligible families must be registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen. New students attending the 2 private high schools in our diocese (St. Joseph and Mount Saint Mary Academy) will need to seek assistance directly from those schools.

I wanted to ensure that you are aware of this program so that you can have all the tools at your disposal to help you in choosing or continuing to choose Catholic education for your child(ren). This application process is handled through Private School Aid Service (PSAS) for the diocese. Grant application forms will be available for Catholic Schools Week beginning January 26, and can be obtained directly from your school. Please contact your Principal or school business office to obtain forms.

Grant applications must be completed and signed by the parents or guardians requesting tuition assistance. In addition, parents or guardians **must** obtain the signature of the Pastor of the parish in which you are registered on the application before submitting to PSAS. Without the signature, application processing cannot be completed. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO PSAS IS MARCH 31, 2014.** Please note that applications received after the deadline will be returned to the family unprocessed and will not be considered for a grant award.

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

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Corona, PA, KCHS
Executive Director, Department of Education

Mid Term Exam Schedule
Grade 4 – 2014

Tuesday, January 21st:

8:45-9:30 – Library

9:30-10:15 – Language Arts Exam

10:15-11:00 – Gym (switched time)

12:15-1:00 – Science Exam

Wednesday, January 22nd:

8:15-9:15 – Math Exam

1:00-1:45 – Religion Exam

Thursday, January 23rd:

8:45-9:30 – Spanish Exam

12:15-1:00 – Social Studies Exam

5th Grade Mid-Term Exam Schedule

Tuesday 1/21/14

8:30 -9:30 Math

12:15 -1 Social Studies

Wednesday 1/22/14

8:30-9:30 Language Arts

12:15 -1 Religion

Thursday 1/23/14

8:30 - 9:15 Science

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Middle School Mid-Term Exam Schedule – January 21-23, 2014

| <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Grade 6</u> | <u>Grade 7</u> | <u>Grade 8</u> |
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| 8:00 – 8:30 | ←----- Homeroom or Study Hall -----> | | |
| 8:30 -10:00 | Soc. St. exam | Religion exam | Science exam |
| 10:00-11:00 | | | |
| (fun activities) | LA | Science | Math & Rel. |
| 11:00 – 11:40 | Computer | Music | Art |
| 11:45 -12:10 | ←----- Lunch -----> | | |
| 12:15 – 1:45 | Math exam | LA exam | Spanish exam |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Grade 6</u> | <u>Grade 7</u> | <u>Grade 8</u> |
| 8:00 – 8:30 | ←----- Homeroom or Study Hall -----> | | |
| 8:30 – 10:00 | Religion exam | Science exam | Soc. St. exam |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | | | |
| (fun activities) | Science | Math & Rel. | LA |
| 11:00 – 11:40 | Music | Art | Spanish |
| 11:45-12:10 | ←----- Lunch -----> | | |
| 12:15 – 1:45 | LA exam | Spanish exam | Math exam |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Grade 6</u> | <u>Grade 7</u> | <u>Grade 8</u> |
| 8:00-8:30 | ←----- Homeroom or Study Hall -----> | | |
| 8:30 – 10:00 | Science exam | Soc. St. exam | Religion exam |
| 10:00 -11:00 | | | |
| (fun activities) | Math & Rel. | LA | Science |
| 11:00 -11:40 | Art | Spanish | Music |
| 11:45 – 12:10 | ←----- Lunch -----> | | |
| 12:15 – 1:45 | Spanish exam | Math exam | LA Exam |

Catholic Schools Week Schedule

January 26-31, 2014

Sunday – Mass 9:00AM followed by Open House 10:30AM – Noon

Monday – Brain Show

Tuesday – Dress Down and Movie Day; Teachers switch classes in AM

Wednesday – Sports Day; Students wear gym clothes, HSA General Meeting 7:00PM

Thursday – Open House 10:00AM-11:00AM; pizza lunch provided by HSA; Report Cards issued

Friday –Faculty Appreciation Day, Awards Ceremony 8:00AM; 8th graders teach -9:15-10:15AM

Noon Dismissal