

St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Elena Malinconico
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"Giving back involves a certain amount of giving up." Colin Powell

December 15, 2016

Dear St. Stan's Families:

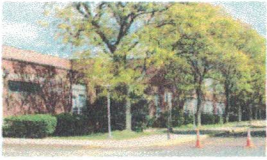
The rush of preparation for Christmas is upon us; but the school pauses each morning to discuss the unselfish works of saints and their giving spirit. The commonality of all these stories is that each of these men and women sacrificed something to give to others. As I said in last week's letter, we have asked for much this Christmas season but all of these requests are for those who have far less than we do. This is a reminder that MCA Advent collections are due 12/16. Our toy drive is completed 12/19. We still have cards for donations to Catholic Charities available through 12/22 and our collection for Father Ken will end on 12/22. If we all gave a little many would receive a lot.

As we enter the last week of school before our Christmas break, we will have our Christmas Concert on Monday, December 19th. The concert begins at 7pm and doors will open at 6:45pm, this St. Stan's holiday tradition is sure to bring a smile to any one who attends. Children are to come to the concert and sit with their classes on the bleachers and be dressed in their Christmas best. On Friday, December 23rd we will celebrate 9am Mass as a school and then the children will be treated to a hot breakfast courtesy of the HSA. This final day of school before our break is a 12 noon dismissal and no after care is offered. We return to school on Tuesday January 3, 2017.

My prayers for you this Christmas are that you are blessed by God with health, happiness, and prosperity and that our school remains strong and vibrant.

In His Peace,

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Dear Aftercare Parents:

I have been receiving information from teachers that parents and/or students are taking it upon themselves to go to classrooms after 2:30pm to retrieve forgotten books and other items. This is expressly against the policy established in our Student/Parent Handbook as stated on page 16:

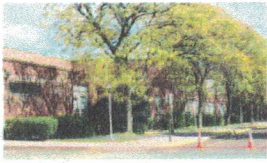
"After Care parents must directly exit the building after signing out a child and may not go anywhere else in the building."

Permission to enter a classroom after 2pm but before 2:30pm can only be given by the main office. Violating this policy creates a security issue within our school. Our children's safety and well being is the most important thing we attend to daily. If your child has forgotten a book, assignment or something else in a classroom, they must come to the office and Mrs. Carlson or I will contact the teacher to see if they are able to return to the classroom.

I am asking that you respect this policy, the security of the building and the classrooms of each of our teachers. Please be advised that if we find, via our camera system, that this is continuing we will have to take action. I appreciate your cooperation with this and I am sure that this explanation will eliminate any future issues.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sayreville Bus Families:

Last year we sent out a "survey" to see if during inclement weather, and Sayreville would not run buses, if you were able to bring your student to school and pick them up. Let me assure you the safety of students and faculty are foremost in any decision that would be made about opening the school.

Should the wrongs prove unsafe, we would not open our school. However, last year we used two snow days because Sayreville did not run buses and both days turned into sunny days and the roads were no more than wet. I would like to ask the families of St. Stan's the same question; provided travel conditions were safe and our parking lot and walk ways were clear, would you be able to get your child(ren) to school even if Sayreville closed schools and did not provide transportation?

I appreciate you completing this form and returning it to school no later than December 23, 2017. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elena Malinconico
Principal

Student(s)' Name(s) _____ -

Bus Route Number _____

_____ I would be able to get my child to school should if there was no transportation provided by Sayreville.

_____ I would NOT be able to get my child to school if there was no transportation provided by Sayreville.

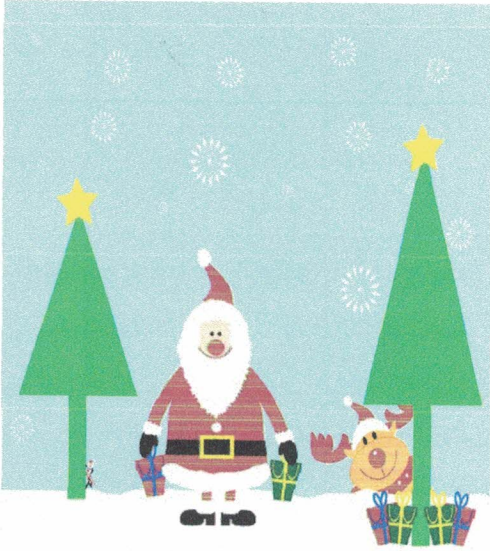
Parent Signature: _____

Ozanam Family Shelter

Toy Drive

Catholic Charities

Diocese of Metuchen



The Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison is a safe place for homeless families and single women. This home provides temporary and emergency lodging, meals, physical and mental health assessments, crisis counseling, assistance with housing, employment and children's educational placement, case management and referrals.

Our school will be having a collection for toys for the children and items that are needed at the shelter such as diapers, wipes, and clothes for children ranging in age from newborn to sixteen. If you would like to donate, please send in your item(s) by Monday, December 19th to the attention of Mrs. Grover. Only new toys can be accepted.

Thank you for your generous support during the most wonderful time of the year - when we celebrate giving in honor of God's gift of His only son.

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ACTION ALERT

ISSUE: Nonpublic school transportation continues to be hampered by a number of problems which emphasize the major difficulties that nonpublic school parents face in attempting to get safe rides to school for their children. The major problem has been the failure of the State to increase the ceiling for nonpublic school transportation funding the 2007-2008 school year. An enclosed Fact Sheet explains the problem in greater detail.

OUR POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families support every attempt to provide equitable transportation services for nonpublic school pupils. The focus of this Alert (and in this phase of the Budget cycle) is to ask Governor Christie to increase the \$884.00 ceiling for nonpublic school transportation.

ACTION: Call, write, or email the office of Governor Chris Christie at the address listed below. Parents should be strongly encouraged to tell their stories in great detail with regard to how their children face greater challenges in getting to school than their neighbors' children who go to public school. We encourage group letter writing sessions in schools and efforts to contact members of the Governor's staff that you may know personally with regard to this concern. Please note that this initiative is focused strictly on the Governor at this time because the Legislature will not begin developing a Budget until the Governor's Budget has been presented in February.

Address: The Honorable Chris Christie
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The State House
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Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 292-6000

Email: <http://www.nj.gov/governor/contact/>

Or

You can also contact Governor Christie through the NJCC Voter Voice System

*As a Catholic School, who relies on busing.
Please contact your representative or the governor about this.
Email us too*