



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

April 19, 2018

Dear St. Stan's Family:

This week our students experienced a good deal of success by working diligently and persevering through our standardized tests. I am immensely proud of all of them! We are all taking a deep breath now as we run to the finish line of this year.

Next Wednesday, April 25th we will start the day with our April Student of the Month breakfast. From 6:00pm to 7:30pm we will have our Literacy Night Program that was previously cancelled due to weather (if you have not RVSP'd please do so by Monday, April 23rd). Additionally, at the same time we will open our doors for an open house for potential new students/families. I encourage you to invite friends and families to this open house to get a sense of the amazing education our children are receiving, the safe, family oriented environment. Your good word of mouth is the best advertisement we could have.

I also want to remind you tickets for Mother and Father of the Year being held on May 4th, honoring Mrs. Amy Huff and Mr. Patrick Williams are still available; this is such a wonderful event I hope to see many of you there! Finally, our second graders are approaching their big day, which is May 5th, on this day they will enter into an even more loving relationship with Jesus Christ through receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

Finally, please see the letter enclosed in this white envelope, in reference to new drop off procedures. It was sent out on Wednesday, as well, via email and with your child. These procedures will go into effect on Monday, April 23, 2018.

In His Peace,

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April 18, 2018

Dear St. Stan's Families:

It has always been one of my priorities to continually improve the safety of our students and faculty by using our state security funding to make improvements in our building. We have added blackout blinds in classrooms, cameras and monitors throughout the school and most recently we have improved the front door entry system.

Beginning on Monday, April 23, 2018 the front door will be locked at all times to limit access to the building. With that said, there needs to be adjustments in our morning drop off procedures. Any student be dropped off to school by a parent or guardian prior to 7:30 am will need to be dropped off at the rear of the building at what is typically referred to as the after care door. At 7:30 am a staff or faculty member will be at the front door to admit only students and prek parents. Pre K parents must remain in the lobby area and all other parents will only be allowed in, if they have business in the main office and are announced by the staff member at the door.

This simple change in procedure will increase the security of our building dramatically. I know there may be a slight inconvenience in this but I believe the safety of our children is paramount and certainly a slight change in routine.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate contacting me. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this new procedure.

Sincerely,

Elena Malinconico  
Principal



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## ACTION ALERT

### ISSUES:

**PRIORITY #1 - Nonpublic school transportation.** The ceiling for nonpublic school transportation had been frozen at \$884.00 from the 2007-2008 school year until it was increased to \$1,000 in the Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Act. However, Governor Murphy's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget reduced the amount back to \$884. Please note the enclosed Talking Points for discussing nonpublic school busing with legislators and other interested individuals in order to restore the per-pupil amount to \$1,000. **This involves no increase in State funding, but rather a shifting of money to best serve the needs of our students and their parents.**

**PRIORITY #2 - Governor Murphy's proposed 2019 Budget cut \$3.8 million from nonpublic school aid reducing it from \$101,603 million to \$97,803 million.** The cuts were made in Nonpublic School Nursing Services and Technology Aid. Please note the enclosed Talking Points for discussing these accounts with legislators and other interested individuals.

**PRIORITY #3** – We are requesting a Budget Resolution which would permit a nonpublic school to pool the aggregate of the school's funding for Nursing Services, Technology, and Security, in order to move the funds to where they best fit the needs of the students in the local school for that particular year. **Once again, this involves no increase in State funding, but rather allowing funds to be utilized to best serve the needs of our students and their parents.** Public school accounts already are "fungible," which means that the public school district can move within Budget lines the State funds in a given year to best serve the needs of their students.

**OUR POSITION:** The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families seek:

1. To restore the per-pupil transportation ceiling to \$1,000 by using funds currently in the Fiscal Year 2019 Governor's Budget. **This is THE major issue for the Catholic schools.**
2. To restore the \$3.8 million removed from the nonpublic school accounts in the Governor's Budget for Nonpublic Nursing Services Aid and Technology Aid at least to the level of funding in the Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Act.
3. To insert Budget language to permit the local nonpublic school to pool the State funds for Nursing Services, Technology and Security to serve the needs of the students more effectively.

### ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1. Call, write, email, or visit the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee (see enclosed list) and the Assembly Budget Committee (see enclosed list) and ask them to increase the \$884.00 transportation ceiling to last year's amount of \$1,000. If your district does not have legislators on either of the Committees, call, write, email, or visit your own legislators and ask that they speak with members of those two Committees in order to increase the funding. This transportation increase could be accomplished by

- shifting anticipated overages in the current Governor's Budget without increasing the overall budget. Budget Resolution #2124 from FY 2018, which restored the per-pupil amount to \$1,000 by the shift of anticipated refunds in last year's Budget is attached as Appendix A.
2. Call, write, email, or visit the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Budget Committee (see enclosed list) and ask them to restore the \$3.8 million in nursing and technology for the 2018-2019 school year. If your district does not have legislators on either of the Committees, call, write, email, or visit your legislator and ask that they speak with members of those two committees in order to restore this aid. Last year's Budget Resolutions 2008 and 2009 are enclosed as Appendices B and C as the model for this year.
  3. Call, write, email, or visit the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Budget Committee (see enclosed list) and ask them to introduce a Budget Resolution permitting a nonpublic school to pool its money in nursing, technology, and security to serve their students better. A sample Budget Resolution is enclosed as Appendix D.

THIS IS NOT A "ONE AND DONE" CAMPAIGN. WE WILL NEED TO FOLLOW-UP A NUMBER OF TIMES OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS IN ORDER THAT THE ISSUES REMAIN A PRIORITY IN THE MINDS OF THE LEGISLATORS. REMEMBER THAT GOVERNOR MURPHY'S BUDGET HAS OVER \$285 MILLION IN NEW MONEY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WHILE IT CUTS OUR TRANSPORTATION, NURSING, AND TECHNOLOGY FUNDING.

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which can be accessed at:**

**<https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/campaigns/58391/respond>**