



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

Mrs. Elena Malinconico

Principal

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August 31, 2017

Dear St. Stan's Families:

It is finally here; that new school year which holds so much promise and hope. This summer has been a beautiful one, which I hope held rest, joy, learning, love and family! As we turn our attention to this new year, I would like to welcome each of you back and also welcome those that are beginning their journey at St. Stan's School for the first time this year. Once again we are back together as one family! I want to welcome to our family Mrs. Paulina Lopez, who is joining us as our Spanish teacher and Mrs. Magdalen Dolinski, who is joining us permanently as our middle school science teacher and advanced math teacher. Finally, on August 17, 2017 Mrs. Zygmund and her husband welcomed their daughter, Isabella.

The following are some quick bits of information you will find helpful for starting off the school year.

1. Friday, September 1, 2017 all summer work is due to the appropriate teacher, this is graded work that will be reflected in the first marking period's grades. There are no exceptions to the due date.
2. ***All school closings, delayed openings and other important information will be relayed ONLY*** through our Honeywell Alert system. Please be sure to register your family no later than September 9th. Directions on how to do so were sent home previously; if you need help please contact the office.
3. Monday, September 4th there is no school to celebrate Labor Day.
4. Our Back to School Night will be September 12th. It will begin promptly at 7pm in the cafeteria. Our book fair will begin September 11th and run through September 14th.
5. There will be two security/fire drills each month. These drills are required by law and prepare faculty and students in case of an unlikely emergency. You will receive a quick note home after each of these drills so you are aware they took place.
6. We will be hosting a high school fair on September 15th during school hours, for our 7th and 8th grade students.
7. September 29th will be a 12 noon dismissal to accommodate Sayreville schools half day schedule. This will avoid busing issues that day.
8. Before and aftercare has begun. The application/information sheet can be found on our website. All students must have one completed before they can be admitted to before or aftercare.
9. Thank you for entrusting St. Stan's with your most precious possession, your child; it is a privilege being part of their education. As always, you are each in my prayers.

Elena Malinconico, Principal



SEPTEMBER 2017

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Wednesday, August 30 First Day of School Gr. K-8 Early Dismissal Day - 11:50 AM</p> <p>Thursday, August 31 First Day of School for Pre-K. Full Day of School Brown Bag Lunch</p>					<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Full Day - Brown Bag Lunch</p> <p>Summer Work Deadline</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>
<i>3</i>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>School Closed - Labor Day</p>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>1:00 PM Instrumental Music Assembly</p>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>Book Fair Week</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Back To School Night</p> <p>Book Fair Week</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Book Fair Week</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>Book Fair Week</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:00 AM 7th & 8th Grade High School Fair</p>	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Rome Trip Meeting</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Confirmation</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>Picture Day</p>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>Early Dismissal Day - 11:50 AM</p>	<i>30</i>

**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN
SCHOOL OFFICE
EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

In the event of an emergency and none of the persons listed on the form are available,
I authorize the school to take my child to a hospital, doctors office or dentist for
Emergency care.

(This form shall be filled out each September)
Please type or print legibly

Name _____ Year _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Cell # _____

Fathers name _____

Occupation _____

Full time Part time

Business address _____

Telephone _____

Mothers name _____

Occupation _____

Full time Part time

Business Address _____

Telephone _____

In case of emergency, list three names of persons who could be contacted, if the parents are not available.

Name _____

Telephone _____ Relationship to Child _____

Name _____

Telephone _____ Relationship to Child _____

Name _____

Telephone _____ Relationship to Child _____

(OVER)

SIBLINGS (Put an X if not residing at home)

___ Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Other persons residing in the home

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

HOME SITUATION

___ Parents reside together ___ Single parent home

___ Parents separated ___ Father remarried

___ Parents divorced ___ Mother remarried

___ Guardian cares for child

Where parents are divorced/separated who has legal (official) custody?

(Please provide a copy of legal custody papers)

Medical Doctor

Name _____

Telephone _____

Dentist

Name _____

Telephone _____

Allergy Information

List any health/medical issues

List medications taken regularly

**Attach Photo
Here
(Optional)**

Signed _____

Relationship to child _____

Date _____

August 31, 2017

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to another year of learning, faith, and growing as a school community. We are as successful as we are because of the dedication of parents in helping our school and its students. With this in mind, as the school year begins, I am asking for volunteers as class parents. Class parents work in conjunction with the classroom teacher, the HSA and the school administration. We ask for two parents in each grade level so that there is no burden on one person. Class parents are responsible for helping facilitate special events in their child's classroom at the direction of teachers. They are also asked to attend all HSA meetings in addition to Christmas Bazaar meetings and they are responsible for organizing the class basket for the Christmas Bazaar. If you are interested in becoming a class parent please complete and return the form below no later than September 8, 2017. Thank you so much for considering lending a hand in this capacity.

Mrs. Malinconico
Principal

I am interested in being a class parent, for the 2017-2018 school year. Please return this form no later than September 8, 2017.

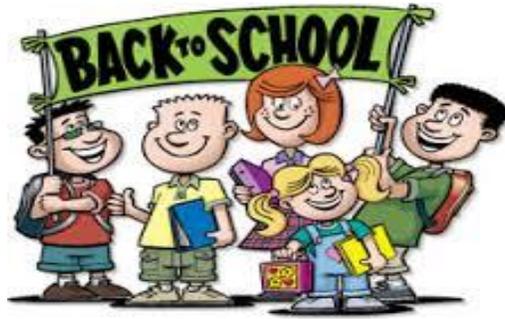
Parent's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Grade(s) which you wish to be considered:

Grade

Child's Name



Back to School Night!
September 12, 2017
6:00 pm

featuring...

Parent/Teacher/HSA Meet and Greet

Scholastic Book Fair

Uniform Exchange

Work Bond Q & A

Coach Bingo Tickets & School Magnets for sale

HSA Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

All are welcome...

whether you are a returning family or if this is your first time joining our school. Come and meet the school faculty, the Home School Association and other school parents!

Take a peek at our gently used uniforms or drop off your outgrown ones!

Browse through our Scholastic Book Fair!

Proceeds help support our school. There are book selections for everyone, adults too!



St. Stan's Fall Book Fair

St. Stan's will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from September 11th through September 14th. This book fair will count as an "other" event as part of your H.S.A. work bond commitment. Please put a check next to the dates you are available to work and return this to the school office no later than Tuesday, September 5th. Please check the white envelope on Thursday, September 7th for the schedule of assigned workers. Thank you in advance for your assistance with the book fair.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(Please Print)

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

(Please Print)

_____ Monday, September 11th 7:30 - 11:30

_____ Tuesday, September 12th 7:30 - 11:30

_____ Tuesday Night, September 12th 5:30 - 9:00

_____ Wednesday, September 13th 7:30 - 11:30

_____ Thursday, September 14th 7:30 - 11:30

In order to facilitate a smooth and safe dismissal, we would like to eliminate any concerns (at dismissal time) if you send another parent, friend or family member to pick up your child. Please take a moment to list any person(s) that would be regularly allowed to pick up your child. If you will be sending someone not on this list please send a note in to your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you for your help and cooperation. Please fill out one for each child since your children's homeroom teachers will maintain this file.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Alternate Adults permitted to pick up my child are:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Parent's Signature: _____



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

PRESS RELEASE

FY18 budget increases are ‘a major win’ for N.J. Catholic schools

METUCHEN – For Catholic schools in New Jersey, one of the highlights of the summer came on July 4 when Governor Chris Christie approved and signed the FY18 state budget, which now includes a much needed and long anticipated increase in funding for nonpublic schools in the areas of transportation, security, nursing and technology.

“After months of letter writing, emailing, calling and meeting in person with elected officials, the approved budget validates the collective efforts put forth by New Jersey’s Catholic school communities and their supporters,” said Ellen Ayoub, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Metuchen.

“This hard-earned outcome is a major win for our Catholic schools – particularly in the area of increased student transportation funding – and we simply couldn’t wait until September to share the great news with those families who have chosen or are considering a Catholic school education for their children,” Ayoub said.

The superintendent noted it had been a decade since the per-pupil cap on allotted funds for transportation last was raised for students attending a nonpublic school in New Jersey.

According to Ayoub, she and her counterparts across the state are “very optimistic” that the long-overdue increase from \$884 to \$1000 per student allowance will improve access to bus transportation this academic year and in the future, much to the benefit of current and prospective Catholic school students.

She added, “There is more good news.” Restored and increased funds for nursing services will enable nonpublic schools to better afford nursing staff. With money allotted for technology and security, schools will be in a better position to consistently update technology and add or maintain safety features to help keep students harm free.

Bishop James F. Checchio has been advocating vigorously for increased funding for nonpublic schools – particularly in the area of student transportation – since he was ordained and installed as the fifth bishop of Metuchen last year, on May 3.

A month after his arrival, Bishop Checchio invited local legislators to the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway to introduce himself as the chief shepherd of the four county diocese, comprised of Middlesex Somerset Hunterdon and Warren counties.

At that June gathering, legislators seemed to listen intently as the bishop shared with them his deep concerns regarding insufficient or non-existing funding for nonpublic schools in key areas such as transportation, security, nursing and technology.

In his spoken remarks, he encouraged continued dialogue on these key issues and asked the legislators for their help in addressing the shortfall so that all public and nonpublic school students in their respective legislative districts would be treated in a fair and just manner moving forward.

In a recent letter to the editor about the increased funding for nonpublic schools, Ayoub expressed public thanks to the many people who worked together to advocate for the good of all Catholic school communities. It read, in part:

“On behalf of Bishop James F. Checchio and the diocesan Office of Schools, I would like publically to extend our sincerest thanks to all pastors and principals, who oversee our 23 elementary and four Catholic high schools, for their tireless efforts to coordinate and mobilize a grassroots effort in their respective school communities.

“I also extend heartfelt gratitude to all of our Catholic school students, their families and other supporters for doing their part to ensure that our voices were heard and positive change was enacted that will benefit thousands of nonpublic school students across the state.

“Our appreciation further extends to the New Jersey Catholic Conference, which advocates on our behalf in legislative matters, as well as the many legislators who listened to our serious concerns and, ultimately, whose bipartisan efforts yielded a fair and just outcome for nonpublic students and their families.”

In the same correspondence, the superintendent expressed the need for continued efforts and dialogue with legislators and public school districts about nonpublic school funding, stating:

“As we enjoy this moment of victory, we also remain keenly aware of the need to continue in our ongoing education, advocacy and outreach efforts, so that our state lawmakers and fellow resident taxpayers know that families who choose to send their child or children to a nonpublic school save the State of New Jersey over \$1.8 billion annually.

“These families pay federal, state and local taxes which support their local education system. Most rely on the same essential non-academic services provided by their state, county and resident school districts that are afforded to their public school counterparts.

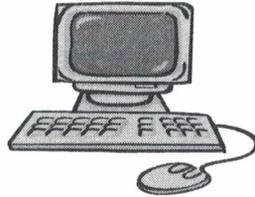
“In the days ahead, we are committed to engaging in a continued partnership with the various public school districts, which serve the many public and nonpublic school students of the Diocese of Metuchen. Together, we will work to ensure the provision of student transportation for our Catholic school students remains in place during the upcoming academic year and in years to come.”

Be an advocate for NJ Catholic schools

We need your support!

Sign up today for important legislative updates and action alerts from New Jersey Catholic Conference at <http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action>.

After entering your contact information, please make sure to check the box that states, “I want to receive future email alerts.”



St. Stanislaus Kostka School
Sayreville, NJ

Ethical Use of Technology Policy 2017-2018

Preamble

- o The purpose of school-provided technology is to facilitate legitimate school endeavors, which are educational and administrative in nature.
- o The use of technology must always be in conformity with the law and the religious mission of the Diocese of Metuchen.
- o St. Stanislaus Kostka School will have the resources to exchange information within its facility and with other institutions throughout the world.
- o The use of technology is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of the user's privileges. The administration has the right to monitor all communication on the network.

Equipment

- o The user will recognize the value of the hardware, software, furniture and all computer related materials and will not misuse or abuse these items.
- o All forms of personal media (CD, USB portable memory) cannot be used without the approval or direct supervision of the Technology teacher.
- o No user will alter, install, modify, upgrade, repair or remove any school hardware, software, Speedskin, computer, keyboard, monitor, printer, scanner, mouse, wiring/cabling, or other accessories, such as a headset or mouse pad.
- o Users who damage and or steal any hardware, software and/or accessories will be responsible for replacing the articles at their own expense.

Software

- o Commercial software is copyrighted and each user must abide by the licensing agreement published with the software.
- o The user will not violate any copyright laws regarding print, electronic or visual information.
- o The user will not read, change, create, delete, copy or modify any parts of the resident software, computer settings, and the operating system.
- o The user will not modify the background, change the home page of the browser, open/modify another student's folder, and/or move icons on the desktop. This applies to desktop and laptop computers throughout the building.
- o The user will always work as a "guest" when using a Chromebook unless the student and parent sign a Chromebook 1-to-1 contract.

Internet Access

- o The user may utilize the network resources for educational purposes only.
- o Instant messaging and social networking sites are not permitted at the school unless managed in an environment specified by the teacher.
- o The user will not upload, download, or bring into the school material deemed inappropriate. This would include but not be limited to any material that contains profanity, vulgarity, obscene, or violent content. Materials that are racist, abusive, degrading, demonic, or promote intolerance, prejudice, harassment, or insult to any individual, ethnic, or religious group are unacceptable.
- o Transmission of material, information or software in violation of church, school, local state or federal law is prohibited.
- o The user will not meet in person any individual who s/he made contact with through the school technological resources. Meetings with resource people contacted through the Internet will be arranged only with the approval of the school administration.
- o Cyber-bullying is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Miscellaneous

- o Students and/or parents are not to share with anyone their login ids and passwords for school related applications such as Google Apps for Education, PowerSchool, IXL, or i-Ready.
- o Students are to respect digital work of others. Deleting/modifying documents (Google Docs, Voki, local documents, etc.) in any manner is unacceptable.
- o School provided student email accounts and passwords will be distributed for class use and school work only. Email accounts and passwords will be distributed by the school and are not to be altered.
- o Students and/or parents are not to modify passwords for any application purchased by the school (IXL, i-Ready, etc).
- o The user will not disclose or attempt to access personal passwords or access codes assigned to him/her or any other user.
- o The user will not attempt to defeat security measures instituted by the school (anti-virus software, filters, etc).
- o Unauthorized access to computers after designated hours or wireless networks from locations other than those approved for specific computer assignments is prohibited.
- o The user will not use school technological resources to support candidates for public or elected office.
- o The user will exercise due diligence and is bound not to disclose or use any confidential or personal information acquired as a result of using the school's technological resource.
- o The school makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the use of this technology. It will not be responsible for any damages suffered, such as loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or the user's errors or omissions.
- o Any user of our technological resources specifically agrees to abide by this Ethical Use of Technology Policy and in addition agrees to indemnify the school/Diocese of Metuchen for any losses, costs or damages, including attorney's fees, incurred relating to or arising out of any breach of this document.

St. Stanislaus Kostka School
Sayreville, NJ

Ethical Use of Technology Policy Agreement

*The Ethical Use of Technology Policy can be found on our school website: www.sskschool.org. Use of the technological resources will be permitted only upon reading, signing and returning the agreement by **Friday, September 9, 2017**.*

User/Student:

I understand and will abide by the Ethical Use of Technology Policy. I further understand that any violation of the policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action may ensue.

Student's Name (please print)

Date

Student's Signature

Grade

Parent/Guardian:

As a parent or a guardian of _____, I have read the Ethical Use of Technology Policy. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. However, I recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network or any unauthorized actions of my child.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print)

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature