



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

March 7, 2019

Dear St. Stan's Families:

This Wednesday, we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. These 40 days lead us to the holiest day of the year, Easter. It is during this time that we pray, fast, and sacrifice to draw us closer to Jesus. He made the ultimate sacrifice for us by dying, we in comparison, do so little. There are two opportunities for us to sacrifice as a school. Today, our Mission Childhood Mite boxes are being sent home. They are due back on April 12th. Students are encouraged to sacrifice snacks or some allowance money to give to those who suffer daily.

On April 17th, we are hosting a mission lunch. This is an opportunity for students to experience what many people around the world have to eat on a daily basis, rice and water. The cafeteria will not be selling snacks that day and those students who wish to participate will be served rice and water for lunch. The cost is \$4.00 and all proceeds will go to MCA. A letter and envelope was sent home with April's lunch menu.

Our re-registration and our new student registration is going very well. Just a reminder that Tuition Assistance is available to qualified students for the 2019-2020 school year. Enclosed in this white envelope are the directions on how to apply confidentially. The deadline is March 30th and I strongly suggest families take a moment to complete the application.

We will be administering our standardized tests next week in grades one through eight. Please be sure your child eats breakfast and is well rested so they can do their best. These tests are a snapshot of our students' successes and they allow us to make adjustments in instruction and curriculum. Please also note, students should be sure to be on time since any late arrivals cannot be admitted to the classroom while testing is in progress. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate contacting me.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico, Principal



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Department of Education

January 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for choosing to give your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic school education, a gift that we realize is given at great sacrifice for many families.

For the 2019-2020 school year, we are blessed to make our tuition scholarship program available to families who need financial aid. Scholarships are made possible through *The Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE)*, an endowment fund that provides financial support to aid low-income families who send their children to our elementary and high schools.

To be eligible your child(ren) must be Catholic, must be entering grades K-12 in September 2019, must be registered with your household in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen (please see the list of eligible parishes on the back of the Application Instructions Form), and must attend 1 of our 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Bishop Ahr or Immaculata High School. Students attending the two private high schools in our Diocese (St. Joseph High School and Mount Saint Mary Academy) will need to seek assistance directly from those schools.

Families that require computer access and/or assistance with the online application may attend one of two FACTS Online Application Workshops. Staff and FACTS representatives will be on-hand to walk families through the application process. Both workshops will have Spanish-speaking staff available to assist families.

Application instructions, with deadlines, and an Application Workshop schedule are attached or online at diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance. Please note, **you are responsible for completing the Parish Verification Form, getting it signed by your Pastor, and returning it to the FCE at the mail or email address provided. We are not able to consider an application without this form, signed by the Pastor.** Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call our Tuition Assistance Hotline at 732.562.1990, ext. 1610.

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

Sincerely,

Ellen Ayoub
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures



Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship Fund

Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship Program 2019-2020 FGAA Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an online application at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. The application period is now open and will officially close on **March 31, 2019**. Awards will be announced on or before the first week of June 2019.

Online applications are available in Spanish and English. The application fee is \$35 and **must** be paid online at the time you submit your application, otherwise your application is considered incomplete. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for a Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship:

- Student must be Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2019;
- Student must be attending one of our 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Bishop Ahr or Immaculata High School;
- Student must be registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen (see list of eligible schools and parishes on reverse side or go to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance to view a list); and
- **Your parish must verify that you are registered, and you must submit a Parish Verification Form signed by you and your Pastor**
 1. Forms are available for download at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance or from your school
 2. **Forms must be mailed or emailed to the Foundation for Catholic Education**
By Mail: The Diocese of Metuchen, Foundation for Catholic Education, 146 Metlars Lane, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191
By Email: FCE@diometuchen.org
 3. Forms are due to the FCE by no later than March 31, 2019. **If your parish registration is not verified, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed for an award.**

APPLICATION

Documents required, but not limited to, include:

Copies of your 2017 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules.

- Copies of your 2018 W-2 form/s for both you and your spouse or co-applicant.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Supporting documentation can be:

- Scanned and uploaded in .pdf format directly to your application;
- Faxed to 866.315.9264; or
- Mailed to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, P.O. Box 82524, Lincoln, NE 68501-2524. **Please be sure to include your applicant ID on all faxed or mailed correspondence. Do not mail documentation after April 3, 2019.**
- **NO APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED BY MAIL, and the link will be deactivated April 16.**

WORKSHOPS

- Attending a workshop is not required – attend if you need one-on-one assistance with the application or computer/internet access.
- Workshops will be held at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy on:
 1. Wednesday, January 23, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm (Spanish translator available)
 2. Thursday, February 7, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm (Spanish translator available)
- For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262, or call the Tuition Assistance Hotline at 732.562.1990, ext. 1610.
- Registration is not required—Assistance is first come, first served.

Diocese of Metuchen ~ FCE Scholarship Fund
FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment
Online Application Workshops
2019

Parents/Guardians who need assistance with the online application, or computer/internet access may attend one of two scheduled workshops. Registration is not required, but assistance is on a first come, first served basis. Available workshop locations, dates and times are:

Perth Amboy Catholic Upper School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy

Wednesday, January 23, 2018, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm (Spanish Translator Available)

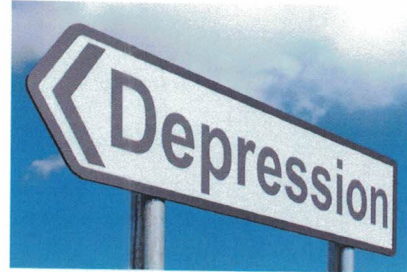
Thursday, February 7, 2019, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm (Spanish Translator Available)

If you applied to FGAA online in a previous school year, please bring your username and password.

Please bring as much of the following documentation as you have available:

- a copy of your 2017 IRS Federal Form 1040, 1040A or 1040-EZ US Individual Income Tax Return (if Applicant and Co-Applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same tax year);
- Copies of all 2018 W2, 1099, or 1099R Wage and Tax Statements for both the applicant and co-applicant;
- Copies of all applicable supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all supporting documentation for household non-taxable income such as Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Worker's Compensation, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

If you have any questions regarding the FACTS Online Application Workshops, please call 732.562.1990, extension 1610.



As adults we all have experienced each of these issues in our daily lives. Believe it or not our children suffer the same issues in their lives; that is why we have implemented our Social and Emotional Learning program in all grade levels.

Join us on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7pm in our cafeteria to hear what the program consists of as well as how you work with your child to help reduce these issues.

If you will be attending please RSVP

I will be attending the SEL Parent meeting on March 19th.

Parent Name _____

Student's Name(s) _____

Grade Level _____