



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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*" I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."*

December 12, 2019

Dear St. Stans' Families:

Hard work is the secret to so many successes and as Thomas Jefferson says above, many people don't realize it's not luck but hard work that gets people where they are. Our students put in hard work. We look to teach them that hard work needs to be consistent to see the rewards come to fruition. As we reach the midpoint of the second marking period please be advised that progress reports will be sent out next Tuesday to students with D's and F's.

Next week is perhaps one of the most difficult weeks to teach, the excitement can be felt in each student as they anxiously await Christmas and our winter break. I hope you will all join us on Tuesday, December 17th for our Christmas performance. The doors will be opened at 6:45 and the program begins at 7:00 pm. Please take your children's coats as they will report to their teacher at the bleachers. At the conclusion of the program, parents need to come and take their children so the teachers know everyone is safely going home.

Our Advent mite boxes are due back on December 18th. I hope our students made an effort to save some money for children in need. On Monday, December 16th we have a \$3.00 out of uniform day and ask you to wear your "ugliest" Christmas sweater. Finally, Friday, December 20th is an early dismissal day and we WILL have aftercare. It is also a dress UP day; no jeans, sweats, t-shirts or sneakers should be worn.

This is my final letter of 2019, I wish each and every one of you peace, love and happiness this Christmas and a healthy, happy, prosperous 2020. We return to school January 6, 2020. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico, Principal



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 10, 2019

For many decades, the Catholic Church has been a strong advocate calling for comprehensive healthcare reform. Today, I along with my brother Bishops of New Jersey, continue to support universal and affordable healthcare with special attention to the poor and the marginalized. In fact, in 2018, our hospital, St. Peter's in New Brunswick contributed \$38 million in community benefits which included \$16.7 million in charity care to people who are either uninsured or underinsured.

Legislation (S3804/A5508) is now being considered in the New Jersey legislature which eliminates the long-standing religious employers' exemption in the current law. Eliminating the religious employers' exemption would essentially force religious organizations to pay for medications, including abortion causing drugs, sterilizations and other procedures which violate our fundamental belief that all life, from conception to natural death, is sacred.

Freedom of conscience and religious liberty have been important building blocks of American society since the nation's founding. If this measure should pass many of our Catholic institutions and services will be seriously impacted. Assistance that we provide to the poor, the frail elderly, the sick and the dying, and to immigrants and their families could be at great risk.

Passage of this measure would require our Catholic parishes, Catholic schools and agencies such as Catholic Charities to offer our employees comprehensive health benefits in violation of fundamental Catholic principles. Our religious freedom, which is a basic human right, is in jeopardy and we must speak out.

I urge all of the faithful to contact their state senators today and urge them to amend the proposed legislation, S3804/A5508 to retain the established religious employers' exemption which is contained in current law.

Visit: <https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action> to take action now.

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

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# Santa for Sienna

Come out and support Sienna who is battling cancer

December 15th 2:00-5:00

K of C - South Amboy 308 4th Street, South Amboy



Picture with Santa - \$5.00

Baked Goods - \$2.00/Hot Chocolate - \$1.00

Face Painting - \$3.00

50/50 – 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00

100% of All Proceeds will go directly to Sienna for Medical Costs