



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"Raise your words, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder."

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Dear St. Stans' Families:

I hope you each had time to enjoy family, friends and had the time to reflect during your Thanksgiving break. As we enter the Advent season, it is time to raise our words to God in penitence and ask for forgiveness, look to help others in need and prepare ourselves for what awaits us in the world to come. During these three busy weeks before Christmas, we have several opportunities for our students to pray, prepare and help those in need. I have been asked to remind our families that we will still be accepting donations of pajamas for the Scholastic pajamas and books program through the beginning of next week (December 10th). Additionally, we will be collecting new toys for the Helping Hands Ministry through December 11th. Finally, MCA advent boxes were sent home this week and the donations are due back by December 18th.

Next week, our students will be busy with our prayer service on December 12th for the consecration of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Metuchen Diocese. This will be done with all the schools of the diocese at 12:30. Our students will also decorate our Jesse Tree on Friday, December 13th. This beautiful ceremony is open to parents during opening exercises. Also, please be reminded that Monday, December 9th is an early dismissal.

Lastly, once again we are collecting money for a Christmas present for Father Ken. Father Ken is committed to increasing our school endowment and this year the donations we make will be donated to St. Stans' endowment fund in the name of Father Ken. I ask for your generosity in this and I know you will give according to your ability, which is a tremendous gift in itself. Donations are due by December 19th.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico, Principal



## **Spread Joy with a Toy for the Helping Hands Ministry in Perth Amboy**

The Helping Hands Ministry in Perth Amboy assists families with small children with the basic items they need to care for their children. Through community donations, the ministry is able to supply the families with clothing, diapers, wipes, car seats, cribs, strollers, etc. As you can imagine, most, if not all of these parents, cannot afford to purchase presents for their children during this time of the year.

Our school will be collecting toys for the children who range in age from newborn to ten years old. If you would like to donate, please send in your donation by Wednesday, December 11th to the attention of Mrs. Grover. Only new toys can be accepted. No board games please.

*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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## Scholastic Book Clubs

### 11th Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive

Dear Parents,

This year our school will take part in the *Scholastic Book Clubs Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive* benefiting Pajama Program, a national nonprofit organization that provides new pajamas and storybooks to at-risk children. Pajama Program supports children living in shelters, group homes, and foster care, and other organizations that support at-risk youth. With warm pajamas and a comforting bedtime story, children feel safe and secure as they drift off to sleep, allowing them to have the good night that they need to realize their dreams the following day.

We would like to be part of this drive so that we can help make a better bedtime for these children. Together we can help the *Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive* reach even more children through the magical gifts of pajamas and storybooks. If you and your child are able to participate, please help us transform bedtime for a child by bringing a *new* pair of pajamas to school **by Friday, December 6th**.

Scholastic Book Club matches the number of donated pajamas with new story books donated directly to Pajama Program headquarters.

#### *Guidelines for the pajamas:*

- Pajamas must be brand new. Pajamas in all sizes are needed - from newborn to adult.
- Pajamas must be in complete sets or nightgowns.
- Pajamas in children's sizes must be manufactured as pajamas - this ensures that they are flame retardant and safe.

Thank you for helping us share the gift of a good night's sleep and a sweet bedtime story. After all, good nights are good days. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Grover at [lgrover@skschool.org](mailto:lgrover@skschool.org).

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