

## St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Elena Malinconico Principal www.sskschool.org 732-254-5819

"Never sacrifice these three things; your family, your heart or your dignity."

February 27, 2020

Dear St. Stans' Families,

Those three things listed above are perhaps the most important things that anyone has. I hope that as we begin this Lenten season our students will see that by alms giving, fasting, and prayer we are able to protect those three things as we grow closer to God. Today, one component of our Lenten journey, MCA boxes, were sent home and are due back March 27th. We hope all students will personally participate in this form of alms giving.

On Monday, March 2nd we will be celebrating Literacy Day at St. Stans. Literacy is probably the most important aspect of education and we are looking to celebrate that. We have activities for all classes, cookies and milk for students, and hopefully a few guest readers. That day also kicks off our Read A Thon. Please be sure to sign up and open your web page and begin collecting donations from friends and family. All of the funds raised will go directly back to the school so we can continue offsetting tuition costs.

Tomorrow is the deadline for transportation and text book forms. Please be sure to send these two forms back whether or not you use busing or you think you will not benefit from these services. These forms are key to receiving assistance for all our students. Each form helps maintain these services for all.

In this week's envelope you will find a recap of your work bond to this time. It will explain what you have already completed and what needs to be done prior to the end of the year so that you meet your commitment.

Finally, each week we are meeting new families interested in being part of our school family. I ask if you know of anyone who would benefit from being part of our school, please ask them to call us for a private tour.

In His Peace.

Elena Malinconico, Principal



## MARCH 2020 ST. STAN'S SCHOOL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2:00-3:00 Art & Lambs Club Literacy Day	3 2:00-3:00 Mrs. Mundy Title I, Wiffle Ball Club & Chorus	2:00-3:00 Religion Club Spring Picture Day	Mrs. Grover & Mrs. Zygmund Title I 2:00-3:00 Dr. Seuss Club	6 9:00 AM Mass	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Ahead 1 Hour	9 11:50 Dismissal	2:00-3:00 Mrs. Mundy Title I, Wiffle Ball Club & Chorus	Chicks arrive in Gr. 2 Middle School Class Trip	2:00-3:00 Student Council & Dr. Seuss Club Denim Day Mrs. Grover & Mrs. Zygmund Title I	9:00 AM Stations of the Cross Gr. 3-8	14
15	16 2:00-3:00 Art Club	2:00-3:00 Wiffle Ball Club Out of Uniform - Wear Green Day St. Patrick's Day	18 2:00-3:00 Religion Club	2:00-3:00 Dr. Seuss Club Mrs. Grover & Mrs. Zygmund Title I	9:00 AM Stations of the Cross Gr. 3-8  Block C Clubs End  First Day of Spring  Student of the Month Celebration	21
22	2:00-3:00 Lambs Club Block D Clubs Begin	24 2:00-3:00 Mrs. Mundy Title I, Chorus & Girls on the Run	25 2:00-3:00 Religion Club AdvancedEd Accredidation visit	26 2:00-3:00 Book Club Mrs. Grover & Mrs. Zygmund Title I Principal pizza lunch with 7th grade	End of 3rd Marking Period School Closed - Professional Day	28
29	30	31 2:00-3:00 Mrs. Mundy Title I, Chorus & Girls on the Run  8th Grade Teen Outreach			Apr 2020  S M T W T F  1 2 3  5 6 7 8 9 1  12 13 14 15 16 1  19 20 21 22 23 2  26 27 28 29 30	3 4 0 11 7 18



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 26, 2020

Dear Parents,

As Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, one of my great joys is to be able to spend time with the young people of our Diocese in many different settings. Each weekend, as I visit your parishes, I have the opportunity to see many families and hear from the children on any number of topics! They are always filled with questions! My visits to our Catholic schools are always a great gift that brings me joy and hope for our world.

I hope that you and your family had an opportunity to participate in our Year of Awakening in preparation for our Consecration to Jesus through his Mother Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe. As you know, all of our students across the Diocese participated in a Consecration Prayer Service that enabled them to commit themselves to deepen their relationship with Mary and her Son. In my homily at the prayer service, I asked them to do just one specific thing each day that is an extension of their Year of Awakening, something as simple as a "Hail Mary" as a special intention for the needs of others. I invite you to do the same! If you would like to view the Prayer Service with the students, please visit our special website dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe: Lighting Hearts On Fire https://lightingheartsonfire.org/.

The Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe will continue to be a significant part of life in the schools of our Diocese. Our Catholic schools exist, primarily, to teach the Gospel message. These schools are intended to be places where the everyday lessons of academic life are consistently taught within the context of the message of God's love for us and our expression of that love by our action in the world. The benefit of a Catholic school is that the message is for all of us—parents, teachers as well as students. When a student enrolls in a Catholic school, the entire family becomes a part of that school community. Certainly, there are many activities such as geography bees, book fairs, athletic activities and carnivals. But, more importantly, there are opportunities for you to share in liturgies, prayer services, Stations of the Cross, May Crownings. Catholic schools are meant to assist parents/guardians in the important role as the primary teachers of their children's faith.

With that in mind, the Office of Schools is presenting a Resource Page on the Diocesan website that was launched during Catholic Schools Week. This page is meant to provide information to assist you in your own faith development as you guide your children. In my pastoral letter, "Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World," one of my goals was that our schools would be intentional in their role of evangelization. This new resource is a visible sign of that role. There will be articles of interest and links to brief lessons from Bishop Robert Barron and others. Some of the materials that will be available are also being used in the schools as teachers intentionally instruct students in the role of science and our Church. Also, our website will link parents to the websites at each school that will have information on the faith formation activities at each parish/school community. I invite everyone to visit the diocesan Resource Page as well as the pages at the local schools. <a href="https://diometuchen.org/school-resources">https://diometuchen.org/school-resources</a>

During my visits to schools, I hope I will have the opportunity to see some of you there as well. I am well aware of the sacrifices that you have made to send your children to Catholic school. I am forever grateful to my parents for providing me with a Catholic school education. It was the perfect extension of my family life and an invaluable foundation for me. I am keeping all of you in my prayers, and I ask you to pray for me as well.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

Bishop of Metuchen



## SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA SCHOOL

#### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**November** 



December



**January** 



Our amazing students are rock stars! Keep up the good work!

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Grover - November

Mrs. Laffey- December

Mrs. Hodder - January

Thank you for all you do!

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

#### **Sacrament of Penance**

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who made their First Penance! God Bless You All!





**CLUB CORNER** 



Under the guidance of Mrs. Mundy & Mrs. Hodder, the Dr. Seuss Club helps children enhance their love of reading!

If you know of any families that might be interested in seeing what Saint Stan's has to offer, please have them contact our wonderful school at 732-254-5819!



## SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA SCHOOL

"A Small School Doing Big Things"

221 MacArthur Avenue \* Sayreville, NJ 08872 \* 732-254-5819

WINTER 2020

#### **WINTER EVENTS**

November - Veteran's Day Show



**December - Christmas Performance** 





I don't know about you, but the highlight of my holiday season is hearing the children singing "Momma Mary!"

#### **POLAR BEAR PLUNGE 2020**

Under the guidance of Mrs. Grover, our students took the "plunge" and raised over \$1300 for Catholic Education! Way to go!



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**Open House** 













#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 2nd:

**Literacy Day** 

March 4th:

**Spring Pictures** 

March 12th:

**Denim Day for Cancer** 

Month of March:

Read-a-Thon Fundraiser



Follow us on Instagram - @sskschool Like us on Facebook - St Stans School Sayreville Visit us on our website - sskschool.org

## Attention Students!

On March 9th the Class of 2020 will be holding a Philly Pretzel Factory sale. If you would like to participate, simply fill out the form below and turn it in no later than March 5th. We will deliver the pretzels to your class on March 9th. The cost is \$1.50 per pretzel. Thank you for your support!

\*\*\*\*Please submit one form per student. Siblings each need their own order form, but money can all be in one envelope.

Exact change only. Late orders cannot be accepted.\*\*\*\*\*

Name	Grade			
Number of Pretzels	Total Cost			
Please place your order forms, along with exact change in cash, in an				
envelope labeled "pretzel sale." One order form per student, please.				
** This sale is replacing snack sale. Please note that students should bring				
their o	own drink!**			

February 27, 2020

Dear St. Stan's Families,

We are currently laying out our 2019-2020 school yearbook. As in the past, we are offering you the opportunity to sponsor a yearbook page. Your page would include a name and a brief message. The cost is \$40 per page. Please understand that we cannot honor specific page requests. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it, along with \$40 no later than April 15th.

Thank you in advance!

Name (as you would like it to appear on page):	
Message:	



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St. Stanislaus Kostka School Advisory Committee

John Wisniewski Shannon Santiago Ron Madeira Lisa Grover Kennedy O'Brien Kim Carlson Walter Christian Annette Hockenjos

February 27, 2020

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka School Families:

This letter is to tell you a bit about the School Advisory Committee (SAC) that we have here at St. Stans. This is a group of volunteers composed of parents, teachers, and community members. This dedicated group of people comes together to assist in developing a vision for our school, retain and increase enrollment, and develop and execute ideas for raising funds for our school. Father Ken and I serve in an advisory capacity; however, the members listed above are the doers. Every two years the group of individuals change, but the mission remains the same. If you are interested in learning more about the School Advisory Committee please reach out to the office and we will have one of the committee members contact you.

(This letter did go out in the electronic white envelope on 2/13. Since then we have heard from Mrs. Samantha Girard and Mrs. Jen Taylor who have shown interest in finding out more about our mission and offering their help. Thank you!)

Currently, the committee has made the decision to have St. Stans host a golf outing which we hope becomes an annual event and fundraiser. We are searching for some parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or friends of St. Stans to join the planning committee for this event. Mr. Madeira, Mr. Wisnewski, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Christian have graciously begun this effort but more help is needed. This is a wonderful way to get involved with our school to help make a difference. I hope that you will consider joining us. As they say, many hands make light work.

Thank you to Mrs. Kerry Lang who offered to help on the golf outing planning committee. We look forward to hearing from others.

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee for the golf outing, please contact Mrs. Carlson via a phone call or an email or you can contact Mrs. Lisa Grover at Igrover@sskschool.org. We certainly look forward to hearing from some of you.

Sincerely,

Elena Malinconic

Principal

#### **PERMISSION SLIP**

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Mrs. Bellouny will be facilitating the after school Book Club which will meet on Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 from the week of March 23 – May 22 and will be open to students in grades 1 & 2. Please be aware that you will need to provide your own pencils, crayons or colored pencils. It is important to be aware that meetings will be cancelled in the event of adverse weather conditions (snow or early dismissals).

As per our school policy, students that are not provided with transportation home by 3:05 PM will be put into the After Care program at an hourly rate.

For safety reasons, students will be required to attend all meetings unless we receive a parent note or a phone call to the office stating otherwise. Students are not permitted to call home regarding club meetings. For this reason, parents are asked to look over monthly school calendars carefully to note meeting dates. In fairness to all, students who are uncooperative or not actively participating will be removed from the book club.

Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Thursday, March 12 <sup>th.</sup>				
I request that my child above-stated conditio	l join the 2019-2020 school Book Club. I have read and agree to the ns.			
Student's Name				
Grade				
Parent's Signature				
In the event of an emerg on meeting days:	gency, I can be reached at the following phone number from 2:00-3:00 PM			

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#### **GIRLS ON THE RUN**

The after school Girls on the Run Club under the direction of Mrs. Vitale & Mrs. Smith will meet on Tuesdays at 2:00-3:00 PM from the week of March 23 thru May 22. Members will be open to female students in grades 5-8. Meeting dates will be indicated on the monthly school calendars. Students will need to wear gym uniforms, sneakers and will need to provide their own water bottle.

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Grade _	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
Parent's Signature _	·			
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### Girls on the Run Parents:

In order for the girls to have a safe place to run, we will be taking them to the park across the street from the church. You will still pick up your daughter at the school at 3:00. Please be sure that your daughter has her gym uniform to change into and sneakers. Please sign and return this form by Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!	
Mrs. Vitale	
My daughterto the park with the Girls on the Run Club.	has permission to go
Parent Signature	Date



## Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser

Easter is a hop, skip, and a jump away and so is one of our profitable (and easy) fundraisers!!!

Starts week of February 24th thru March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Orders will be distributed the week of March 30th.

Orders must be handed in **by March 9th** accompanied with your order form and full payment.

Please have the order forms completely filled out <u>neatly</u> and totals checked twice.

Checks are made payable to "St. Stan's HSA".

You can also order online @ www.fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com

To place an order use our group #119468. It's really convenient and easy.

Any questions please contact Amy via email amyhuff@optonline.net or text 732-425-0005.



# Elementary

Young Rembrandts
Drawing Classes for Kids



Saint Stanislaus Kostka School Elementary Drawing Grades 1 - 8

Its spring time and that can mean only one thing: SPRINGTIME DRAWING WITH YOUNG REMBRANDTS! If your children are baseball fans, they will love our baseball still life lesson. Learning about warm colors and cool colors will be the focus as our artists draw a detailed exterior of a house. We'll also learn about legendary artist Edward Hopper as we recreate one of his masterpieces. Finally, we'll take an imaginary trip to Japan and learn about the artistry of the kimono. Sign up for classes today!

Saint Stanislaus Kostka School 221 MacArthur Avenue Sayerville, NJ, 08872



classes

Fridays 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. 03/13/20 - 05/15/20



tuition

\$92.00 (7 Week Session) No Class 3/27, 4/10, 4/17



ENROLL ONLINE at www.youngrembrandts.com/ middlesex-union Before March 13, 2020

## **ALL NEW LESSONS EVERY SESSION!**

Student Name	Last	School	Start Date	
Parent Name	Phone	Class Day	Class Time	
Email		I am interested	in being a parent helper: ( ) Yes ( ) No	
Birth Date Grade Teacher		Payment Info: Checks, MasterCard, Visa & Discover are accepted.		
Home Address		Make checks payable t	to Young Rembrandts, include your child's	
City State Zip		name & school on che	ck. ( )Check ( )MC ( )Visa ( )Discover	
		Name on Card		
My child will ( ) be picked	up()walk home()other	Billing Address		
May we photograph/video	your child in class? ( ) Yes ( ) No	City	StateZip	
Emergency Contact Relationship		Credit Card Number		
Emergency Phone		Card Exp CC\	/() charge in full () charge account	
		monthly Amt:		

## Please sign up for the SHOPAROO App and help earn money for our school!

**Thank you** to the following school family members and friends who have been supporting this fundraiser by snapping a picture of their receipts:

Jason Valetutto
Gina Rispoli
Emma
Linda Castillo
Lisa Grover
Erin Then
Giovannie Jean-Baptiste
Karen DiGiacomo
Lourdes Pilapil
Kerry Lang
Elizabeth Poulsen
Nathalia Tejada
SSK Supporter

We hope to see more family members sign up on the app since this is such an easy fundraiser for our school. For those who do not want to sign up on the App but would like to donate their receipts, please send your receipts to school in an envelope labeled *Shoparoo*. We cannot accept receipts older than two weeks from the date of purchase.

Thank you for your support!!

