



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Elena Malinconico
Principal

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"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."

January 30, 2020

Dear St. Stans' Families:

Patience is one of those virtues that I personally struggle with on a daily basis. I think many of us do in this world of so much instant gratification; between the internet, cell phones, social media none of us waits for much of anything. That can be an issue and somewhat sad because patience can bring many wonderful things to each of us; from finally understanding a concept in school to the ultimate reward of our life with God. My resolution is to increase my patience and wait for what wonderful things may find me after the patient wait. Maybe that is something we can all look to do.

We had a very successful open house and events associated with Catholic Schools Week. I ask that you stay on the look out for friends and family that may be a wonderful addition to our school family, and ask them to contact our office for a personal tour or a student shadow day for their child. Catholic Schools week marks the opening of registration for the 2020-2021 school year. This year we will once again be automatically rolling over registrations unless we receive a written notice that you will not be returning. I also ask that if you are considering not returning for next school year, before you make that final decision, please contact the office and allow us to have one of our School Advisory Committee members contact you and discuss your concerns with you. This committee is made up of teachers, community members and parents. Quite often many issues can be resolved very easily. Also, there has been no tuition increase but there is a \$50 registration fee for all current families. Please read the enclosed re- registration information.

We have also included information about programs available for tuition aid. This year, you will find, not only relief available for Catholic diocesan families but also a relief program for non-Catholic families. I strongly suggest checking these programs out.

On February 3, block C for clubs begins. Please double check the February calendar for new club dates. Also on February 3rd we will begin our second MAP testing session for grades one through eight. An information sheet was sent home on Tuesday in reference to this. One last item, the religion club's fundraiser for the Australian wildfires ends Friday and the same club is still collecting gently used books for children who don't have any. As always, I am always available to discuss and concerns or successes you would like to share.

In His Peace,



Elena Malinconico
Principal

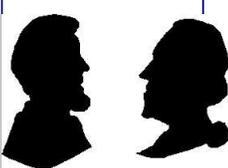
PS: Grades five through eight permission slips and money are due to school by February 18th for the IFly field trip.



FEBRUARY 2020

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL



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Attention Students!

On February 10th 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 February 6th. We will deliver the pretzels to your class on February 10th. 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- copies can be printed off of the website.

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 own drink!**

Re-Registration Grades 1-8

All Families

Welcome back to St. Stanislaus Kostka School. We are happy to continue our streamlined re-registration process. All students will be automatically re-registered. There has been no increase in tuition this year, this is the second consecutive year with no tuition change. The only change you will see is an addition of a \$50.00 registration fee for all students to aid in the processing of paperwork. If you do not want to re-register, you must send a written letter to the office stating that you will not be returning and why **no later than February 14, 2020**.

This year all families, no matter what their payment choice, will be registered in the FACTS program, at no cost to you. Please register for your FACTS account no later than February 17, 2020 at

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3KPX8>.

On February 28, 2020, your F.A.C.T.S account will be charged your Academic Fee of \$350.00 per student. Your registration fee (\$50.00 per student) Your current H.S.A. workbond deposit of \$250.00 will be rolled over into the next school year, upon the condition of completing your work bond requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. If you do not complete the work bond your deposit will not be rolled over but rather will be held and you are required to pay the additional \$750.00 penalty no later than August 16th. Due at that time will also be your new \$250.00 deposit for the 2020-2021 school year. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OPTING OUT OF THE VOUCHER PROGRAM YOU MUST SEND A CHECK TO THE SCHOOL FOR \$125.00 no later than February 28, 2020.**

This re-registration program eliminates the need to complete any registration paperwork on your part. Attached you will find a B6T form for transportation, a textbook loan form, a family income survey. Please complete and return all of these forms to the main office by February 28, 2020. The information is used to determine the school's eligibility for state and federal funding and is very important to our fiscal health.

- H.S.A. Commitment Form (due February 28)

**ST. STAN'S HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
JULY 2020-JUNE 2021 COMMITMENT
RE-REGISTRATION**

Parental involvement is crucial to the success of all parochial schools as it is to St. Stan's. The H.S.A. at St. Stan's supports the students and faculty with various activities such as school trips, assemblies, holiday parties and special events to enhance the education experience at St. Stan's. Equally as important, the H.S.A. supports the school by providing funding to defer school expenses that are not met by tuition including salaries, supplies, utilities, etc.

Only when we all contribute our time and effort will St. Stan's achieve it's full potential. Please read the Commitment Requirements on the attached sheet. Please make every effort to fulfill your obligation so that we can provide a quality education and environment for our children.

If you have any questions or concerns about this commitment, please contact the President or Vice President of the H.S.A. through the School Office.

Your current H.S.A. Workbond deposit of \$250.00 will be rolled over into the next school year, upon condition of completing your work bond requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. If you do not complete the work bond your deposit will not be rolled over but rather will be held and you are required to pay the additional \$750.00 penalty no later than August 14th. Due at that time will also be your new \$250.00 deposit for the 2020-2021 school year.

****Voucher Opt Out (optional): \$125 fee IS DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION, NO EXEMPTIONS WILL BE MADE AFTER REGISTRATION IS EXCEPTED**
IF YOU DON'T OPT OUT OR PURCHASE \$2500 IN VOUCHERS YOU WILL FORFEIT YOUR \$250 WORKBOND DEPOSIT.**

Your registration is not complete without this signed commitment and work bond deposit.

CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAME (S)

GRADE IN 2020-2021

I/WE AGREE TO THE COMMITMENT REQUIREMENTS

Signature (s)
Payment of \$250 by: Cash _____ Check # _____

2020- 2021
HSA Work-Bond Requirements

MANDATORY

Christmas Bazaar	1 Shift
Carnival	2 Shifts 1- Wednesday or Thursday 1- Friday or Saturday
Bingo	6 Shifts

ONE SHIFT OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

Christmas Bazaar Set-Up
Christmas Bazaar Clean-up
Coach Bingo
Book Fair
Other Events as Determined by HSA

Additional Requirements

Raffle Books	Christmas Calendar Raffle Carnival
\$100.00	Read a Thon Pledge
\$ 50.00	Color Run Pledge
\$2500.00	Shoprite Vouchers or \$125.00 opt out



Tuition Management

FACTS provides flexible payment plan options to families at private and faith-based schools. Families can budget their tuition, making private school more accessible and affordable. Our process is simple, convenient, and secure.

To set up your FACTS agreement, visit your school's website and locate the FACTS link, or go to <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3D04W>

FACTS CONFIRMATION NOTICE

Once your information is received and processed by FACTS, you will receive a confirmation notice. This notice will confirm your payment plan information. Please check this information for accuracy, and contact your school or FACTS with any discrepancies.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is my information secure?**
Yes. Your personal information, including payment information, is protected with the highest security standards in the industry. For more information on security, visit [FACTSmgt.com/Security-Compliance](https://factsmgt.com/Security-Compliance).
- **When will my payments be due?**
Your payment schedule is set by your school, and your financial institution will decide the time of day your payments are processed.
- **What happens when my payment falls on a weekend or a holiday?**
Your payment will be processed on the next business day.
- **What happens if a payment is returned?**
Returned payments may be subject to a FACTS returned payment fee. Watch for a returned payment notice for additional information.
- **How do I make changes once my agreement is on the FACTS system?**
Changes to your address, phone number, email address, or banking information can be made at Online.FACTSmgt.com or by contacting your school or FACTS. Any changes to payment dates or amounts need to be approved by the school and the school will then need to notify FACTS. **All changes must be received by FACTS at least two business days prior to the automatic payment date in order to affect the upcoming payment.**
- **What is the cost to set up a payment plan?**
If an enrollment fee is due, the amount of the fee is indicated when setting up your agreement. If applicable, the nonrefundable FACTS enrollment fee will be automatically processed within 14 days of the agreement being posted to the FACTS system.

FACTS CUSTOMER SERVICE

We are committed to doing all we can to provide you with the highest quality customer service in the industry. Whether you want to view your account online or speak with one of our highly trained customer service representatives, FACTS is dedicated to serving you. **To view your payment plan details, log in to your FACTS account at Online.FACTSmgt.com. Customer Care Representatives are also available to assist you 24/7.**



FACTS
Financial Aid & Tuition Management

Safe. Secure. Compliant.

Does your Tuition Management provider subject itself to the rigors of a SSAE 16 audit?

The Statement of Standards for Attestation Engagement is an audit standard designed for third-party service organizations. The SSAE 16 results of vendor service organizations are used in audits of many institutions, providing the highest level of assurance that security standards are being met. The SSAE 16 addresses all aspects of the service organization's control environment - policies, procedures, personnel, security, management, etc. **FACTS is SSAE 16 SOC 1 Type II Audited on an annual basis.**

Is your Tuition Management and Financial Aid Assessment provider PCI DSS compliant?

The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS or more commonly just PCI) are a set of standards set forth by the four major card associations to protect cardholder data. All merchants and processors need to have physical, electronic, and procedural controls in place to ensure that cardholder data is stored and handled securely at all times. **FACTS is compliant as a PCI DSS Level One Service Provider.**

Is your Tuition Management and Financial Aid Assessment provider a member of NACHA?

NACHA is a private-sector organization that governs the exchange of automated clearinghouse (ACH) payments. We employ accredited ACH professionals, who receive this designation by passing comprehensive exams and fulfilling annual continuing education requirements.

FACTS is an active member of NACHA and NACHA's Payment Alliance.

Does your Tuition Management and Financial Aid Assessment provider have a Red Flags Rule program in place?

The Red Flags Rule is a rule set forth by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions (FACT) Act to prevent identity theft. The rule requires creditors and financial institutions to have a written program in place describing how the entity identifies, detects, and responds to indicators (red flags) of identity theft.

FACTS is Red Flags Ready.

Directions for setting up your FACTS account:

- Click on the link for **FACTS** on our school's home page
- Click on **NEW ACCOUNT** – create Username and Password
- Enter an email address that you can use to receive information from FACTS
- Click **CREATE NEW FACTS ACCOUNT**
- Fill in all **CONTACT INFORMATION** and Click **NEXT**
- Complete **CREATE ACCOUNT PROFILE** and Click **SUBMIT**
- Click **SELECT A PAYMENT PLAN** under the heading Payment Plan and Billing
- Select the “2020-2021 school year” then Click **BEGIN**
- **SKIP** the **Family ID number** (we do not use one) – just Click **NEXT**
- Click **ADD STUDENT** (be sure to add each student)
- **SKIP Student ID** (we do not use one) and just fill out the name and grade entering in the fall and then **Click NEXT**
- Here is where you select your **PAYMENT PLAN OPTION**
 - You can choose one of these options – Full Payment or Monthly Payment
 - There is **NO ADDITIONAL FEE** for auto bank withdrawal from a checking account (use routing number and account number from a check)
 - There is an **ADDITIONAL FEE** to use a credit card/debit card of 2.85% per payment
- Select the **DUE DATE** for your payments and Click **NEXT**
- **REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT** – simply read and agree to the **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** and Click **AUTHORIZE** (you are not paying anything at this time. You are authorizing future payments to be deducted at later dates or be billed by invoice.) Your account number will appear and you can print out your account information.

Setting up a FACTS Payment Plan



Here are some items you may need:

- Customer or Student ID (provided by the school, if applicable)
- Financial Account information

1 Go to your school's website to find and select the FACTS information link. On the welcome page click the appropriate option: 'Create a username & password' or 'Sign in'.

- 2** Enter your demographic information (name, address, phone number, email).
- 3** Create a user name, password, and select security questions.
- 4** You are now logged in to your FACTS Account. Select Set up a Payment Plan.
- 5** Choose the appropriate term (school year) and click Continue.
- 6** Contact Information: Review the information and choose a correspondence method.
- 7** Students: Each student included in the payment plan must be added.
- 8** Plan Options: Select a payment plan and click Next. Note information about possible fees.
- 9** Payment Details: Enter your financial account information.
- 11** Payment Schedule: Select your payment date and review your schedule.
- 10** Review: You can select the links to the right to go back and edit the entries. Check the box to agree to the Terms & Conditions and click Submit.
- 12** Thank You: Print or e-mail your confirmation page. It includes your agreement number which can be used to reference your tuition payment plan with your school and FACTS.

You may contact a FACTS representative at (866) 441-4637 with questions.



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FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2020

TO APPLY: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

January 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

For families living in Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties there are now two options for financial aid:

- Hope through Education Scholarship Program - Hope through Education is a non-sectarian 501(c)(3) organization that provides economically disadvantaged families, both Catholic and non-Catholic, with partial scholarships to attend quality private and parochial schools; and
- The Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship Program - The Foundation for Catholic Education is a Diocese of Metuchen fund that provides economically disadvantaged Catholic families with partial scholarships to attend one of their 24 quality Catholic elementary or high schools.

Application instructions for the Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) Scholarship Program and the Hope through Education (HtE) Scholarship Program are included with this letter.

Please note that all grants and scholarships are awarded on a needs-only basis following an evaluation of family need by FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment (FGAA).

For families applying for the first time, please review and follow the instructions carefully with particular attention to deadlines and required documentation. Please include all K-12 children on one application and respond promptly to email notifications from FACTS Grant & Aid.

All applications and documents must arrive to FACTS Grant & Aid by March 31. Awards will be announced via email by the first week of June 2020. Families are required to accept or decline their award/s by June 15.

If you have general questions about the application process, contact an FGAA Customer Care Representative at (866) 315-9262. For questions regarding eligibility, documentation and/or deadlines, please call the Tuition Assistance Hotline at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1610, or send us an email at info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

Sincerely,

Tamara Hemingway
Executive Director

2020-2021 Application Instructions
Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) & Hope through Education (HtE)

ELIGIBILITY

Foundation for Catholic Education
Eligibility Requirements

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2020—scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool;
- Student must attend one of the 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in a Diocese of Metuchen school and parish (see list of eligible schools and parishes at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance). **If you are not sure you are officially registered, please contact your parish right away. Applications that cannot be verified will be considered incomplete and ineligible for FCE aid.**

Hope through Education
Eligibility Requirements

- Student must live in one of the following New Jersey counties: Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset, or Warren;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2020 – scholarships are not awarded to children in Preschool; and
- Student must attend one of the 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata High School, Mount Saint Mary Academy, Saint Joseph High School, or St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE

- When you apply for financial aid to attend a Diocese of Metuchen school, you are automatically opted-in to both the FCE and HtE Scholarship Program applications.

THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE: Holy Savior Academy (So. Plainfield), Immaculata High School (Somerville), St. Matthew the Apostle (Edison), St. Matthias (Somerset), or Saint Joseph High School (Metuchen)

- When applying for aid to attend one of these schools, you must manually “opt in” to the HtE Scholarship program by checking the HtE box found in the Schools section under Organizations.
- For general questions about the application process, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262. For questions regarding eligibility, documentation, or deadlines, call the Tuition Assistance Hotline at 732.562.1990, ext. 1610, or send an email inquiry to info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Copies of your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2019 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both the applicant and co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers’ Compensation, and TANF.
- Required documents must be scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- **FACTS GRANT & AID NO LONGER ACCEPTS ANY DOCUMENTATION BY MAIL OR FAX.**

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT REQUEST FOR LOAN OF TEXTBOOKS

Date:

Public School District:

Address:

Nonpublic School:

Address:

Name of Student:

Grade:

Name of Parent:

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A: 58-37.1 et seq., I hereby request the _____ (Public School District) to loan textbooks to the _____ (Nonpublic School) in which my child is enrolled. I certify that my above named child and I are residents of the State of New Jersey. I understand that the board of education of the public school district in which the nonpublic school is located with state funding is responsible for providing the loan of textbooks to nonpublic school students pursuant to law and regulations.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Donations for Australia

The religion club is asking for a \$5.00 donation for our collection drive. The money will be donated to the World Wildlife Foundation to help the koalas.

We ask you to give us a helping hand in this act of kindness. Please send the money in by January 31, 2020. Thank you for helping! God bless!

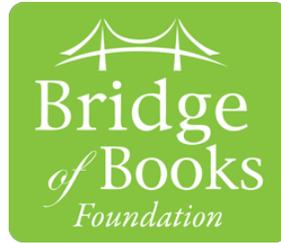
If you did sew or begin to sew needed items that were asked for previously, we will still collect them by the 31st. The organization we were sending them to has asked for donations of sewn items to stop for now since they have received so many. Items that have been made or in the process of being made, I will mail out when the need arises again.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to email me lgrover@skschool.org. Thank you!

Name: ----- Grade: -----

Thank you so much!





Donate books for children
across New Jersey today!



The books have to be clean, in good condition,
and no tears and rips.

The following books are not allowed:

- Adult Books
- Magazines
- Textbooks
- Encyclopedia
- Coloring Books
- Workbooks

- Books With Missing Pieces

The due date for the book collection is

February 13, 2020.

Sponsored by: The Religion Club

