



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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"Worry implies we don't quite trust that God is big enough, powerful enough, or loving enough to take care of what is happening."

March 12, 2020

Dear St Stans' Families:

With the 24 hour news cycle consumed with the Coronavirus story, it is quite easy to worry and possibly panic. While we, as believers, need to trust that God is enough for all of us and what is happening, he gives us common sense and intelligence to guide us through troubling times. We continue to be diligent in our cleaning of the building, washing of hands, and the use of our elbows when sneezing and coughing. I ask families to be just as conscientious at home with the same. I also remind you please to keep your child home if they are exhibiting any respiratory illness symptoms or fever. Also, if someone in your home or someone you have been in contact with receives a positive result for having the Coronavirus, please inform the school immediately so that we can contact the health department as well as the diocese for guidance on if the school needs to be closed for any period of time.

Early this week, I sent out information about our use of Google Classroom and Google Meet should we need to begin distance learning, if your child does not have access to the internet or a device for them to get on line please contact the office or your homeroom teacher so we can make arrangements. Also, if you are not using Power School, and/or do not have the parent password to get on to Powerschool please contact Mrs. Carlson so she can provide you the information you need so that any information posted on there during a potential shutdown will be available to you.

If assignments are not turned in by 9:00am the day after being assigned to them (in the event of distance learning) your child will be marked absent for the day the work was assigned..

In unrelated news, this week's envelope includes a coding program for students in grades three through five (which an outside organization will be providing) on Mondays in club's Block D. There is a maximum of 12 students for this initial class and it will be decided on a first come first serve basis. I look forward to celebrating with our March Students of the Month on Friday, March 20th! Finally, next week I will send out information about the scheduled accreditation visit which we are expecting on March 25th.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico
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March 10, 2020

Dear St. Stans' Families,

As the Coronavirus continues to dominate the news and how we are proceeding with our daily lives, the New Jersey Department of Education has sent us some guidance on how to proceed in the case of a school closure.

1. Currently, the local Board of Health or the New Jersey Board of Health will be the agencies making a decision if a school should be closed.
2. If the directive is given to close school for an extended period of time, we will be conducting remote learning. If remote learning is necessitated students will need access to a computer.
3. If remote learning takes place due to the closure by one of these agencies, the school days that we provide remote learning for will be counted towards our mandated 180 school days.
4. Our teachers are currently planning lessons that will be shared with your children via a computer. We will be utilizing Google Classroom and Google Meet to meet these requirements. **If your child will not have access to a computer please let their homeroom teacher know immediately.**
5. In order to ensure that students are participating in all assignments that are given all assignments will be due by 9:00 am the following morning. These assignments will also be graded.
6. These assignments will not be "busy" work but rather new content and our teachers will be available to lend assistance to students via computer.

As the federal and state agencies move from the idea of containment of this virus to mitigation we want to be sure we do our part.

1. If your child is ill please keep them home as opposed to sending them into school.
2. We are continuing the procedures we have put in place to maintain the building's cleanliness.
3. If someone in the household is diagnosed with this virus it is imperative that the school be notified so we can follow whatever procedures the state requires. We obviously will maintain your confidentiality within the school community.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and attention to this serious health concern.


Elena Malinconico, Principal



March 10, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As information about the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to dominate new cycles, I want to reassure you that, as always, the safety of our students, faculty and staff is our top priority. Since it has been two weeks since my last correspondence with you, I wanted to write to share some additional steps our school communities are taking in response to the virus.

First and foremost, all of our actions are guided by local, state and federal health authorities. I have been in regular contact with the New Jersey Department of Health, Department of Education, and Governor Murphy's office.

Our schools are taking normal flu-season precautions when cleaning and are giving extra attention to frequently touched surfaces. As is always the case, our schools have procedures in place to ensure students and staff who become ill at school will be attended to and sent home as soon as possible. The administration of each school is vigilantly monitoring their school's illness-related absences and the overall health of students and faculty, so they can be as proactive as possible in preventing the spread of illness. As an added precaution, if you are travelling out of the United States, please notify your school's administration before your child's return to school. In addition, our students are regularly reminded to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; to cover their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing and to throw away tissues; and to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth.

You are likely aware that Governor Murphy has declared a State of Emergency. While the State of Emergency does not affect schools at this time, we have been diligently working with our schools to develop contingency plans, so we are ready to respond if widespread illness causes more significant impacts, such as mandated school closures. The diocesan Office of Schools is working with each school individually, on a case-by-case basis, to best determine if schools will need to schedule an early dismissal to allow for staff training on virtual instruction or for additional cleaning measures.

Both the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization indicate that children are not particularly vulnerable to the virus, and therefore, the risk to our schools is low. However, in the event that school closures should be mandated, rest assured that our schools will be prepared to provide our students with virtual instruction.

To help prevent the spread of illness in our parishes, the Diocese of Metuchen advised parishes to take the following precautions during liturgical services:

- As is practiced in so many of our parishes already, priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are urged to practice good hygiene, washing their hands and using anti-bacterial hand sanitizer before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- Any individual who is sick or has flu-like symptoms should not attend Mass or other Church gatherings. Mass is broadcast on several television channels and also livestreamed on the Cathedral's website: stfranciscathedral.org, so the sick can make a "spiritual communion" until they return to good health.
- The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice is to be suspended. Furthermore, no member of the faithful is obliged to receive the Body of Christ on the tongue; worthy, reverent reception by hand is preferred until otherwise notified.

The entire press release and more about the Diocese of Metuchen's response to the coronavirus can be found here: <https://diometuchen.org/coronavirus>

It is important to remember that the handling of the spread of a serious contagion like the coronavirus is primarily a task for public health agencies. We will continue to monitor and follow the directives of the CDC and the New Jersey Department of Health. Again, school closures will be determined by the New Jersey Department of Health. For the latest available information from the CDC, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the coronavirus, you can call the hotline 1-800-222-1222, which will bring you to the County Department of Health.

Please be assured that while this is a rapidly evolving situation, we are regularly monitoring the coronavirus and the potential impact it could have on our school communities. If circumstances surrounding the virus change, I will update our school communities and will provide updated guidance to school administrators.

Let us continue to pray that those who are effected by the coronavirus.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert A. Lockwood
Superintendent of Schools



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2020 Middlesex County Spring Food Drive

Dates:

March 16th through March 27th

The 2020 Middlesex County Spring School Food Drive is supported by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, The Middlesex County Improvement Authority, MCFOODS and the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools.

Monetary contributions accepted year round by Feeding Middlesex County, the new non-profit organization supporting MCFOODS and emergency food providers.

Checks can be made payable to Feeding Middlesex County and sent to:

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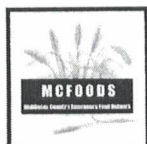
To Benefit MCFOODS:

Middlesex County's Emergency Food Distribution Network serves over 120 local food pantries, soup kitchens and social service agencies each week.

Please bring your donation to school between March 16th and March 27th to help replenish our supply of food and ensure that all Middlesex County residents in need have access to nutritious foods and necessities, such as:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Meats
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Stew
- Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Granola Bars
- Pasta
- Fruits
- Paper Products
- Diapers & Wipes
- Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste
- Dry Beans (red, black & Pinto)

(Canned and packaged goods only. NO glass items please.)





Music City needs our help!

On March 3, 2020 parts of Nashville were devastated by a tornado. Some lost their lives others lost their homes and belongings.

We are a community that helps...so let's help! Mrs. Taylor will be collecting monetary donations to send to the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties in Tennessee.

Please send in donations by **3/13** in an envelope marked Mrs. Taylor. Thank you for your support!





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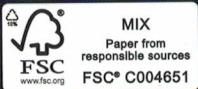
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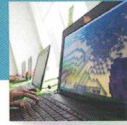
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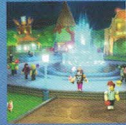


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Roblox Entrepreneur: Imaginative Game Design



3D Printing and Modeling with Take-Home Printer



YouTube Gamecasting and Video Production

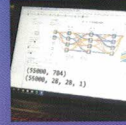


Robotics and Sensors with Take-Home Sphero RVR

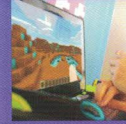
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