



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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"Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching."

September 12, 2019

Dear St. Stans' Families:

Integrity is sometimes a difficult concept for our little learners; so when you see them exhibit it, as a teacher you cannot be prouder. We see our students practicing this and hope that the characteristic of integrity continues to grow with each of them. The idea is that you need to maintain your integrity even when no one but God sees your actions and that is the true test!

It was such a pleasure to see so many parents last night at Back to School Night, I hope you enjoyed the experience and received valuable information. I ask that all of our family keep this year's eighth graders and last year's eighth graders in your prayers as they accept the responsibility in their faith of confirmation on September 17th.

On Friday, September 27th we not only have an early dismissal but our students will get to participate in our first ever color run. This event is not only a fundraiser, but we hope it will be a fun morning for our students. A **heads up** the color that is used for color runs does have the tendency to stain so I would suggest that students wear shoes they don't mind having colored permanently and the same goes for their clothes. If you drive your child home you might want to have a towel in your car. We will have more information next week.

As I said a back to school night please never hesitate contacting me with any questions or concerns.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico
Principal



St.Stans Color Run!

REMINDER!!

Friday, September 27th
10AM

\$50 (per family) is due by 9/27!

JOIN THE FUN!

***CRAZY HAIR!**

***CRAZY CLOTHES!**

CREATE SIGNS!

GRAB A PARTNER!

NAME YOUR TEAM!

SUPPORT YOUR CLASS!

***MUST STILL BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE!**



St. Stan's Color Run
Pledge Form

Pledges

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

On Friday, September 27th, I will be participating in a color run at my school! This fundraising event will help pay for field trips, assemblies, and so much more! I will have a certain period of time to run as many laps as I can around the Color Run course!

Please consider sponsoring me
to help achieve my goal of \$50!

Thank you!

	Sponsor's Name	Amount
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "ST. STAN'S HSA" BY 9/27!
THANK YOU

PERMISSION SLIP

CHORUS

Rehearsals will be on selected Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM during the school year. Students in grades 4-8 are welcome to join. Students who choose to join the chorus make a commitment to attend all special performances, including those outside of the regular school day. In fairness to all, students who are uncooperative or not actively participating will be removed from the chorus. Chorus meeting dates will be listed on the monthly school calendar beginning with the month of September. The group will meet only on those dates listed. If an additional chorus practice is scheduled, parents will be informed in writing ahead of time. Please remember to carefully check monthly calendars for meeting dates.

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.

Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Wednesday, September 25th.

I request that my child join the 2019-2020 school chorus. I understand that attendance is required at all of the rehearsals and special performances. I have read and agree to the above-stated conditions.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____

In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at the following phone number from 2:00-3:00 PM on meeting days:

PERMISSION SLIP

WIFFLE BALL CLUB

The after school Wiffle Ball Club under the direction of Mrs. Grover will meet on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM. **Block A will begin the week of September 30 – November 11.** Membership will be open to students in grades 5-8 only. 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.

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. In fairness to all, students who are uncooperative or not actively participating will be removed from the club.

Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Wednesday, September 25th.

I request that my child join the Wiffle Ball Club. I have read and agree to the above-stated conditions.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____

In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at the following phone number from 2:00-3:00 PM on meeting days:

PERMISSION SLIP

RELIGION CLUB

The after school Religion Club under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Grover will meet on selected Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM during the school year. Membership will be open to students in Grades 5-8 only. Meeting dates will be indicated on the monthly school calendars.

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. In fairness to all, students who are uncooperative or not actively participating will be removed from the club.

Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Wednesday, September 25th.

I request that my child join the 2019-2020 Religion Club. I have read and agree to the above stated conditions.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____

In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at the following phone number from 2:00-3:00 PM on meeting days:

PERMISSION SLIP

ART CLUB

The after school Art Club under the direction of Mrs. Laffey will meet on Mondays from 2:00-3:00 PM during **Block A beginning the week of September 30 – November 11**. Membership will be open to students in grades 1 & 2 only. Meeting dates will be indicated on the monthly school calendars.

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. In fairness to all, students who are uncooperative or not actively participating will be removed from the club.

Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Wednesday, September 25th.

I request that my child join the Art Club. I have read and agree to the above-stated conditions.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____

In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at the following phone number from 2:00-3:00 PM on meeting days:

PERMISSION SLIP

NEWSPAPER CLUB

The after school Newspaper Club under the direction of Mrs. Taylor will meet on selected Thursdays at 2:00-3:00 PM. Membership will be open to students grades 6th - 8th only. Meeting dates will be indicated on the monthly school calendars.

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 3:00 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. In fairness to all, students who are uncooperative or not actively participating will be removed from the club.

Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Wednesday, September 25th.

I request that my child join the Newspaper Club. I have read and agree to the above-stated conditions.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____

In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at the following phone number from 2:00-3:00 PM on meeting days:



ST. STAN'S HSA 7TH ANNUAL COACH BINGO & TRICKY TRAY

Where: St. Stanislaus Kostka School

221 MacArthur Ave. Sayreville

When: Friday, October 18th (doors open at 5:30PM,
calling begins at 7:30PM)

Cost: \$30 per person includes 12 games of bingo
(3 boards per game), coffee, tea, & dessert

- The event will also feature a 50/50, door prizes and a variety of Tricky Tray raffles. Extra bingo boards can also be purchased.
- All guests are invited to bring their own food & refreshments

For tickets please visit the Parish office

or call/text Gina at 732-277-2552

****You must be 18 to enter and participate****



Dear Parents,

Our first major fundraiser for this school year will take place on Friday, October 18th. That evening, we are having our 7th Annual Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray.

With every fundraiser we also need volunteers. We will need about 25 people to work the Coach Bingo that evening. The shift will start at 5:PM **sharp** and end at approximately 11:PM. This will count as an “**other**” for work bond. Please understand that if you are buying a ticket to attend the Bingo then you **cannot** work the event. There will be other opportunities during the school year to fulfill your “other” work bond commitment such as Book Fair, Christmas Bazaar set-up or clean-up, etc...

If you would like to volunteer to work please send back the bottom portion of this form to the school office, Attention: Gina Rispoli, HSA. Those assigned to work the event will be posted in the white envelope the week prior to the event. Volunteers will be added on a first come, first assigned basis.

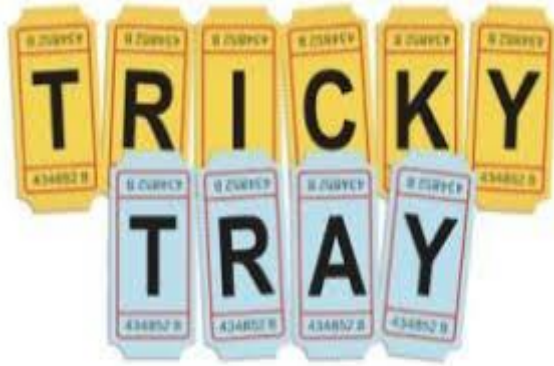
Thank you for your support and we hope to have a very successful fundraiser and school year!

Print Your Name:_____

Child's Name & Grade:_____

Phone #:_____

_____ I would like to work the Coach Bingo on Friday, October 18th. I understand that I cannot play bingo and work the event.



We need your help to make our
COACH BINGO & TRICKY
TRAY
outstanding this year!

If you would like to sponsor a Coach Bag Prize please call/text Gina Rispoli at 732-277-2552.

If you own a business or your place of work is willing to donate a prize, please let us know. We are always looking for donations for our small, medium, and large Tricky Tray raffles. With over 400+ attendees it's a great place to advertise!

Coach Bingo is our largest fundraiser.
All proceeds benefit the students and St. Stan's School.
Thank you for your generosity!



ST. STAN'S HSA

COACH BINGO/TRICKY TRAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

We are already planning our first major fundraiser of the school year...
our 7th Annual Coach Bingo/Tricky Tray!

We are asking for \$5.00 per child (\$10 per family max.) to be used to help offset the cost of the prizes for this event. This is not mandatory but would greatly help our fundraising efforts.

Please send back the bottom portion of this form along with your donation to the attention of Gina Rispoli, HSA. Please kindly return your donation to the school by Friday, October 11th.

As always, thank you in advance for your contribution and continued support. We truly appreciate your help in making this event a success.

Please print family name: _____

Student Grade(s): _____

Donation: _____



Coach Bingo Dessert Donations

Our first major fundraiser is quickly approaching! Our 7th Annual Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, October 18th.

Included in the ticket price are coffee, tea, and desserts.

We are asking grades Pre-K through 4th if they could donate a cake or other baked good for the event. In the past, we have served a variety of delicious treats including apple/pumpkin pie, cakes, cookies, brownies, etc...

All baked goods must be labeled and dropped off at the school on Friday, October 18th before 5pm.

Please return the bottom portion of this flyer to the school by Monday, October 14th.

As always, thank you for your support!

Family Name _____ Grade _____

_____ Yes, I will donate the following for Coach Bingo:

_____ Cake(s) _____ Pie(s) _____ Cookies _____ Brownies _____ Other

Parent's Signature



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen follow the *National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools* to guide us in educating your child. By these standards, our students are prepared to live faith-filled lives that reflect a Catholic world view. The standards state that “An excellent Catholic school has a clearly articulated, rigorous curriculum aligned with relevant standards, 21st century skills, and Gospel values, implemented through effective instruction.” While our schools provide a rigorous curriculum for students, we are constantly working to improve upon their academic excellence.

In the fall of 2018, a committee was convened to evaluate how students are assessed in the Diocese of Metuchen Catholic schools. The committee surveyed schools and gathered information regarding our current IOWA assessment, and they researched best practices of a comprehensive assessment. Ultimately, the goal of any assessment is to help teachers identify student academic needs in order to provide individualized instruction. With this goal in mind, and our vision to improve academic excellence, the committee began to review a variety of assessments that would meet the needs of our students.

After reviewing several different assessment companies, the committee identified NWEA MAP as an assessment that could provide data for teachers to help guide future learning for every student. MAP is different from other assessments in that students are tested three times a year. Three of our schools elected to pilot NWEA MAP assessment this past spring. The pilot was successful, and the committee recommended that, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, all Catholic elementary schools administer the NWEA MAP Growth Reading, Math, and Language Usage assessments in grades one through eight in early fall, winter, and late spring.

Over 400,000 Catholic school students and 10.7 million public school students across the nation use NWEA MAP. The NWEA MAP is a web-based assessment that is given on school desktop computers, Chromebooks, or iPad. Students take each of the Reading, Math, and Language assessments with their classroom teacher for approximately one hour. We believe that the NWEA MAP assessments will provide a personalized assessment experience that will help students learn, teachers teach, and administrators lead. Some benefits to this new assessment system are that it provides:

1. Data to understand unique learning needs of each student.
2. Adaptive testing measures performance on, above or below grade level.
3. Growth and achievement data 3 times per year.
4. Data reports available within 24 hours of administration.
5. Immediate results on easy to read reports that will drive instruction and improve teacher practice.
6. Lexile scores included on reading reports.

7. Links to the state test and ACT/SAT performance predictions beginning in fifth grade.
8. Norming data to compare students to national, state and Catholic school benchmarks.
9. Compatibility across tech platforms.
10. Accommodations in the regular classroom through technological support.
11. Artificial intelligence to identify and remedy rapid guessing behavior.
12. Cost effective solution to assess more students.

We are excited to partner with NWEA and provide our students and teachers with this opportunity for growth. As always, everything we do is with our mission in mind – to transform students into Disciples of Christ. Your child's school will provide additional information as the school year opens. Please pray for us as we undertake this new venture.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert A. Lockwood
Superintendent of Schools