



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

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"We can do hard things."

January 4, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful holiday spent with those you love. We have a lot going on this month, so please take note of important dates below.

- Jan. 5 – First Friday Mass 9:00 AM
- **Jan. 8 – 11:50 AM dismissal**
- Jan. 12 – Mix-Match Out of Uniform Day/ \$3.00
- **Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 19 – **End of 2nd Marking Period** and Block B Clubs
- Jan. 21 – Catholic School's Week Opening Mass 9:00 AM (students wear uniforms)
School Open House 10:00-12:00
- Jan. 21-25 – Book Fair
- **Jan 26 – 11:50 AM dismissal**
- **Jan 30-Feb. 1 – Midterm Exams Grades 5-8**

There will be a separate Catholic School's Week event calendar going home next week to help keep you informed of the special events that will be happening. We look forward to celebrating our amazing school with our students and their families.

Warmest Regards,

Lori Hodder

Principal

PERMISSION SLIP

DRAMA CLUB

Mrs. Natasha Graca and Mrs. Andrea Smith will be facilitating the after school Drama Club, which will be open to students from grades 5-8 on selected Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM in Block C. Meeting dates will be indicated on the monthly school calendars, and times may be extended as we get closer to performance dates (parents will be notified ahead of time with any time changes). **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 3:10 PM will be put into the After Care program at an hourly rate.

Students will be required to attend all meetings unless we receive a parent note or 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 drama club.

Please fill out and return this sheet no later than Thursday, January 18th.

I request that my child join Drama 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

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 C will be on select Tuesdays from January 22 – March 22**. **Membership will be open to students in Grades 6 - 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 Thursday, January 18th.

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:



Winter Coat Drive

including gloves, hats, & scarves

January 21st to January 29th

January 22nd is our *Christian Service Day* of Catholic Schools Week. Various service projects will be started this day to continue our mission to help those in need.

We will be collecting gently used or new winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for the homeless. These items will be donated to the Blessing Bag Brigade NJ who will distribute the items to those in need. Men's winter clothing is also in need.

There will be collection bins in the main entrance or items packed in bags can be dropped off in front of the school from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm during the school day. The Religion Club will be separating the items collected to make distribution easier for the Blessing Bag Brigade.

Items can also be brought to the school during our Open House (breakfast included) on January 21st from 10 am - 12 pm following the Opening Mass of Catholic Schools Week at 9 am.

Thank you for your continued support to help those in need.
Please contact Ms. Grover lgrover@skskschool.org for any questions.

The Blessing Bag Brigade NJ is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to showing compassion and humanitarianism towards those in need.

Committed to aiding the homeless and educating the public.

www.blessingbagbrigadenj.org



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

221 MacArthur Avenue, Sayreville, NJ 08872



Clothing Drive



January 5th - 16th

Please place donations in bags that seal like plastic trash bags
On Saturdays and Sundays, donations can be left in the lobby of the church
before and after all masses.

During the school week, donations can be left outside of the school at the
front entrance.

HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!

**We will be collecting new or gently used men, women and
children's clothing, shoes, purses, belts, bed and bath linens
and stuffed animals.**

NO Pillows, Books, Toys, Furniture, Appliances, or Household items.

There will be a separate coat, hat, glove, scarf drive January 21-29. Please save
any of these items until then.

Thank you for your support!

*If you have questions, contact Betty Vitale at bvitale@sskschool.org. The clothing that is collected is distributed to local thrift stores and in areas in need of clothing. B & B Management Co. **does not** shred the clothing for rags. All clean and wearable clothing and shoes are reused by less fortunate people and families. The clothing does not end up in the landfill thus helping to keep American green and clean.*

Freezin for a Reason

Dive into St. Stan's School spirit at the ***Polar Bear Plunge for Catholic Education*** sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2 Monmouth.

The plunge will take place on Sunday, February 4th in Sea Bright, New Jersey at the Municipal Beach. Registration begins at 11am and closes at 12:30 pm. 12:45pm we line up on the beach and 1:00 pm is plunge time! Ms. Grover will register our team.

The money raised for this event will go towards the 2023-2024 Project Fundraisers: School Boilers & School/Church AC Replacement. 15% of all donations will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

If you would like to be a part of our St. Stan's Plunge Team, please fill out the form on the next page and return with a \$30.00 registration fee to the attention of Ms. Grover by **Thursday, February 1st. OR** this can be done online <https://sskplunge2024.cheddarup.com>

Those who are plunging ***will receive a sponsor/waiver form that must be returned, signed and dated.*** This form is also available on the cheddarup link to print. The Plunger sponsor donations can be made online or sent in.

If you would like to make ***a donation only*** to sponsor our team and receive an out of uniform pass(es), please see the bottom of the next page for information **OR** this can be done online <https://sskplunge2024.cheddarup.com>

Polar Bear Plunge school spirit wear is available for sale until January 12th. <https://sskmerchplunge2024.cheddarup.com>

Those who make a purchase will be able to wear this on a date to be announced. ***Thank you for your support!!***



Polar Bear Plunge 2024

____ Yes! I will be there at the event to join our plunge team, and I will collect sponsor donations for our school.

\$30.00 registration fee per plunger (money goes back to our school/Out of Uniform Pass to be received for registration fee)

Name of plunger: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade _____

Parent email: _____

*Students and faculty/staff members who **take the plunge** will be able to dress down on Monday, February 5th as well as receive additional Out of Uniform passes for every \$50.00 donation.*

******* Mrs. Hodder's Challenge to be announced soon!!*******

\$30.00 sponsor pledge for **non plungers** will receive an *Out of Uniform* pass. Receive an additional pass for every \$50.00 donation.

Name: _____ Grade _____

Please return this form and donations to
Ms. Grover by Thursday, February 1st.

Cash or checks made out to: St. Stan's School or this can be done online

<https://sskplunge2024.cheddarup.com>

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Grover at

lgrover@sskschool.org