



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."

March 14, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

Easter break is fast approaching, and with that hopefully warmer weather with the first day of spring next week.

- Mar. 15 – Stations of the Cross Grades 3-8
- Mar. 16 – Polish Platter Fundraiser 4:00-7:00
- Mar, 18 – St. Patrick's Dress Down Day \$3.00
- Mar. 20 – Spring Pictures
- Mar. 21 – 7th Grade Snack Sale
- Mar. 25 – Wacky Science Program
- Mar. 26 – Sport's Day 9:30/wear gym uniforms
- **Mar. 27 – 9:00 AM Mass/Bunny Breakfast/11:50 AM dismissal with NO AFTERCARE**
- **Mar. 28-April 7 – Easter Break/Classes resume April 8**

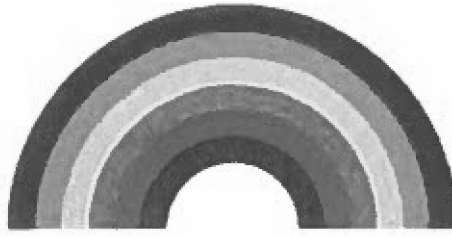
Thank you to everyone that participated in our annual Read-A-Thon. Since donations are being accepted until **March 20** online, we will announce the winners before Easter. So far, we have raised over \$12,000.00 as a school!

Finally, Lenten mite boxes are due back on **March 18**. Thank you to everyone who gives extra during the season of Lent. It is Bishop's wish that the MCA be at the forefront of our almsgiving during Lent and all throughout the school year. Christian service is such a big part of who we are as a Catholic school community. The families of St. Stanislaus Kostka School are always so generous and empathetic to the needs of others. Thank you!

Warmest Regards,

Lori Hodder

Principal



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER

LEON THE LEPRECHAUN MYSTERY TREAT BOX

\$7 EACH



**WHEREVER YOU GO,
WHATEVER YOU DO,
MAY THE LUCK OF THE IRISH
BE WITH YOU**

Please fill out below & send in attention HSA Kelly/Beulah. Orders due 3/8. Treat boxes will be handed out 3/15.
Any questions call Kelly @ 908-487-8998 or Beulah @ 732-910-2379

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

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Grade: _____

Payment Enclosed:

Polish / Irish Platter Fundraiser



All proceeds benefit
St. Stanislaus Kostka School!



**Saturday, March 16th
4:00-7:00PM**



Curbside pick-up behind the school

**Polish Platter
includes:**

**Irish Platter
includes:**

**5 Potato & Cheese Pierogi
Kielbasa & Sauerkraut
1 Stuffed Cabbage
Rye Bread/Butter**

**Corned Beef
Cabbage
Boiled White Potatoes
Rye Bread/Butter**

Can't decide? Order both!

**PRE-SALE PURCHASE ONLY
\$15/platter**

**Tickets can be purchased after
Mass or by calling/texting
Gina at 732-277-2552**

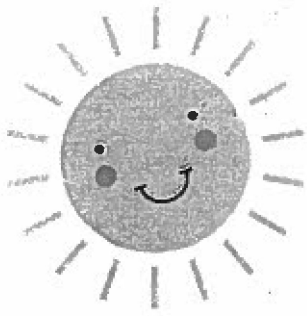


Monday, March 18
St. Patrick's Day Themed
\$3.00 out of Uniform Day



Friday, March 22
School Spirit Wear
Out of Uniform Day
School Spirit attire
including 2024 Polar Bear Plunge.
(Gym uniform is not included in this *free* out of uniform day)





FIELD DAY 2024 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

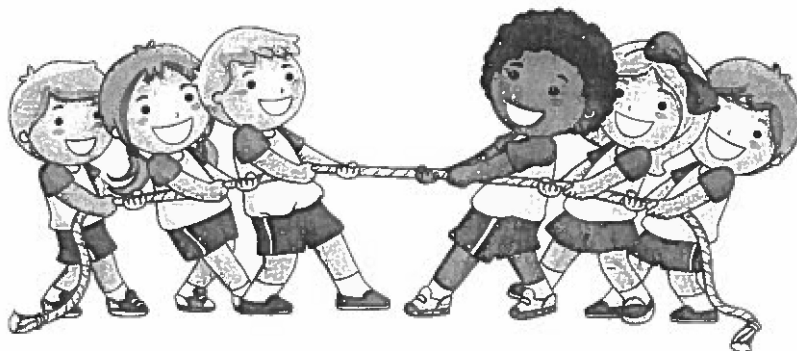
**SUBMIT YOUR ORIGINAL DESIGNS (COMPUTERIZED
OR HAND-DRAWN) TO: BETHIE726@AOL.COM OR TO
YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER BY 3/22**

ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT

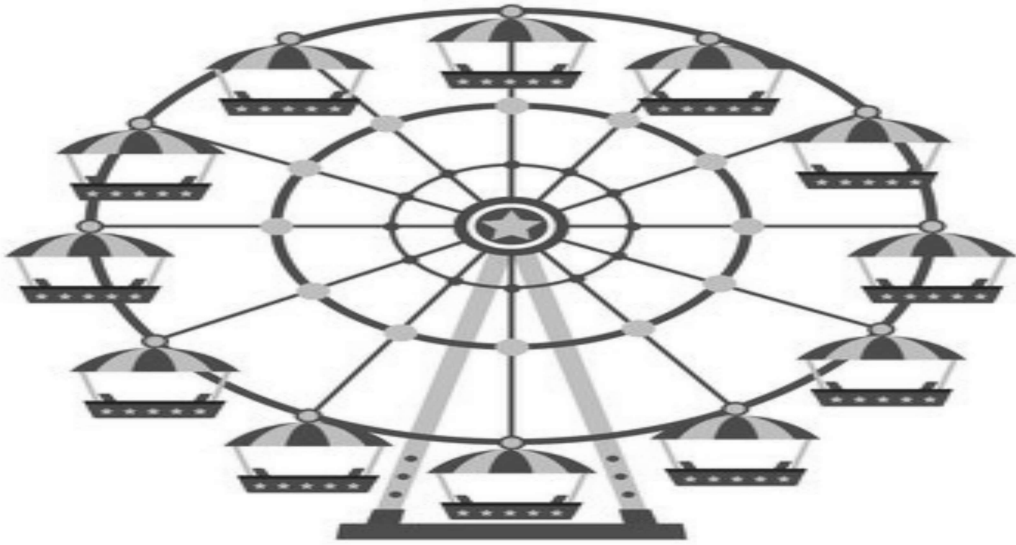
**WINNING DESIGN TO BE FEATURED ON THE
2024 FIELD DAY SHIRT!**

VOTING TO TAKE PLACE THE WEEK OF 3/25

WINNER ANNOUNCED AT THE BUNNY BREAKFAST ON 3/27



CARNIVAL SUPERVISORS NEEDED!



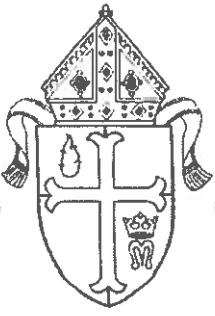
**2024 CARNIVAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th**

7PM

School Cafeteria

All are welcome!!

Plans for the 2024 St. Stan's Carnival are underway! We have many supervisory positions available and are looking for new volunteers! Come to the meeting and learn what it's all about!



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Department of Education

December 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for choosing to give your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic school education, a gift that we realize is given at great sacrifice for many families. For the 2024-2025 school year, we are blessed to provide Diocesan school financial aid to support low-income families who send their children to our elementary and high schools.

To be eligible your child(ren) must be Roman Catholic, must be entering grades K-12 in September 2024, must be registered with your household in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen (please see the list of eligible parishes on the back of the Application Instructions Form), and must attend one of our 21 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata High School or St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Students attending the two private high schools in our Diocese (St. Joseph High School and Mount Saint Mary Academy) will need to seek assistance directly from those schools or from Hope through Education (<https://hopethrougheducationusa.org>).

Families that require computer access and/or help with the online application should contact the school/s where you plan to enroll your child/ren.

Application instructions, with deadlines, are attached and are also available online at diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance. Please note, **you are responsible for completing the Parish Verification Form, getting it signed by your Pastor, and returning it to the school or schools where you plan to send your children.** If you are enrolling children in more than one school, you should submit a copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form to the additional school/s.

We are not able to consider an application without this form, signed by you and your Pastor. Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call FACTS Grant & Aid at 866.315.9262.

Thank you for the blessing you are to our children and our church and for your commitment to Catholic school education.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stevens
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2024-2025 Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid must complete an online application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application period opens January 1, 2024 and will officially close on **March 31, 2024**. Awards will be announced on or about the first week of June 2024.

Online applications are available in Spanish and English. The application fee is **\$40** and **must** be paid online at the time you submit your application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for School Financial Aid:

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2024—scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool, although they should be included on the FACTS online application;
- Student must be attending one of our 21 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen, **and families must submit a Parish Verification Form to the school/s where they plan to enroll their child/ren by March 31**. A copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form may be used by families enrolling children in more than one school (see list of eligible schools and parishes on page 2 or go to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance to view a list or print the form).
- **All families must submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to each school their child/ren plan to attend or their FACTS online application will not meet the eligibility requirements for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid and will not be processed.**

APPLICATION

Required documents include:

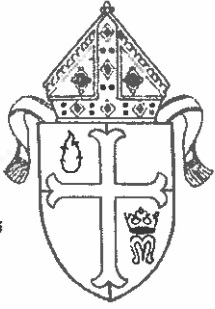
- Copies of your 2022 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2023 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both you and your spouse or co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Documents must be:

- Scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- **FACTS Grant & Aid does not accept documents sent by FAX or Email.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If you are applying to a Diocese of Metuchen school, your application will automatically “opt in” to the Hope through Education Scholarship Program online application process. If you meet the eligibility requirements for both Programs you will be considered for either Diocesan Financial Aid or a Hope through Education Scholarship
- For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262.



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
REQUIRED PARISH VERIFICATION FORM

By signing below, the Pastor of a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen is confirming that the Elementary/High School applicants/s listed on this form are registered in and attend his parish, thereby meeting the parish verification requirement for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid.

Parents – you must complete this form, sign it, obtain your Pastor’s signature, and return it to the Diocesan school/s where your child/ren will be enrolled. If your children attend more than one Diocese of Metuchen school, you may copy the completed, signed form for any additional school/s. Forms must be signed by the Pastor and Parent/Guardian and submitted to the school/s **by no later than March 31, 2024.**

All eligibility requirements and a list of eligible schools and parishes can be found on page 2 of this form and on the Diocese of Metuchen website at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance.

ALL APPLICANT FAMILIES MUST:

- Complete an online application through FGAA (one application/family) – <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>;
- Submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to the school/s their child/ren will attend **by March 31** (please list all children attending a Diocese of Metuchen School, and the name or names of the schools they are attending); and
- **YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS FORM – ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED. MAKE ONE COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SCHOOL.**

Parent/Guardian:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Student Names and Schools (Please Print)

Student Name/s: _____

School/s: _____

Pastor:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Parish Name: _____

(Name of Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen)



St. Stan's Student Council Easter Grams & Candy Guess

Starting on March 12th through the 15th Student Council members will be selling Rice Krispy Treats for our Easter Candy Gram Sale. This special treat will be sold during both lunch periods for \$1.50. They will be delivered on the 26th.

March 12-15th during both lunch periods Student Council will also have a jelly bean guess. The person closest to the number without going over will be declared the winner and take home the jelly beans! Each guess is \$0.50.

All proceeds will support the Student Council Middle School Dance.

The Students Council thanks you for your support!



To: _____

Grade _____

From: _____

Grade _____



To: _____

Grade _____

From: _____

Grade _____



To: _____

Grade _____

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Grade _____



To: _____

Grade _____

From: _____

Grade _____

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...

ST. STAN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2024 AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2024



ST STAN'S GYMNASIUM
221 MACARTHUR AVE
SAYREVILLE, NJ 08872



6PM-10 PM

PLAYERS, COACHES & TEAM PARENT- FREE

ADULTS- \$50 CHILDREN- \$25



DRESS TO IMPRESS

FAMILY NAME: _____ PHONE #: () _____

TEAM _____ (Players will sit with their teams, parents please indicate which team you'd like to be seated with)

PLAYER- FREE X _____ = FREE

TEAM PARENT X _____ = FREE

*PLEASE INDICATE IF THERE ARE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES

ADULT @ \$50 X _____ = \$ _____

CHILD @ \$25 X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL- \$ _____

_____ UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

TICKETS **MUST** BE PURCHASED BY 3/23. SEATS LIMITED TO PARENTS, PLAYERS, AND SIBLINGS ONLY.



It's that celebratory time of year again for our basketball and cheer teams here at St. Stan's! We had an incredible season filled with triumphant victories, lesson-learning defeats, challenges, growth, pride and sportsmanship.

We are excited to organize our awards banquet, but we can't do it without your help!

Please consider placing an ad in our banquet program.

Showing your support by doing so would mean so much to our program and most importantly our children!

You can scan your business card, picture (jpg), or well wishes to the association or a player and send your ad to our Gmail account:

Saintstansaa@gmail.com or turn it into the parish office:
c/o St. Stan's AA

Full Page \$75.00
Half Page \$40.00
Quarter Page \$25.00
Patron \$5.00

All ads are due by March 15th





Saint Stan's Carnival 2024

Carnival Hours:

Thurs June 20th 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Friday June 21st 5:00 – 11:00 PM

Saturday June 22nd 5:00 – 11:00 PM

DISCOUNTED RIDE TICKETS...SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS

SHEET OF 18 TICKETS FOR ONLY \$12.00

Send tickets through school office – **Attention: Kim Carlson**

(Last year's ride tickets will be honored)

SAINT STAN'S ADVANCED TICKET SALES

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of discount ticket sheets _____ Amount _____

Grade _____

Checks payable to St. Stan's Carnival



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Double Good[®]



March 13th 5pm – March 17th 5pm

How do I create a Pop-Up Store?

A little personalization goes a long way. Before creating your Pop-Up Store, you want to have the photo you will use on your phone's photos app. Adding a photo is required to create your storefront, and it will help make it more appealing to potential supporters.

You can create a pop-up store using the instructions below:

1. Download the Double Good app
2. Log into the Double Good App
3. Tap on the Enter an Event Code card
4. Enter the Event Code **PCCUPO**
5. Tap "Create a Pop-up Store"
6. Tap "Add Photo" to take or upload a photo
7. Set Goal Amount
 - a. This is displayed on your Pop-up Store - it won't prevent you from earning more than your goal, but it helps supporters know what you're aiming for!
8. Toggle "Feature My Store" DoubleGood.com
 - a. Toggling this on means you are opting to allow your store to be featured on the Double Good website

Participation is not required but greatly appreciated! 50% of what we raise goes back to our school!

Thank you!

HSA

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 WE DECLARE A SSK PENNY WAR TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH



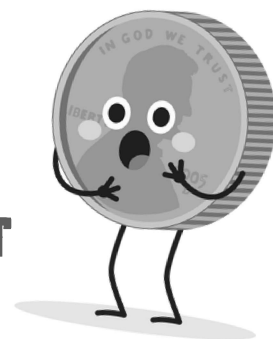
DURING LUNCH PERIODS

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Each CLASS has their own coin jug for collecting money located in the CAFETERIA. **ADD POINTS** to your jug by adding pennies and dollar bills. **SUBTRACT POINTS** from other grades by adding silver coins to their jug.

TEACHERS WILL HAVE THEIR OWN JUG TOO!

**WINNING CLASS GETS
A PIZZA PARTY**





**IF TEACHERS WIN, THEY WILL GET
A BAGEL BREAKFAST!**






The winning group will be announced on **March 27th at the Bunny Breakfast!**

POINT SYSTEM

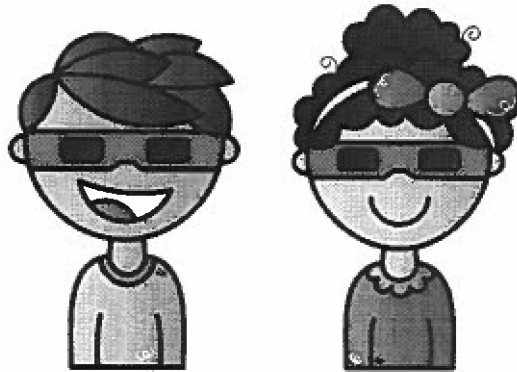
ADDING POINTS

-  EACH PENNY = **+1** POINT
-  \$1 BILL = **+100** POINTS
-  \$5 BILL = **+500** POINTS
-  \$10 BILL = **+1,000** POINTS

SUBTRACTING

-  NICKEL = **-5** POINTS
-  DIME = **-10** POINTS
-  QUARTER = **-25** POINTS

Solar Eclipse Party



April 8, 2:00-2:45 PM

Open to all St. Stan's students! Feel free to bring an extra snack to enjoy.

Please note, this is a weather-dependent event. If it is rainy or overcast, we won't be able to see the eclipse and the event will be canceled.

Eclipse glasses are required and available for \$2 each.

If you would like to attend, please complete the permission slip below and return it to Mrs. Pagnotta by March 25.

Solar Eclipse Party

Student Name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____

Parent/guardian signature granting permission to attend:

Would you like to purchase eclipse glasses? (\$2 each, please enclose)

- Yes - number of glasses: _____
- No, I already have a pair

Dismissal at 2:45

- Pickup by _____
- Aftercare