



# St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Academy

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Dear Academy Families,

We hope that you are enjoying an exciting summer vacation and time in the sun! We look forward to seeing you in September and would like to provide you with a sneak preview of what awaits your return in the areas of curriculum, after-school enrichment program, and facilities.

## Curriculum

We are thrilled to announce that we are **expanding our curriculum to include chess!** **ChessNYC** will provide weekly chess instructions during the school day to Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grades. Students will receive an exciting introduction to the game of chess and learn strategies and techniques to advance their playing skills. Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> and upward will have the opportunity to opt-in for lessons and practice sessions during lunch and recess and all chess players can participate in chess tournaments with other chess players from around NYC. We will also have weekly chess instruction as part of our after-school program. More details to come, but click [here](#) to learn more about ChessNYC.

## After-School Language and Arts Enrichment Partner Program

Our after-school enrichment program is expanding!

- We launch our French Language Program in September 2017 with two great partners:
  - **La Caravane Francofun** will provide **French language immersion classes** for PreK3 -8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
  - **International Ballet Institute** will provide **French/English dual-language ballet** for UPK4 – 8th grade *boys and girls*.
- St. Stan's Strings, our violin club with Erin Ellis of **Studio IV**, has been **expanded and is now open to PreK4 – 8th grades**.
- **Hamilton Dance** has a robust offering of tap, jazz, ballet, hip hop, Bollywood, and gymnastics classes.
- **Mad Science** provides fun and interactive science experiences in our STEM laboratory.
- **ChessNYC** will offer a chess-focused after-school program on Thursdays, emphasizing sport and fun as part of the chess instruction experience. All grade levels are welcome.

Please see the enclosed **St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Academy 2017-2018 After-School Language & Arts Enrichment Partner Program** and individual flyers to learn more about our program & partners. You also now have the opportunity to pre-register your children for the upcoming school year.

### Facilities

The Academy is buzzing with lots of contractors and construction work.

- We are installing **20 window air conditioning units** throughout the building. Upgraded electrical lines and AC units in every classroom will make the Academy the “cool” place to be.
- We are **renovating all our bathrooms**. Be ready for upgraded facilities with a fresh look.
- Say goodbye to the water fountains and hello to **water bottle filling stations** on every floor. Be sure to have those refillable Academy water bottles ready to help keep plastic waste out of the landfill and protect our environment.

We are very excited about all the changes at the Academy that support our commitment to advancing the educational experience and nurturing the development of the whole child at St. Stan’s Academy.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. C

*And P.S...* Don’t forget about all the Academy-provided after-school program and clubs with our great teachers! More to come on this at the start of the school year.

**St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Academy**  
**2017-2018 After-School Language & Arts Enrichment Partner Program**

***French Language Program***



**French language immersion classes** will be offered by **La Caravane Francofun**. PreK3 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will learn, practice, and perfect their spoken and written French skills through collaborative, interactive, and hands-on activities such as songs, games, stories, arts & crafts, and story-writing. Small classes ensure appropriate instruction for various ages / levels of proficiency.

Lessons are on-site at the Academy.

Click [here](#) to learn more about La Caravane Francofun and [here](#) to pre-enroll for lessons.



**French/English dual-language ballet** will be offered by the **International Ballet Institute**. Through fun and creative exercises, UPK4 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade **boys and girls** can experience the classic art form of ballet, they will study the technique, stories, composers, and history of the great classical ballets. They will hear the stories and ballet instruction told in both French (by a native French speaking dancer) and English.

Lessons are on-site at the Academy.

Click [here](#) to learn more about International Ballet Institute and [here](#) to register for lessons. See attached registration/release form.

***Violin***



**St. Stan's Strings**, our violin club with Erin Ellis of **Studio IV** that launched this past school year, has been expanded and is now **open to PreK4 – 8<sup>th</sup> grades**. Students learn the basics about violin in a fun and engaging way following the Suzuki approach.

Lessons are on-site at the Academy.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Studio IV and [here](#) to register for lessons.

***Dance and Gymnastics***



**Hamilton Dance Studio** offers a variety of dance forms such as ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap, hip-hop, and gymnastics. Classes cater to all types of children, from those preparing for a dance career to those learning to dance for enrichment and fun. Technique and artistry is offered in a warm, down-to-earth, and supportive environment.

Lessons are held at Hamilton Dance with pick-up from / return to the Academy included.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Hamilton Dance and [here](#) to register for lessons.

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***Mad Science***



**Mad Science** brings kids the fun, the amazement, and the wonder of all things science. They transform laboratory science into fun, interactive learning experiences for Kindergarten – 4th grades.

Lessons are on-site at the Academy.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Mad Science. Registration information to be provided.

***ChessNYC***



**ChessNYC** will offer a chess-focused after-school program on Thursdays. All grade levels are welcome. ChessNYC emphasizes sport and fun as part of the chess instruction experience. They provide supervised, spirited play so that each student associates chess with fun as they become proficient in the great, significant, game of chess.

Lessons are on-site at the Academy.

Click [here](#) to learn more about ChessNYC and for contact information to register for after-school.