



Saint Denis – Saint Columba School

... A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

TO: PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
FROM: SR. KATHLEEN MARIE, CR
SUBJECT: WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
DATE: JANUARY 2-13, 2017



*Jesus, I Trust in You
Make our Hearts like Yours!*



January Virtue: **Perseverance: seeing things through until the end in spite of fear, obstacles, discouragement and opposition**

January Saint: **SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

January Reflection: *“Do not be afraid. Go on speaking, and do not be silent, for I am with you.” Acts 18:9-10
How does Certainty of God’s Presence help you to Persevere in every Circumstance, Good and Bad?*

Welcome Back - Happy New Year - Thank You

I hope your Christmas and New Year Celebrations were filled with much peace, joy and relaxation. You were in my special thoughts and prayers on Christmas day and will continue to be during this New Year. Once again I want to thank each of you for your most thoughtful and generous Christmas wishes and gifts. Your kindness to me is deeply appreciated. Thank you, most of all, for your love and support.

Midterm Exams

The students in Grades 3-8 will be taking midterm exams (*Grade 3 will be taking only Religion, Math and ELA*) between January 13th and January 20th. Each exam will be a short cumulative test that will take about 45-60 minutes. The teachers will be providing the students with study guides and information regarding these exams. The schedule for midterm exams is posted on the website school calendar and will be as follows:

| DATE | MIDTERM EXAM |
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| Friday, January 13, 2017 | ELA Reading, Grammar and Writing 8:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday, January 17, 2017 | Social Studies 8:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2017 | Science 8:30 a.m. |
| Thursday, January 19, 2017 | Archdiocesan Religion 8:30 a.m. |
| Friday, January 20, 2017 | Math 8:30 a.m. |

Milk Form

If you would like your children to receive milk for the second half of the year, please complete the Milk form attached to this email and send it in to the school office with the payment this week.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Christmas Pageant--Special thank you to Mrs. Fisher and the faculty and staff who worked very hard to make our annual Christmas Pageant a most beautiful and inspiring experience for all! Thank you also to Mr. Bellino and his companions for the work with our band students.

Senior Citizens Luncheon--Over 150 grandparents from our school and seniors from our community were treated to a delicious hot turkey dinner. Our children gave a preview of their Christmas Concert and our 7th graders served the

meals! Thank you to all who prepped, cooked, served and cleaned up! A special thank you to Mary Ann Menuau and her team, for organizing this great annual event!

Breakfast with Santa--Thank you to all who joined Santa for our annual Breakfast with Santa fundraiser! We are grateful for all of the parent donations, parent and student volunteers and especially to our 8th Grade parents for organizing it. It was a great success!

Outreach Project--What a wonderful display of generosity at our Advent Outreach Project! Thank you to all of our families who gave so generously to provide gifts for children in our community! We are so grateful for the time our parents took to help our children wrap and sort all of the presents! A special thank you to Maryanne Silverio, Louise DiPalermo, and Lisa Marie Schulhoff for organizing this wonderful Outreach Event!

Christmas Shoppe--Thank you to Coleen Murray and Tara Gigliotti for all of the hours of work setting up, managing the "shoppe" and the cleaning up that goes into a great Christmas shopping event for our children. Thank you to all of the parents who came to help the children pick out the perfect present and wrap the presents.

Half Day next Friday, January 13th

Next Friday, January 13th is a half day for students. Dismissal will take place after prayers at 11:55 a.m. If your child is staying in the After School Program, please be sure they have a lunch with them.

No School – Martin Luther King

On Monday, January 16th there will be no school in honor of Martin Luther King. Enjoy the three day weekend.

Student Second Quarter Progress

The **Parent Component of Cornerstone** will be open and available until Monday, January 23rd for you to view your child(ren)'s academic progress. Take this opportunity to keep abreast of your child's academic and behavioral performance, including whether or not assignments have been completed. **REMEMBER that your children should also be working on their online *i-Ready instruction programs* at home for at least 45-60 minutes per subject per week. This work is part of your children's grade and will significantly impact their learning success if they consistently work on it.**

Tuition Payments

As of January 15th every family should have made a minimum of seven monthly tuition/fee payments. ***If you haven't updated your tuition payments, please do so as soon as possible.*** All financial requirements must be met before the end of January in order for your children to receive their second quarter report card in the beginning of February.

SAVE THE DATES

Open House – Sunday, January 29th

Catholic Schools Week this year will begin with Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All are invited to take a student-guided tour and listen to them explain why they love their school. Watch students demonstrate how they use technology in their learning and observe some of the hands-on activities that take place in our LabLearner Science Center. Hear students describe their favorite projects, activities and clubs. Be sure to visit the Book Fair, too!

In House" Tours – Tuesday, January 31st

Are some of your friends and neighbors curious about Catholic Education? Invite them to take a closer look during our ***"In House" Tours*** on Tuesday, January 31st when they can join some of our school parents on an in-depth tour and listen as they explain why SDSC is the only school for their children. They will witness firsthand our safe, comfortable and loving environment, watch our students engaged in the learning that has been the hallmark of SDSC for over 50 years, be able to ask questions of our highly qualified and enthusiastic teachers, learn about the special services provided so that all students may achieve their level of academic excellence, and to talk to parents about family programs/activities that make our SDSC community the envy of other schools.

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To Everything there is a Season and a Time for Every Purpose under Heaven

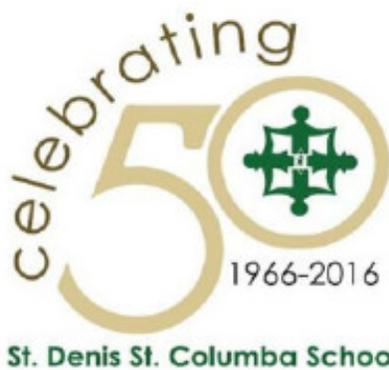
Let us continue to keep in our prayers the many among us who are sick and suffering.

A TIME TO HEAL

Michele Dillon (*First Grade teacher recuperating from knee surgery*) Anne Culkin (*mother of Cathy Martin and great grandmother of Michael O'Hearn*), Janice Prostack (*sister of Sr. Kathleen*), Michael Ferretti (*friend of Mrs. Senno*), Loretta DelliCarpini, Louis Pissani, and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit at this time

A TIME TO DIE

Phyllis Dillon (*mother-in-law of Mrs. Dillon*)



Anniversary Gala

St. Denis-St. Columba School has offered the finest education and character development in a loving Catholic tradition for over **50 Years!** We are planning a Gala event on April 22, 2017 as a tribute to our school's legacy of loving and learning. We also hope to raise funds to benefit current and future generations of students.

WE NEED YOUR PARTNERSHIP AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY GALA

Our families form the core of our school. SDSC exists because of the generosity and support of our families throughout these 50 years. This is why we are asking our families and alumni to help make our Gala a huge success!

OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY AND THAT OF YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.

Contributions can come in many forms and all are appreciated, whether your contribution is in the form of time, talent, money or merchandise. Currently we are seeking help with:

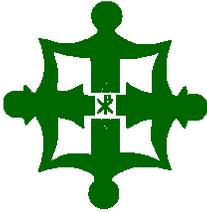
- **Ticket Sales and Event Promotion**
- **Silent Auction and Raffle Donations**
- **Seeking or Gathering Auction and Raffle Donations**
- **Advertising Sales for Program & Event Journal**
- **Creative Prize Packaging and Presentation**
- **Decorating and Highlighting Our Legacy**

Please Call or E-Mail our Gala Event Coordinators:

Brendan O'Brien – Mobile (212) 882-1047; bobrien@ur.com

Mary Ann Menuau – (914) 299-3077; maryann@mchoufuneralhome.com

Thank YOU for your commitment to SDSC!



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January 3, 2017

Dear Parents,

Milk (1%) is available for the students each day. If you wish your child to have milk each day, you may pay for **this term** (February to June) **\$26.00 for white milk** or **\$28.00 for chocolate milk**. If you want your child/children to have milk, please fill out the form below and return it to the office tomorrow. All money for milk must be in by Monday, January 9th in order for your child to receive milk.

God bless you!

Sister Kathleen Marie, CR

Principal

Please detach below and return the form below with payment to the school office by Monday, January 9th

To Whom It May Concern,

I want my child/children to receive milk every day.

NAME

GRADE AND ROOM #

Parent's Signature _____