



# 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:** MAY 22 - JUNE 2, 2017



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

## Welcome New Students

New SDSC students and parents will be visiting our school this week. On Tuesday we will have our Spring Shadow Day. On Wednesday incoming Kindergarten and First Grade Students will have their grade readiness assessments. New parents will participate in Orientation Sessions at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Next year we will be welcoming new students in nearly every class! We welcome new students and parents alike into our loving SDSC community!

## See How Our Garden Grows! COME and SEE on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

We are so excited to launch **Project Nourish**, our beautiful new School and Church Garden! Our garden will be used as both an educational and nutritional resource and as a source of fresh produce for our St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. Our garden was made possible through a Whole Foods “*Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant*” and was constructed by Eagle Scout, Steven Buck.

Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited to see our new school garden this **Tuesday, May 23, 2017 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.** Students have prepared garden-related projects on a wide range of topics. Learn about Victory Gardens, photosynthesis, nutrition and more! Read student poems and learn about the parts of plants we eat. Grade 7 volunteer gardeners have been busy planting tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, onions, beans, squash and herbs. The Kindergarten class is nurturing our pumpkin and cucumber plants from seed. Come see how our minds, bodies and spirits will grow with our school garden!

## SDSC News and View Team!

This year our St. Denis-St. Columba **News and Views Team**, under the leadership of Mrs. Debbie Waters and Mrs. Anna Forlenza, brought home **FIVE** awards. They won the highest award, **1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Team Award**, for their phenomenal performance of their News and Views Program, “*Monkey See, Monkey Do: The Effects of Violence in the Media on our Youth.*”

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Team Award:

*Tyler Beresford, Moira Kennedy, Catherine Mulvey, Kyle Silverio, Rebecca O’Connor, Brianna Susco, Jillian Grady, Abigail Krebs, Ariana Porco, and Elaina Wagner*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Feature: *Ariana Porco and Rebecca O’Connor*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Photo Essay: *Tyler Beresford, Abigail Krebs, and Elaina Wagner*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Interview: *Catherine Mulvey and Jillian Grady*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Research: *Tyler Beresford, Moira Kennedy, Catherine Mulvey, Kyle Silverio, Rebecca O’Connor, Brianna Susco, Jillian Grady, Abigail Krebs, Ariana Porco, and Elaina Wagner*

**Special Congratulations to the whole team for an exceptional job once again! We are so proud of you!**

## SDSC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Fundraising Results

The Gala Committee is pleased to report that our Gala raised over \$47,000! A substantial portion of these funds will be used to hire an Educational Specialist for the 2017-2018 School Year to help students who need extra assistance to reach their learning potential. A heartfelt thank you to all those who contributed or participated in any way to make our special project a reality!



## No School - Memorial Day Weekend

There will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. School will reopen on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>! Enjoy your four-day weekend!

### **Are Your Tuition Payments Current?**

Before students can participate in graduation ceremonies or receive their report cards at the end of the school year every family must have all tuition and fees current for the year. The last payment for the 2016-2017 School Year is due **before** June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Message from the Library**

All library books must be returned for the 2016-2017 School Year by Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. All library books must be returned and library fees paid before students will receive their report cards. If books are lost or damaged, please send in the money for the book so that we can replace it.

### **News from the Lunchroom: *Lunch Menu Changes***

Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pizza

Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> - Cheese Tortellini & Meatballs

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Parmesan Casserole

### **PENNY Challenge**

What an exciting week we had with our Penny Challenge! Grade 1 won the Lower Hall challenge and Grade 4 won the Upper Hall challenge. ALL OF OUR STUDENTS "win" because the money raised will be used for playground equipment. Together, our students raised almost \$2,200 in total! Thank you to Larissa DeVito for organizing such a fun event!

### **Volunteer Tea**

The SDSC PSA will be hosting a Volunteer Tea to honor all those that have served our school this academic year. Please join us on Wednesday, May 31st from 7:00pm-8:00pm for light refreshments. Kindly RSVP by clicking on: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfldF2KNvSqHhFVnuj96VB16qljNIGtcPowjpw82TmECN2T3g/viewform?c=0&w=1>.

### **Spirit Wear Orders are In**

Keep an eye out for your spirit wear order which you should have received by now. Please contact Libby Kish at [Libbyk@us.ibm.com](mailto:Libbyk@us.ibm.com) with any questions regarding your order.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Reception Meeting**

All 7<sup>th</sup> Grade parents are invited to a Graduation Reception Meeting this Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room. We will be making the final preparations for this wonderful event celebrating our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduating Class.

### **Remembrance Mass**

On Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. we will be celebrating our First Friday Mass with our second grade students who recently received their First Communion. This day is an opportunity for us as a school community to celebrate with them this special time in their lives. The students will wear their first Communion outfits to school and change into their summer uniforms after their special mass and brunch.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Student Ice Cream Party on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

In celebration of SDSC School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will be having an Ice Cream Party on **Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** We are in need of volunteers to scoop and to serve the Ice Cream that day.

### **Upcoming Final Exams Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Grades 4-8</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 31, 2017</b>	Social Studies 8 and ELA 8 (8:30 a.m.)
<b>Thursday, June 1, 2017</b>	Archdiocesan Religion 3-8 and Science 8 (8:30 a.m.)
<b>Friday, June 2, 2017</b>	Math 8 (8:30 a.m.)
<b>Tuesday, June 6, 2017</b>	ELA 3-7 (8:30 a.m.)
<b>Wednesday, June 7, 2017</b>	Science 4-7 (8:30 a.m.)
<b>Thursday, June 8, 2017</b>	Social Studies 4-7 (8:30 a.m.)
<b>Friday, June 9, 2017</b>	Math 3-7 (8:30 a.m.)
<b>Monday, June 12, 2017</b>	Make-Up Final Exams

## 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

Anne Culkin (*mother of Cathy Martin and great grandmother of Michael O'Hearn*), Geri DiNoti (*parishioner*), Janice Prostack (*sister of Sr. Kathleen*), Kelsey Berger (*cousin of Winogradoff children*), Loretta DelliCarpini, Louis Pissani, Margaret Langan (*grandmother of Druckenmiller children*) and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit at this time

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### JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> FIELD DAY Sign Up

**FIELD DAY** is an "all day" supervised game and field day coordinated by our PE teacher and class parents. This year **FIELD DAY** will take place on **Monday, June 5, 2017**. **We are in need of parent volunteers to assist in planning and organizing these activities for each of the grade levels.** All *volunteers must have background checks and safer spaces training*. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**DRESS CODE:** Students are to dress in appropriate jeans or shorts with a yellow/gold or green shirt as indicated below:

- **Students in Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 8-1 are to wear a GOLD or YELLOW shirt**
- **Students in Grades K, 2, 4, 6, 8-2 are to wear a GREEN shirt**

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** In order to save money on the purchase of ice to keep soda and water cold, we are asking parents who will be present, if possible, to bring bags of ice. This will be a great saving and will be very much appreciated.

**REMINDER:** We are requesting donated snacks and baked goods for the students to purchase. Please send in items that don't need to be sliced.

**LUNCH:** The menu will consist of pizza or a hot dog with an apple. ***Lunch purchases will be made using lunch tickets.*** Children can purchase soda at an additional cost for lunch. Treats, ice pops, and water bottles will also be available for purchase "under the tent."

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will be able to volunteer to help out on Field Day, which is on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please check where you would like to volunteer. Please **circle** only ONE:

KITCHEN

UNDER TENT

CLASS PARENT TO HELP WITH EVENTS

Student's Name / Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_