



# 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:** OCTOBER 24-28, 2016



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

## New Algebra 1 Teacher

We are pleased to welcome to our faculty and staff, Mrs. Kelly Fulton, who will be our new Algebra I teacher. She will begin working with the students this Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Fulton has always had a passion for math and numbers, receiving a Bachelors of Science in accounting and a minor in mathematics. She has a Masters in Special Education from Mount Saint Mary College and holds certifications in secondary education both in accounting and mathematics. Mrs. Fulton has extensive experience teaching math at both the middle and high school level. She is also a devoted Catholic and a parishioner of St. Columba Church. She brings to this position her faith, passion for math, and an enthusiasm for teaching. She and Mrs. Galletti will be working collaboratively to prepare the Algebra I students for the Regents Exam in June. We welcome her to our school community and wish her God's many blessings in her time here with us!

## Our Hearts are Filled with Gratitude!

In spite of the unexpected rain and the adjustments needed in the day's event, our school walkathon on Friday turned out to be enjoyable and successful. In the seven years that we have been doing this event, this is the first time it actually rained. I know some were disappointed (including me) that we were not able to walk outside, but after a few of the classes got wet, we made arrangements for the classes to walk inside. The day was filled with lots of enthusiasm, flexibility, and generous contributions toward our technology program. It was a wonderful way to have fun raising money for our school! The GREAT NEWS is that we have already collected \$10,596 - and there is still sponsor money coming in. CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!! Thanks a million for your support of St. Denis-St. Columba School!

**Special thanks to all those who helped out with our School Walk-a-thon . . .** to Gary, Ray, and Bob for the setup and clean-up . . . to Mrs. Borrell for counting, recording and making the deposit for received donations... to each of the teachers for their support. . . to the many parents who helped out with check point stamping, umbrellas, etc. . . and to those who came simply to walk with - and to cheer on - the students! THANK YOU!

Whatever financial support you have given or can give on behalf of your children, we greatly appreciate. **Thank you for your support of St. Denis-St. Columba! Remember if we reach our goal of about \$19,000, all the students will receive a week's worth of NUT Awards.** We are close! If each class has 100% participation, there also will be an Ice Cream Party for all! All sponsor money is due back to the school by next Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for prizes. Once all the money is collected, the students will receive their individual NUT Award gift cards so that they can choose the day they want to use their No Uniform Today (NUT) Award.

## Dolls Tea Party

Special thank you to our Doll's Tea Party committee for hosting an absolutely amazing event for the young ladies of our school and community! A special thanks to Fiona Murray and her husband, Pam Winogradoff, Libby Kish and her husband, Cheryl Irwin, Nicole Pugliese, Jennifer Centrone, Lori Craft, and all those who helped in any way to make this event a such a great success. It was a most enjoyable event for all involved. Thank you so much for all your hard work and your dedication to SDSC! We are so blessed because of your goodness and generosity.

## Life Touch School Pictures

Representatives from *Life Touch School Pictures* will be here next Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to take individual pictures of the students in Grades K-8. **ALL students are to wear their complete winter school uniform for both their individual and group pictures this year.** They will have an opportunity to wear their own clothes for Spring Pictures.

**Spirit Wear Has Arrived!**

The PSA Spirit Wear has arrived and will be distributed to students on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you for your support!

**Don't forget to use the AMAZON LINK on our School Website to earn money for our school**

Use the Amazon link on the SDSC website at [www.stcolumba.net](http://www.stcolumba.net) when shopping Amazon. The link is located on the right hand side of the page under Shortcuts. Bookmark the link in your favorites to make accessing the site easier!

**SDSC Harvest Carnival Grades K-5**

Join us on Friday October 28th from 4:30-5:30pm at St. Denis-St. Columba School Gym for the Harvest Carnival for grades K-5. Come in costume and have fun playing games, participate in the cake walk, and have some fun with your fellow classmates. See attached flyer for additional details.

We are looking for students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade who can help with the Harvest Carnival. We are also looking for donations of cakes for our cake walk. If you can help with either a cake donation, or have a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who can assist us, please let us know via email to [psa@stcolumba.net](mailto:psa@stcolumba.net).

**SDSC Harvest Dance Grades 6-8**

Join us on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at St. Denis - St. Columba School Gym for the Harvest Dance for Grades 6, 7 and 8. Come in costume and enjoy music by DJ Alex, enter your pumpkin masterpiece into the Carved Pumpkin contest, and have fun with fellow classmates. See attached flyer for additional details. We are also looking for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families to help make this a festive evening. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Horton at [nikkiph569@yahoo.com](mailto:nikkiph569@yahoo.com). If parents would like to help with decorations or refreshments, or if students would like to volunteer to at the Harvest Carnival (beforehand), please visit the "Sign Me Up" on the PSA tab on our website, or go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044caaaf2ca57-sdsc>.

**SDSC Outreach Harvest Coin Drive: Scaring Up Change for Good**

Through their project "Every Child Deserves a Bed," our Parish St. Joseph's Men's Group has been building bunk beds for families and children without a bed to call their own. Beginning at the Harvest Carnival and Dance, a Jack O' Lantern will be in the School Lobby. Students are invited to fill the Jack O' Lantern with loose change. Any money collected will help offset the cost of building materials and mattresses. For more ways to help, please feel free to contact Eric Winogradoff at [stjosephsmen@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsmen@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Holiday Craft Fair**

The Altar Rosary Society's 43<sup>rd</sup> HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR will be held at the St. Columba School Hall, Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be over 50 tables of handcrafted items, numerous raffles, a baked goods table, a treasure chest table, and much more!

**Additional Kitchen Volunteers Needed**

Can you help us out one or two days per month in the kitchen preparing hot lunches for the students? Additional kitchen volunteers are needed on Mondays and Thursdays. If you are available, please contact Judy Boulton. You can email her at [lunchprogram@stcolumba.net](mailto:lunchprogram@stcolumba.net) or text her at [914-474-3035](tel:914-474-3035). Thank you for your support.

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*October Virtue:*           **HONESTY**  
*October Saint:*           **SAINT PHILIP NERI**

*“Truthful lips endure forever, the lying tongue, for only a moment.” (Proverbs 12:19)*  
God has made the human heart to recognize truth. How have you experienced  
Freedom by adhering (attaching and uniting yourself) to what is true?

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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**

Anne Culkin (*mother of Cathy Martin and great grandmother of Michael O'Hearn*),  
Janice Prostack (*sister of Sr. Kathleen*), Charlie Gray (*son-in-law of a parishioner*), and  
the many who are sick and suffering or have no one to pray for them

St. Denis-St. Columba School

# Harvest Carnival

COSTUMED EVENT FOR GRADES K-5



## Tricks and Treats, Games and fun!

Join us on Friday, October 28, 2016 4:30-5:30pm  
St. Denis-St. Columba School Gym

\$8 per child, younger siblings welcome

This is not a drop off event

Please consider donating cakes to our Cake Walk. Each child will be given a ticket for the Cake Walk, additional tickets are available for \$1 each.

Kindly send RSVP and payment in an envelope to  
Harvest Carnival Kindness of the Main Office by October 25th

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# Harvest Carnival

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students Attending (including siblings) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (\$8/child)

*\*please make checks payable to St. Denis-St. Columba School PSA*

St. Denis- St. Columba School presents

## The Harvest Dance!

Join us for snacks, drinks, and costumed fun with your friends!

Also joining us: D.J. Alex

6th, 7th and 8th Grades



Where: St. Denis- St. Columba School

Gym When: Friday, October 28, 2016

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Price: \$8.00 per child

**Bring a carved pumpkin and enter it into our Carved Pumpkin Contest**

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Please return form with payment in a sealed envelope to Paula Horton,  
"Kindness of Main Office" at the school. Cash or check made out to SDSC  
PSA.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

#OF ATTENDEES: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_

\*a list of prepaid children's names will be at the door the day of the event.