



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: SEPTEMBER 12, 2016



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

September Virtue: **GENEROSITY**

September Saint: **SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**

September Reflection: *“But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27-28*

We can only be generous to others when we first realize that someone has been generous to us. How have you experienced generosity? from others? from God?

Safe Environment Lessons

Our Catholic tradition has always affirmed the dignity of the human person as created to the image and likeness of God. *Every person with whom we come in contact deserves to be seen by us with the eyes of God.* We know that ministry with children and youth, in particular, is a sacred trust. We, at St. Denis-St. Columba School, are committed to preserve, at all times and in all places, this sacred trust which is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

In 2002, the United States Bishops approved The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in an effort to protect children and youth from sexual abuse at all levels of church life and to restore trust in a Church scarred by the scandal of clergy sexual abuse. Article 12 of the charter directs all dioceses to create programs and processes to teach children and youth about sexual abuse and its prevention. In the Archdiocese of New York, this training is integrated into the religious education program each year in all schools and parishes.

This Friday, September 16th our students will be engaged in Safe Environment lessons with their homeroom teachers. In Grades K-3 the objectives taught include helping our students distinguish the difference between good and bad touch and affirming their right to say no to an adult who makes them feel uncomfortable. In Grades 4-6 the objectives include helping our students recognize the lures used by those who sexually victimize children and giving them strategies to keep them from being tricked into uncomfortable and dangerous situations. In Grades 7-8 the objectives include helping our students recognize lures used by those who sexually victimize others via the anonymity of the Internet and giving them skills to avoid being victimized by Internet sexual predators.

We thank you for your support and interest as we partner to give our children the safest possible environment to grow in faith, in our parish, school and in our homes.

Special Thank You to All for a Successful Back to School Picnic

I personally would like to thank all of you who were able to attend our Back to School picnic last Friday night. It was a most enjoyable evening of relaxation, good food, and quality time with friends and family. **What a great way to begin our new school year!** Special thanks to our PSA board, especially Janet Graves, Cristina Bleakley, Maryann Menuau, Suzy DeSousa, Denis Graves, Dan Murphy, Ana Murphy, Judy DAlessandro, Gary, Ray, Steve, Paul and Patrick, and all those who helped in any way to organize and prepare, purchase food items, grill, serve, setup, clean-up, etc. It was such an enjoyable positive community-building event. Thank you for your hard work and your love and commitment to our school! We are blessed because of you! I look forward to a wonderful school year filled with many exciting new experiences!

IMPORTANT: IRIS INSTANT ALERT and EMERGENCY CARD

A packet of information, including a family Emergency contact card, IRIS information, Volunteer Sign Up, was sent home with your child last week. If you have not done so already, please complete each of the forms and return them to school. This information is critical so that we have your accurate contact information in the case of an emergency, or if your child is sick. *Please be sure to keep the school office informed of any changes in your telephone number or address during the school year so that our records may be kept current.*

Student-Parent Handbooks

Our Student-Parent Handbook was emailed to each family in August. Hopefully, you have been able to take some time to read through the handbook and its policies with your children. After discussing its contents, **please COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORMS FOR THE school handbook agreement, media authorization/release and textbook form.** These items also can be found on the school website under the Parent Tab. Please complete them ASAP. They are not optional. **Legally, we are required to keep all of these agreements on file. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

MILK FORM

If your child is interested in purchasing milk this year, please complete the attached form and send it in to the school office with payment as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: School Shoes

This is just a reminder that all students are to wear sturdy, supportive **BLACK OR BROWN** shoes with shoe laces, Velcro, or Straps. ***NO Slip on shoes, moccasins, UGGs, or ballet type shoes! This policy is in place for the safety and well-being of the students! Sneakers for gym are to be either black or white– No colors are permitted!***

Hot Lunch Tickets are on Sale Now

Lunch Tickets can be purchased in the school office. The tickets are \$2.50 each and may be purchased in increments of 10 tickets for \$25. If you wish to purchase lunch tickets for your children, please send in to the school office a **check** (payable to *St. Denis-St. Columba School*) or **cash** in an envelope marked **HOT LUNCH TICKETS** (include your child's name and the number of tickets you wish to purchase), and they will be sent home with your child. If you have any questions, please free to contact us at the school. The students can purchase tickets upon arrival until 8:15 a.m. each morning.

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education is fun and easy. The school receives \$.10 for every Box Top for Education sent into school. Their website at <http://boxtops4education.com> has several other ways that you can also help your school. Continue to save your **Box Tops for Education** and send them in to school.

Ms. Leonard, New Resource Room Teacher

Please welcome Brittany Leonard, our new resource room teacher here at St. Denis-St. Columba. She has been involved in Special Education for the past few years and has worked with students of all ages. She is dedicated to student growth and excited to be starting the 2016-2017 school year with us.

East Fishkill Community Day

East Fishkill Community Day is this coming Saturday, September 17th! Join us as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary and show our school spirit to the whole community! We will be marching in the parade. Those who will join us for the parade can meet in their school shirts (polo's or gym shirts) on Trinka Lane near Hot Bagels, by 11:00 a.m. After the parade all attendees will receive a NUT award from Sister Kathleen! All siblings and families are invited to march along with our students!

QSP Magazine Drive begins Thursday, September 15th

Last year our Magazine Drive was a great success, raising over \$2000 for the school. We will host our magazine drive this year from September 15th -30th. Students will come home with a packet of information on September 15th. Any family who sells 4 or more magazines will receive an Ice Cream Soda Party, and families who sell 10 or more will receive a NUT award for each child in the family. Thank you for supporting your PSA!

Touch-A-Truck

Join us on October 1st from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for our Touch-A-Truck! Children can see, climb and explore trucks and vehicles that they see in our community. The vehicles will include a fire truck, construction vehicles, tow truck, garbage truck and more! It is open to the community, and all are welcome! Please see the flyer attached for more information.

Save the Date....Dolls Tea Party

All little ladies are invited to a Doll's Tea Party on Saturday, October 22nd from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. It is a great event for girls in Grades PK-5th, and their guest, to enjoy on afternoon luncheon complete with crafts, a red carpet and entertainment.

Calling all Eighth Grade Parents!

There will be an Eighth Grade Parent meeting in the lunchroom next Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the many activities that the students will be involved in this year. Hope to see you there!

School Directory

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1. Student's name, parent's names, phone number, address, and e-mail
2. Staff and faculty list
3. Class lists
4. Important school phone numbers

All families will be included in the 2016-2017 School Directory, unless you submit the attached OPT OUT form by Friday, September 16th to: Judy Boulton, Kindness of the Main Office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Judy Boulton at mamanuc@aol.com.

Kitchen Volunteers Still Needed

Our Hot Lunch program began last Wednesday, September 7th. We are still in need of kitchen volunteers (moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts and/or uncles) to prepare and serve the food to the students.

For anyone new to the school, this is volunteering in the kitchen, NOT the classroom/lunchroom. Our kitchen is staffed and run 100% by volunteers. This is a once or twice a month commitment for the school year. *Please consider volunteering to keep our hot lunch program running five days a week.* We currently need additional kitchen volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Kitchen Volunteer Schedule and Monthly Lunch Menu are posted on our school website. Correspondence, including schedules and instructions are sent via email. If you have any questions, please feel free to text or email Judy Boulton at [914-474-3035](tel:914-474-3035) or lunchprogram@stcolumba.net Please text or email Judy Boulton, if you are able to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your time and help!

Room Parents

Please consider volunteering as a room parent. It's a great way to form new friendships with other parents, and your child will enjoy seeing you at school! Two volunteers per class are needed. *Please note: you must have Safer Spaces Training in order to volunteer as a room parent. For Safer Spaces Training information and background check forms, please contact the main office.* If you are interested in being a room parent, please complete and submit the attached Room Parent form by Friday, September 16th to: Judy Boulton, Kindness of the Main Office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Judy Boulton at mamanuc@aol.com.

Top Tastes of The Town

The St. Denis-St. Columba Top Tastes of the Town will be held on Tuesday, September 27th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the school. Most of our restaurants, as well as MDJ Wine, will be returning. We have a few new participants...including Plated American Bistro. Buy your tickets soon since we SOLD OUT last year! Also, if you are a business owner, or your employer wants to participate, sponsorship opportunities are still available. You can find more information on our school website. Please contact Mary Ann Menuau ([914-299-3077](tel:914-299-3077)) or Judy D'Alessandro ([914-879-8385](tel:914-879-8385)) with any questions. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

SAVE THE DATE: Uniform Exchange on Friday, September 30th 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

On this Holy Ground of Loving and Learning . . . we pray:

Lord Jesus, bless my heart, that I may be more loving.

Bless my mind, that I may have more understanding.

Bless my eyes, that I may have insight. Bless my ears, that I may truly listen.

Bless my mouth that my words may speak kingdom-truth.

Bless my hands, that my actions may be open and just.

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

Nana Culkin (mother of Cathy Martin and greatgrandmother of Michael O'Hearn)
Janice Prostack (sister of Sr. Kathleen)



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August 26, 2016

Dear Parents,

Through the Archdiocese of New York Special Milk Program, we are able to provide 1% white milk and chocolate milk to our students each day school is in session, including half-days. If you wish your child to have milk each day, please complete and return this form to the school office by Wednesday, September 7. We will begin distributing milk that day. For your convenience, you may pay for this first semester (September to December) or for the entire School Year at once. Milk orders for the second semester will be taken in January for those selecting to purchase milk for one-half of the School year at a time.

God bless you!

Sister Kathleen Marie, C.R.
Principal

Please detach below and return the form below with payment to the school office by Wednesday, September 7th

Student Information		Please Select Option				Total
Child Name	Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 1% White ½ Year @ \$26	<input type="checkbox"/> 1% White Full Year @ \$52	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate ½ Year @ \$28	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Full Year @ \$56	
Total Due:						



Touch-A-Truck



Kids of all ages
are welcome

SEE, **CLIMB** & EXPLORE

vehicles from Tractors to Fire Engines

Admission \$5 per person

Hot dogs, chips and drinks for sale

Saturday, October 1st

11am-2pm

St. Denis-St.Columba School

Rte 82, Hopewell Junction, NY



construction vehicles, fire truck, farm equipment, limo, tow truck, recycling truck and much more



St. Denis – St. Columba School Parent School Association

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School Directory Opt Out Form

I hereby request that the following checked items **NOT** be included in the 2016-2017 School Directory. This opt out form is only valid for the 2016-2017 school year.

Initials

[] _____ Student's name(s), PRINT name(s): _____

[] _____ Parent's names

[] _____ Address

[] _____ Phone Number

[] _____ E-mail

Family Name

Parent/guardian's Signature

____/____/____
Date



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Room Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

SDSC is proud to have a vibrant and supportive school community. So much of our success is the result of generous donations of time from our parents. Please consider volunteering as a room parent for the 2016-2017 school year. It's a great way to form new friendships with other parents and your child will enjoy seeing you at school! Two volunteers per class are needed to be room parents. The room parents help coordinate the parties for the class, special activities that the teacher requests, the year-end picnic and anything else the teacher and/or PSA need assistance with.

Please note: you must have Safer Spaces Training in order to volunteer as a room parent.

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PLEASE PRINT -

Name: _____ Email: _____@_____._____

Home Phone: _____-_____-_____ Cell Phone: _____-_____-_____

- Yes, I completed the Archdiocese of New York Safer Spaces Training and had background check.
- No, I have not had Safer Spaces Training, but will complete training and background check by 09/30/16.

I would like to be the room parent for:

Grade:	Child's Name in Grade:	Teacher's Name:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I have previously been a room parent for:

Grade:	Child's Name in Grade:	School Year:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SAVE THE DATE

for a **SUPERCALAFRAGALISTICEXPIALIDIOUS**

Doll's Tea Party



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Saturday, October 22nd

11:00am-1:00pm

St. Denis-St. Columba School

849 Rte 82, Hopewell Junction

