



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter

Week of December 3-7, 2018



Applications and Re-Registration for 2019-20 School Year

We are now accepting early applications for **New Students** for admission for the 2019-20 School Year! Families with siblings entering next year must submit an application on-line. **Please note that the Application Portal is only for NEW STUDENTS. It is not for Re-Registration at this time.** The Application Portal is on the Home Page of the school website and under the “Apply Now” tab. Siblings of current families receive priority in the Admission process. In order to help us plan for next year, we thank you in advance for submitting an early application.

Financial Aid for 2019-20 School Year for Incoming Siblings

The Archdiocese of New York again has made available funds to help families provide Catholic education to their children! Families with incoming siblings who are interested in applying for Financial Aid must submit an application for the incoming sibling and should list all of the currently enrolled children on that application. The Financial Aid Application is found at the end of the on-line Application for Admission. Eligibility for Financial Aid is based on family size and income. Financial Aid awards are made in the order that the applications are received so families are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

New Student Referral Program

Do you know any families who would make a great addition to our School Family? Current families can receive a \$250 credit for each new family who enrolls up to \$750. Many of the families who joined the school this year were referred to SDSC by existing families. Thank You! Program details and referral forms are available under the “Apply Now” tab on the school website.

Re-registration for Returning Students Begins February 6, 2019

Re-Registration for returning students will begin on February 6, 2019. Families with students eligible to return for the 2019-20 school year will receive a link from TADS to complete the re-registration. We have already begun receiving applications for new students and are fortunate that our school continues to prosper! As such, we will be encouraging prompt re-registration so that we may determine class sizes as we consider the applications of prospective students.

Financial Aid for Returning Students

If you received financial aid from the Archdiocese of New York for the current school year, you be sent link to apply for financial aid for the 2019-20 school year in February. You MUST submit your application for continued assistance by April 15, 2019 in order to be eligible for an award for the 2019-20 school year. This is a strict deadline.

If you any questions, or need more information about applications for admission, re-registration, financial aid, etc., please contact Mr. Krebs at rtkrebs@stcolumba.net.

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Friday, December 7th

This Friday at our school liturgy we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 10:00 a.m. We celebrate Mary’s Immaculate Conception – that is, the fact that Mary was conceived without sin! All are welcome to join us in this celebration. Thank you to Ms. Hickey’s Grade 4 Class for preparing the Liturgy.

Half-Day – December 7th

Please note that Friday, December 7th is a half day, and the students will be dismissed after prayers at 11:55 a.m. Bus transportation to and from school will be available as usual. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 p.m. Please be sure your children have a lunch with them.

Storytime – December 8th

Mrs. Fisher and the SDSC Storytellers will present a Christmas edition of Storytime to children in Pre-K through Grade 2 on Saturday, December 8th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Storytime features puppet shows, storytelling, interactive music, singing and dancing. Storytime is free and is open to all, so bring a friend!



Breakfast with Santa – Sunday, December 9th

The SDSC Class of 2019 will be hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 9th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Stop by for a delicious menu of pancakes, sausage, French toast sticks, bagels/muffins, coffee, tea, orange juice, and apple juice. We will also have some great raffles! The cost is \$7 per person (3 years old and under are free). To help the 8th grade elves prepare, please complete the attached order form and submit payment to school's main office by Tuesday, December 4th. If you have questions, please contact Mary Ann Menuau (menuau@gmail.com) or Coleen Murray (ocmurray@optonline.net).

SDSC Outreach Advent Gift-Giving Project

Each year our SDSC students share in the joy of giving when they join together to choose, donate, and wrap Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in our area. These children live in difficult, heartbreaking situations. For many Christmas gifts are beyond their means. If your family would like to share a gift with a child, wish lists are posted on the school website under the PSA Tab. Wrapping Day will be Wednesday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m.



Advent Gift-Giving Sock and Glove Drive



The SDSC PSA is collecting children's socks and gloves/mittens for the Tri-Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society as part of our Advent Gift-Giving Project. All sizes are needed from 0-18. Thank you for donating only new items. For children in need, socks and gloves are so important for the cold and wet winter months ahead. Collection boxes are available in the school lobby.

Grandparent/Senior Citizen Luncheon

The Annual Grandparent - Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 13th beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the school. Grandparents of our students and local senior citizens will be treated to a delicious turkey lunch while enjoying a preview of the Christmas Concert. Please have grandparents RSVP to Mary Ann Menuau at (914) 299-3077 or maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com. Thanks to Fr. Michael and St. Columba Church for providing lunch for our guests!

Life Touch Pictures –December 10th

LifeTouch Studios will be here on Monday, December 10th to take Faculty and Class Pictures, Yearbook Activities, Graduation and Make-Up pictures. **ALL Students are to be in full winter school uniform today.** Please remind your child that NO NUT Awards are to be used for these group photographs.

Christmas Pageant – Thursday, December 13th

Our annual Christmas Pageant, including the Band concert, will take place this year on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Columba Church. All students in Grades K-8 are to be in their homerooms by 6:15 p.m. Anyone arriving after 6:15 p.m., should enter through the ACME parking lot rather than the entrance by the church for the safety of our children as they will be crossing the parking lot to enter into the church.

Concert attire for Grades K

- ✓ Our Kindergartners will be lambs in our pageant. They need to wear a plain white sweatshirt (hooded preferred) with black leggings or pants.

Concert attire for Girls in Grades 1-7

Girls' Dress Code

- ✓ Holiday-colored dresses, or skirts and blouses. *(be sure they are appropriate for Church)*

Boys' Dress Code

- ✓ Black pants and a white shirt with a red or green tie.

Shoes, Jewelry and Hair

- ✓ Closed-toe black/dark shoes. **No sneakers.** Girls may wear shoes with a small heel, but must be able to walk in them comfortably.
- ✓ Students are permitted to wear simple jewelry of their choosing, but should be tasteful and not distracting.
- ✓ For both girls and boys should be pulled back or styled away from the face.

Give 2019 Hudson Valley Save Around Books for Christmas!

The SDSC PSA is selling the 2019 Hudson Valley Save Around Book. These handy coupon books offer over \$5,000 in local and national savings for only \$20. They pay for themselves in as little as one use and make great gifts too! The PSA earns \$10 for every book purchased which supports important school activities such as the Back to School Barbecue, School Assemblies, Science Lab Supplies and more! Books may be viewed and purchased in the School Office. [You may also review and purchase this book and other Save Around Books online HERE.](#) For more information or questions contact: psa@stcolumba.net

