



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of January 20-24, 2020

No School – Monday, January 20th

There will be no school this Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Midterm Exams

Midterm exams continue this week for students in Grades 3-8 (Grade 3-4 will be taking only Religion and Math). The midterm exam schedule is posted on the website school calendar and is as follows:

DATE	MIDTERM EXAM
Tuesday, January 21, 2020	Religion 3-8
Wednesday, January 22, 2020	Science 5-8
Thursday, January 23, 2020	Social Studies 5-8
Friday, January 24, 2020	Math 3-8

Second Quarter Report Cards

Report Cards will be distributed in early February. Please be sure that all tuition, lunch and Before/After Care accounts are made current so that you can receive your children's Report Cards.

Milk Program – New Orders Accepted

SDSC is accepting milk orders for the second half of the school year. If you wish your child to receive milk on a daily basis, please send \$30 to the School Office marked "Milk Order." Students are permitted to choose either white or chocolate milk daily, unless you specify otherwise.



Spatula Master Needed!



Are you handy with a spatula and have three hours to spare once a month? The Hot Lunch Program has an opening for a Kitchen Griddle Volunteer. Help us cook some of our most popular entrees: hamburgers, quesadillas, grilled cheese or pancakes. To volunteer please contact Judy Boulton at 914-474-3035 (cell/text) or e-mail lunchprogram@stcolumba.net.

IRIS Alerts – Is Your Information Current?

With the arrival of "Old Man Winter" please be sure that your contact information is current. Don't miss important announcements about delays, closings or early dismissals. If you have had any changes, or just want to be sure that your information is current, please call the school office at 845-227-7777 or e-mail Mrs. Graves at jgraves@stcolumba.net.



Give the Gift of Life!



The annual St. Columba Church Blood Drive will take place on Monday, February 17th in the School gym from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Walk-in donors are welcome! Volunteers (high school age or older) to assist with the drive are needed. Please call the St. Columba Rectory at 845-227-8380 if interested.

Daddy-Daughter Luau!

Grab your hula skirts and hawaiian shirts and bring your favorite guy out for a night of dinner, dancing, hula hoops and raffles. The Luau is Friday, February 21st from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Purchase your tickets by February 15th and take advantage of an advance purchase discount! Ticket forms are available [HERE](#) and under the PSA tab on the school website.



NYSSMA for Singers and Musicians

NYSSMA registration forms are available in the main office. The NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival will take place on May 1st and May 2nd at Arlington High School. Registration forms and fees are due on February 21st. For more information contact Lisa Bellino at 914-489-3291.

Let's Get Rewarded by Giving Hospitality, Hope and Healing to the Sick in Our Community!

SDSC will be awarded Disney Park Hopper Passes through the Disney Family Volunteering Reward Program for our efforts to bring hope, hospitality and healing in our community. When our families and school community work together to help those most in need, Disney Parks and the Points of Light Program reward our efforts so that we may raise funds for SDSC to support our efforts educate and grow our students in virtue and service.

SDSC wants to bring hospitality, hope and healing to the sick and suffering in our community. We are asking our families to work together to create care packages for the sick and suffering at Blythedale Children's Hospital and Castle Point Veteran's Hospital. Families can create their own complete care package (*be sure to talk about why you chose the items and how they will help the recipient*). Also, families can donate items to be assembled into care packages, assist with assembling the care packages and/or deliver some of the care packages as a family. Each care package will contain a personal letter of hope and love written by a student.

Here's how it works:

First, register your family and all those who will help (siblings, graduates, grandparents, etc.)

<https://www.allforgood.org/projects/nQPKY7kN>

Second, participate in Hospitality, Hope and Healing by one or more of the following:

1. Put together a complete care package using the attached list as a guide.
2. Donate and drop off/send in any of the items on the attached list by Friday, January 24th.
3. Sign-Up to help students assemble care packages at school. (Coming soon!)
4. Sign-Up to deliver the care packages with your family. (Coming Soon!)



Catholic Schools Week Open Houses: The Catholic School Partnership of Hopewell Junction

The Ark and the Dove at St. Denis Church

Open House: Sunday, January 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registrations for 2020-21 Toddler 2 Program and Pre-K 3-4 year old programs will be accepted at the Open House. Call 845-227-8232 for more information.

St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center

Open House: Sunday, January 26th from 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. Registration for 2020-21 Pre-K 3 -4 year old programs is now open! For more information e-mail staloyusnovitiatie@aol.com or call 845-226-1917 or 646-460-9168.

SDSC Open House – Sunday, January 26th 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Catholic Schools Week will begin with our annual Open House on Sunday, January 26th from 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. All current and prospective families are invited to attend. Drop in on a Storytime performance, take a student-led tour, observe student investigations in the science lab and see student projects/work. Be sure to visit the Book Fair, too! Light Refreshments will be served.



LOOKING for Students to Stand Proud as an SDSC Student at Mass next Sunday, January 26th

Be Proud of SDSC! Students are invited to wear their full school uniform at Mass next weekend (without a jacket or coat) and give witness to their parish community of the presence of SDSC and Catholic Education in their community. Any student who chooses to wear their full school uniform at mass Saturday night or Sunday without a jacket or coat...will receive a NUT Award for participation. Ask one of the priests or the deacons to sign a bulletin to verify your presence and then bring it to your homeroom teacher.

Student Tour Guides Needed - Sunday, January 26th 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

We are looking for students in Grades 4-8 who are available to help at our Open House from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Our prospective families are always impressed with the confidence, leadership, kindness and knowledge of our student tour guides! Please e-mail Sr. Kathleen at sr.kathleenmarie@gmail.com or complete the attached form if your child would like to assist. All student helpers must be neatly dressed in their full winter uniforms. Thank You!

I give my child(ren) permission to be a tour guide at the SDSC Open House.

Student(s) Name _____

Grade(s) _____

Parent Signature _____

Date: _____