



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of October 7-11, 2019

SDSC Walks 2019



Lace up those walking shoes! The SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon will take place this **Wednesday, October 9th**. **Students are to wear their summer uniforms or gym uniforms with sneakers on Wednesday.** Our Walk-a-thon will take place after lunch and will follow a route on the school campus. After a morning of learning, students will have a fun school-spirit-filled afternoon walking for their school! After the Walk-a-thon students will enjoy a treat together to celebrate. It's our last Fall fundraiser and the only one that involves direct student participation.

Walk-a-thon Prizes

1. **INDIVIDUAL PRIZES:** Each student will receive one NUT Award (No Uniform Today Award) for every \$50 collected by Monday, October 28, 2019.
2. **CLASS PRIZES:** The class in the upper hall (Grades 4-8) and in the lower hall (Grades K-3) that raises the highest average donation per child will receive a Class NUT Day and an Ice Cream Party.
3. **WHOLE SCHOOL PRIZES:** If we reach a goal of \$15,000, we will designate additional 5 FREE NUT Days— one week of NUT Days for all!
4. **WHOLE SCHOOL PRIZES:** If we reach a goal of \$20,000 we will have a “Half Day of Play” which includes another NUT day and an entire afternoon of recess activities!

New for 2019! Sponsors can donate to your children on-line at www.bidpal.net/sdscwalks2019! (All donations made on behalf of a family will be divided equally among the children in the family for purposes of prizes/contests.)

Parents, siblings and relatives are also welcome to walk with the students. We are in need of volunteers to stamp student pledge forms at each of the walk-a-thon checkpoints. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Graves at 845-227-7777 or jgraves@stcolumba.net.

NO BUSING – Wednesday , October 9th

Please note that there will be **NO Busing** for **Wappingers and Arlington** on Wednesday, October 9th. Parents are encouraged to carpool to ease traffic congestion. Please observe the following procedures:



Drop Off: Please pull forward as far as possible in the bus lane in front of the school. Students should exit vehicles and enter front of school. Sr. Kathleen and Mr. Krebs will be directing traffic and ensuring students enter safely through the front doors of the school. **For the safety of the students, parking and walking students to the door is not permitted due to the number of moving cars on the premises.** Thank you for ensuring that your children arrive before 8:00 a.m.

Pick-Up: Please park in the parking lots in front of St. Columba Church. At dismissal, parents/guardians will proceed in a single file through the school front doors and into the gym to gather their children. Exit to the parking lot will be through the Religious Education doors. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation in an effort to keep your children safe.

Help Us Keep Mozzarella Sticks on the Menu!

We need **two** more Kitchen Volunteers are needed to be able to keep our Hot lunch Program operating daily! Two volunteers are needed to join Team 4 Wednesday – Mozzarella Sticks. Can you help out one or more of the following days: 10/23, 11/20, 12/18, 1/29, 2/26, 3/25, 4/29, 5/27? If you can help, please contact Judy Boulton at 914-474-3035 or e-mail lunchprogram@stcolumba.net.



Tuesday Chip Sales



Every Tuesday students are permitted to purchase a variety of salted snacks for 50 cents in the cafeteria. Chip Sales now feature a gluten-free selection of snacks for our students with dietary allergies. Tuesday Chip Day is a fundraiser that supports SDSC and enables us to host a graduation reception for our Graduating Class.

EDUCATE Parent Portal

All parents/guardians have been granted access to the EDUCATE Parent Portal. Please take some time on a regular basis to review your child's homework, project and test grades. The portal gives you nearly "real time" view into your child's academic performance at school. The portal can be accessed from the School App or under the "For Parents" Tab on the school website. If you need any assistance accessing EDUCATE, please contact Mrs. Graves at 845-227-7777 or jgraves@stcolumba.net.

Columbus Day – No School

This is a reminder that there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day.

WINTER UNIFORM Begins Tuesday, October 15th

The last day for summer uniforms will be this Friday, October 11th. All students are to wear their winter uniforms beginning Tuesday, October 15^h. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for uniform requirements.

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 18th

Children in Grades K-4 are invited to our "Trunk or Treat" on Friday, October 18th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in SDSC Parking Lot. At the "Trunk or Treat," the costumed children walk through a coned-off portion of the parking lot, stopping at cars that have decorated trunks to receive candy. The cost of the event is \$2 per student.



Trunk volunteers needed! Be creative with your trunk decorations, but please nothing very scary or gory. To keep the cost low for students and to help the PSA raise funds for them, we kindly ask that each trunk volunteer please donate candy. To volunteer or for any questions, e-mail us at: PSA@stcolumba.net.

Fall Harvest Dance – Friday, October 18th

The SDSC PSA Fall Harvest Dance will be Friday, October 18th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the school gym. Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to put on their costumes and come enjoy treats, dancing and fun with friends. The cost of the dance is \$10 per student. Donations and chaperones are needed for the dance. Please sign up [HERE](#) or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e44aca929a0ff2-harvest>



Storytime – Saturday, October 19th



Students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 2 are invited to a special Halloween Edition of Storytime on Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Storytime features singing, dancing, puppetry, interactive storytelling and music. It's a continuous program, so "come when you like and leave when you must." Storytime is open to all local children so bring a friend!

Attention All Whos! It's Time for the Annual Doll's Tea Party!

This year's theme is Dr. Seuss. October is the month. The 26th is the day. Saturday from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. is when we will play! Tickets are available for purchase online at www.bidpal.net/toptastes19 or by using order form under the PSA tab on the school website. The Doll's Tea Party sells out every year so get your tickets early!



CYO Basketball at St. Columba

Boys and Girls in Grades 1-8 are invited to register for CYO Basketball. For more information and to register, visit www.stcolumbabasketball.net.

Altar Rosary Society Craft Fair – Saturday, November 2nd



The Altar Rosary Society's 46th annual HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR will be held at SDSC on Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be over 50 tables of handcrafted items. Also there will be numerous raffles, a baked goods table, a treasure chest table, and much more! The Altar Rosary Society generously supports SDSC every year, so please consider attending the craft fair.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP!

Did you know you can raise money for SDSC every time you shop at www.Amazon.com? Simply use the Amazon link on the school website or SDSC App every time you shop. If you are an Amazon Prime Member, all of your Prime benefits still apply! SDSC receives up to 10% of every purchase you make!



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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.