



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of September 9-13, 2019

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year! Thank you for trusting your children to SDSC for their growth and education. We are grateful for your commitment to Catholic Education and to St. Denis-St. Columba School! The faculty and staff are committed to YOU and YOUR CHILDREN as well – and to ensuring that SDSC will be a Holy Ground of Loving and Learning for your children!

IMPORTANT: Student-Parent Handbooks

Our Student-Parent Handbook is posted [HERE](#) and on our website under the Parent Tab. Please take some time to read through the handbook. After reviewing its contents, please [COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORMS](#) for the school handbook agreement and textbook form. These forms can be found [HERE](#), on the school website under the Parent Tab and on the School App. 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.

Hot Lunch Program

Our Hot Lunch Program has begun. This week we will feature SDSC's own organically grown garden tomatoes and cucumbers! The lunch menu is posted on our website and is always available on the School APP. Lunch tickets are \$2.50 each and are available for purchase in the Front Office. They can be purchased in strips of 10 or greater. Student must have a lunch ticket to purchase lunch each day. Money will not be accepted.

We are grateful to Mrs. Judy Boulton for coordinating our Hot Lunch Program again this year. Mrs. Boulton has added new menu items from local vendors and restaurants this year. In addition she has made adjustments to the lunch menu based on feedback from the end of year survey.

Volunteers Needed!

SDSC is in need of volunteers to help us with the following important daily activities:



Hot Lunch Program

SDSC Hot Lunch Program is staffed 100% by volunteers. Our volunteers make it possible to be able to offer lunch five days a week. Kitchen Volunteers prep and serve the food and wash the lunch trays. This is a once or twice a month commitment for the school year from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Lunchroom Aides

Lunchroom aides distribute milk, help wipe up spills, clean tables and assist younger students with opening packages and carrying lunches. Lunchroom aides volunteer from 11:40 am -12:45 pm

Recess Supervision

SDSC is fortunate to have a sprawling playground on our campus with ample gym equipment, fields and basketball hoops. We need volunteers to help our teachers supervise the students on the playground. Volunteers supervise students from 11:55 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you are interested or someone you know is able to assist with any of these important daily tasks, please call the school office or complete the attached form.

Special Milk Program Begins Monday, September 9th



Through the Archdiocese of New York Special Milk Program, we provide 1% white milk and chocolate milk to our students each day school is in session. The cost of the program is \$60 for the year. If you wish your child to be served milk each day, please complete and return the attached form ASAP. We will begin distributing milk on Monday, September 9th.

Uniform Reminder - SHOES



Shoes for non-gym days must be **black or brown** supportive dress shoes with buckles, laces or Velcro straps. **Boat and Sperry shoes are NOT PERMITTED to be worn as part of the SDSC uniform.** They are a safety hazard to students. This uniform policy was announced in the June Grade Level Summer Letters, the Principal's Back to School Letter as well as in other communications. In addition, **sneakers are only permitted to be worn on gym days.** Shoes with contrasting "swooshes", pumas, and other brand logos (e.g. "NB") are athletic shoes, not dress shoes. When in doubt, contact the School Office. Thank you for your cooperation!

Before & After Care Begins Monday, September 9th



Our Before and After Care Program begins Monday, September 9th. In order to participate in the Program, you must register your child(ren) and pay a \$10 per child registration fee. Registration forms can be found under the "For Parents" tab on the website and [HERE](#). Under the same tab you also will find a [Guidebook](#) with important details about the Program. Invoices are distributed approximately every four weeks and payment may be made at the school. If you wish to have your Program charges added to your Smart Tuition account, please notify Mr. Krebs in the school office or by emailing him at rtkrebs@stcolumba.net.

Paul Effman Music Program- SDSC School Band

Paul Effman Music service will be providing a band demonstration to students this Friday, September 13th. Students have the opportunity to participate in our school band program. Your children will receive a registration form this week for the Program. If they are interested in participating, please return the registration form by next Friday, September 20th. Band lessons are held after school on Tuesdays.

Spirit Wear Orders – Due Friday, September 13th

The SDSC PSA Spirit Wear Sale orders must be placed by this Friday, September 13th. Order forms are available on the website under the PSA tab or by clicking [HERE](#). Please allow 1-2 weeks for delivery of orders. Proceeds from the Spirit Wear sale support our students!

Magazine/Digital Media and Gift Drive Begins Friday, September 13th



Let's kick the school year off by giving the gift of reading to our family and friends! Our Annual Magazine/Media Drive is a fun way to explore new interests and support our school. There is something for everyone in both digital and print! Maybe you would like to donate a subscription to our Library or a Class. The fundraiser is not just about reading as there are also great gifts available. Students will come home with a packet of information on September 13th.

Back to School Barbeque NEW DATE– Friday, September 13th 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Parents, students, grandparents, alumni, teachers and staff - all are welcome to grab a bite to eat and to gather in a spirit of fellowship to welcome in the new year! Join us on Friday, September 13th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the school yard for burgers, hot dogs, watermelon, chips, sno cones and more.

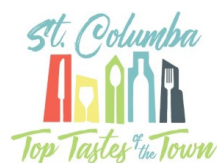


PSA Community Meeting – Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Parents and Guardians are invited to the first Parent-School Association Meeting on the School Year on Tuesday, September 17th. Learn about events and activities for the upcoming year, join a committee, and share ideas! Light refreshments will be served.

East Fishkill Community Day – Saturday, September 21st

Our school proudly marches in the East Fishkill Community Day parade each year, and a great day is had by all! Join us on Saturday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m. on Trink Lane near Hopewell Hot Bagels. The parade begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. All parents and siblings are welcome to march with our School! Any SDSC student wearing an SDSC shirt (white collared or gym t-shirt) will receive a N.U.T. (no uniform today) Award from Sister Kathleen to be used on Monday, September 23rd!



Top Tastes of the Town – Tuesday, September 24th

Grab a knife, fork and spoon and bring your appetite to the 9th Annual Top Tastes of the Town on Tuesday, September 24th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.! This "All You Care to Sample" features a mouth-watering array of savory food brought to you by our area's best eateries. Of course, you

will want to pair your tastings with a carefully selected and curated selection of wines from Hopewell Junction's own MDJ Wine & Liquor. Tickets are limited! Buy your tickets online at www.bidpal.net/TopTastes19 or see attached order form.

Room Parents

Please consider volunteering as a room parent for the 2019-20 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 classroom activities, the year-end picnic, Teacher/Staff Appreciation, and assist the teacher and/or PSA with other needs throughout the school year. They also coordinate the "Class Basket" for our Annual Gala and are the classroom Annual Gala representative. The interest form is under the PSA tab on the school website and attached to this newsletter.



Join Boy Scout Troop 40!

Troop 40 has been sponsored by St. Columba Parish of Hopewell Junction since 1964! Since that time many young men have had the rewarding experience of learning skills, enjoying fellowship, and gaining knowledge that has assisted them in becoming leaders in our community. Troop 40 is proud of to have graduated the over 50 Eagle Scouts, with most of them earning the rank in just the last 10 years. Boys aged 11-17 years old or that have completed 5th grade are welcomed to join. Troop 40 meets at Gayhead Elementary School on Thursday Evenings at 7:15 p.m. For more information contact Scoutmaster, Mark Check, at scoutmaster@troop40hopewell.org or just drop by to meet us.

New Scouts BSA Girl-Only Troop Sponsored by St. Columba Parish!

The Boy Scouts of America is welcoming girls to the program with girl-only Scouts BSA troops. This is an exciting opportunity for girls and women to join an organization focused on giving our youth experience with the outdoors, leadership and personal character building. Troop 40 is looking to form a girl-only Scouts BSA troop this year. Girls aged 11-17 years old or that have completed 5th grade and women willing to serve in leadership positions are encouraged to attend an information meeting on Thursday September 26th at Gayhead Elementary School at 7:15 PM.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP!



Amazon Associates

Did you know you can raise money for SDSC every time you shop at <https://www.amazon.com>? Simply **use the Amazon link on the school website or SDSC App** every time you shop. All of the Prime Membership benefits apply!



Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to clip those Box Tops! You can find box tops on everything from cereal, to school supplies, socks packaging to snack boxes! Each year we earn a lot from the Box Tops Program to help support our school! Clip those little squares and send them into the school with your child.



Hannaford Helps Schools Program

Do you shop at the Hannaford grocery store in our area? You can help earn money for our school when you purchase from more than 1,500 participating products. When you check out you will receive 3 school dollars for every 4 participating products you purchase. Submit/deposit your school dollars in our school's collection tower in the Hannaford store at 1490 Route 9, Wappingers Falls. Visit www.hannaford.com/helpschools to learn more.

Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program

Our school has the opportunity to earn cash from the Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program. This year's Program runs from September 7, 2018 through March 16, 2019. Please take a moment to register your Stop & Shop card at www.stopandshop.com/aplus, or call Customer Care at 1-877-366-2668 OPTION #1. Our school's five-digit ID code is 08994.



ShopRite For My School Program



Please register your ShopRite Price Plus Club Card at www.shopriteformyschool.com. Then purchase participating products at ShopRite and earnings will be automatically credited to our school account. All General Mills products are now included.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2019-2020 School Year

We take pride in the fact that SDSC does not have mandatory volunteer hours because of the generous gift of time our parents graciously give to our school community! Please help us keep that tradition and consider volunteering for one or more of these much-needed requests:

LUNCHROOM AIDE and RECESS DUTY:

LUNCHROOM AIDE (11:40 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)

RECESS DUTY (11:55 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

LUNCHROOM AIDES distribute milk, help wipe up spills, clean tables and assist younger students with opening packages and carrying lunches. PLEASE NOTE: Upper Hall students will be able to assist with the final wipe down of tables at the end of the lunch period. **RECESS VOLUNTEERS** assist with the supervision of students on the playground, in the classroom, and in transition from one location to another after the students finish eating lunch.

() I am available for lunchroom supervision on the following days: **M T W TH F**

() I am available for recess supervision on the following days: **M T W TH F**

Name: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Email: _____

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

This year the Library will be open primarily in the mornings on Monday - Friday. Library volunteers are also needed to supervise students who want to (*or need to*) work in the library during lunch or recess time.

() I am available to supervise students in the library on the following days: **M T W TH F**

Name: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Email: _____

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM - KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The hot lunch program begins on **Friday, September 6th**, and we are looking for parents/guardians, grandparents, aunts and uncles to volunteer to prepare and serve the food to the students (10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.).

For anyone new to the school, this is volunteering in the kitchen, NOT the cafeteria/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 can use additional volunteers on every weekday, with our greatest needs on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Correspondence, instructions, schedules and lunch menu are posted on our school website and/or emailed to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Judy Boulton at 914-474-3035 (cell/text) or email her at lunchprogram@stcolumba.net.

() I am available to volunteer in the kitchen on the following days: **M T W TH F**

() I am available to volunteer in the kitchen on the following # of days each month: **1 2 3 4**

Name: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Email: _____



St. Denis – St. Columba School Parent School Association

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 2019-20 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 classroom activities, the "Class Basket" for the Annual Gala, classroom Annual Gala representatives, the year-end picnic, Teacher/Staff Appreciation, and assisting the teacher and/or PSA with other needs throughout the school year. Class parents also ensure that photos from class events are shared for the Yearbook and other school purposes.

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

If you are interested in being a room parent, please complete and submit this form by **Friday, September 14th** to: Lauren Schifini, Kindness of the Main Office. Please remember this is an interest form, there is a selection process to determining the room parents. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Lauren Schifini at psa@stcolumba.net

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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 09/30/19.

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:
_____	_____	_____

St. Columba



9TH ANNUAL

Top Tastes of the Town

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

849 ROUTE 82
HOPEWELL JCT NY

6:30-8:30 PM

Join us for this very special evening to "taste" samplings from some of our area's premier food and wine establishments.

\$40 PER PERSON | ONLY 250 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD | YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

Participants Include...

Daddy O's
Eleven 11 Grille & Spirits
Franco's Italian Deli
Giardino Italiano Pizza
Hopewell Hot Bagels
Hopewell Wine and Spirits

MUSIC PROVIDED BY TOP SHELF ENTERTAINMENT

Hudson Valley Fresh
Hudson Valley Gyros
Il Barilotto
Irving Farm Coffee Roasters
Nick's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta
Pastry Garden

Simply Gourmet
Sukhothai Authentic Thai Cuisine
Stellina Cakes and Cupcakes
The Mill House Brewing Company
Tiramisu Ristorante Pizzeria & Bakery
Tomas Tapas Bar and Restaurant

OUR NEWEST PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: The Beacon Daily, The Dutchess Biercafe, Katie Rose Bakery, Patsy's Roadhouse, South Brooklyn Boys Slice Shop

Fabulous Raffles...

4 TICKETS TO A 2020 REGULAR SEASON YANKEE GAME - Restrictions apply (Donated by Royal Carting)
APPLE IPAD MINI (Donated by Nick D'Alessandro, East Fishkill Town Supervisor; AJ Beephan, Peter Cassidy, and Tom Franco, East Fishkill Town Councilmen; and John Metzger, Dutchess County Legislator ~ East Fishkill)
SMART LED HDTV (Donated by the 2019 Top Tastes of the Town Committee)
APPLE WATCH 3 NIKE+ (Donated by Doug McHoul, Candidate for Dutchess County Legislature ~ Fishkill)
\$1000 SHOPPING SPREE AT BELLIZZI JEWELERS (Donated by James and Christine Bellizzi of Bellizzi Jewelers)
1 WEEK STAY AT CASA LA LANCHITA, VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO - Restrictions apply (Donated by the McHoul Funeral Home)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "SDSC" AND MAIL TO:

ST. COLUMBA "TOP TASTES OF THE TOWN" PO BOX 368, HOPEWELL JCT., NY 12533

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BUY TICKETS ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT BIDPAL.NET/TOPTASTES19

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

I would like _____ reservations for "Top Tastes"

Please include your e-mail address as we will send your reservation confirmation electronically.

For more information, please contact: Mary Ann Menuau at 914.299.3077 or maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com

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