



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of January 18-22, 2021

No School – Monday, January 18th

There will be NO School on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MAP Assessments Continue this Week

Students in Grade K-8 will be taking their READING MAP assessment this week. Please be sure that your child is on-time and fully rested so that they are able to concentrate and do their best.

- **HYBRID students will take assessments on days when they are at school in person.** Students who are absent for any reason will make up any missed assessment upon returning to school in person.
- **FULLY REMOTE Students** (i.e. students not on a hybrid schedule) will meet with Sr. Kathleen on Zoom using the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/98627201648?pwd=QXB1c1lpMFpHekdVNDIqNk9kTFpUdz09>
 - **Fully Remote Students** will need TWO DEVICES: a device for taking the assessment (e.g. laptop, desktop or Chromebook) AND a Zoom capable device (e.g. phone, tablet, additional laptop or Chromebook) so that they can be seen taking the test.
 - **FULLY REMOTE students in Grades 6-8 will meet with Sr. Kathleen on ZOOM this Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. and those in Grades 3-4 at 10:15 a.m. The students in Grades K-2 will meet on Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. Please have your children log in at least 5 minutes earlier so we can troubleshoot any issues before testing begins.**
 - A parent/adult must be available to support as needed during designated testing times.
- Following the testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of both the November and January assessments so that you can observe how your child is performing academically.

PLEASE NOTE: Change in End of Quarter Date: Friday, January 29th

Please be advised that the end of the second quarter is Friday, January 29th not January 22nd. Please take some time to review your child's homework, progress and test grades EDUCATE. 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.

Please be sure your Tuition and Lunch fees are up to date!

As we anticipate the release of the second quarter report cards, we would like to remind you that all financial requirements, including tuition payments, lunch tickets, and all school fees must be made current before student report cards are released.

Financial Assistance for Students Returning for the 2021-22 School Year

If you currently receive financial assistance through the Archdiocese, you will receive an e-mail in the next two weeks inviting you to **apply for aid for the 2020-21 School Year**. Applications for financial aid awards will be accepted beginning February 2nd. In order to be considered for financial aid, you must enroll for the 2021-22 school year, complete the requalifying application online through link provided in e-mail, pay the financial aid application fee, and submit all required documents. We encourage families to complete the process as quickly as feasible. *Be aware that the challenges of Covid have impacted fundraising to support financial aid. Thus, it is critical to complete your application for financial aid immediately.* Financial aid is awarded on a "first-come, first-served" basis.



Families who received other forms of tuition assistance, or who have had a change of circumstances impacting their ability to pay tuition for 2020-21 should contact the school office directly. We pledge to help find solutions for families who want Catholic education for the children.

Online Enrollment for Returning Students – Monday, February 8th

Families with students eligible to return to SDSC next year will be receiving an e-mail invitation from TADS on or before Monday, February 8th inviting you to register for the 2020-21 School Year. In order to guarantee your child's placement for next year, you must complete this process which includes payment of the \$100 enrollment fee.



February 26th Deadline for Priority Enrollment

Applications for new students continue to outpace our current classroom capacities. Because of our continued growth, most of our classes have little or no room to accept new students. You must enroll for the 2020-21 School Year prior to February 26th in order to have priority placement in the class. If financial circumstances prevent you from completing the enrollment by the deadline, please notify the School Office *immediately*. Once the priority period for re-enrollment ends, available spaces will be offered to new applicants.

Available Spaces by Class Based on Current Students and New Students Accepted to School					
Kindergarten	<i>waitlist only</i>	Grade 3	<i>1 space</i>	Grade 6	<i>2 spaces</i>
Grade 1	<i>waitlist only</i>	Grade 4	<i>waitlist only</i>	Grade 7	<i>1 space</i>
Grade 2	<i>waitlist only</i>	Grade 5	<i>waitlist only</i>	Grade 8	<i>6 Spaces</i>

If you have any questions about the application process, financial assistance, or enrollment for 2020-21 please contact Mr. Krebs at 845-227-7777 or rtkrebs@stcolumba.net.

Thank YOU for Growing SDSC!

In a normal year at this time, SDSC would be buzzing with school tours and enrollment events. Unfortunately, Covid has shut down all of our traditional outreach efforts for new students. Yet this year we are receiving and continue to receive applications at a record pace! Enrollment is being driven in a major part by YOU, our SDSC Families. Your advocacy on behalf of SDSC is an important component of our continued growth and hope for future expansion. We would like to thank the following families for introducing us to some of our new applicants: Coschignano, Eagan, McCormack, Metzger, Nocilla and Zingaro.



Do you know someone who would be a good fit for SDSC? Existing families who refer a new student to SDSC can earn a \$250 tuition credit if that student enrolls for next school year. Referral forms are available on our website under the "Apply Now" tab or by clicking [HERE](#). You can also email the details to Mr. Krebs at rtkrebs@stcolumba.net.

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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.

A TIME TO HEAL: Kathleen Alvarez (*Grandmother of Tristan Alvarez-Vasquez*), Mrs. Boulton, Christian Dill (*Grand-nephew of Sr. Cherree*), Mrs. Dillon, Claire Novack (*Family friend of Mrs. Sheridan*), Tonjia Minotti (*Mother of Robbie, Gr. 4*), Debbie Sauerhoff (*Mrs. Spera's sister-in-law*), Mrs. Senno, Brenda VonBurg (*Grandmother of Hudson, Gr. 7*) and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.

A TIME TO DIE: Eduardo Alvarez (*Grandfather of Tristan Alvarez-Vasquez*) and for the repose of the souls of all our faithful departed.

