



Saint Denis – Saint Columba School

... A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

TO: PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
DATE: MARCH 27-APRIL 7, 2017



*Jesus, I Trust in You
Make our Hearts like Yours!*

Our Lenten KINDNESS is Contagious Campaign

Each day during this Lenten Season we as a school community begin our day praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the intentions of all those who are in need of our prayers: the sick, suffering, poor, lonely, etc. In an effort to foster KINDNESS in our relationships with one another – we listen to a short scripture passage on kindness and a reflection question to help us to think of the ways we can be KIND to others during the day. The first week we focused on being **HANDS of KINDNESS**, the second week being **EARS of KINDNESS**, and this week being a **VOICE of KINDNESS**. Included below are some reflection questions that you may wish to use with your family to keep our KINDNESS is CONTAGIOUS Campaign going at home and at school:

We are called to be **HANDS of Kindness for others!** How can we use our **HANDS** to show another kindness?
Use your hands to show kindness – give someone a pat on the back, shake hands with someone, write a nice letter, card or email to your friends, relatives, etc.

We are called to be **EARS of Kindness for others!** How can we use our **EARS** to show another kindness?
Use your ears to listen at home to your parents and siblings –at school to your friends, teachers, adults...really hear what people are saying -- listen to music and to all the sounds around me-- listen in prayer to hear what God wants you to do --listen to those who may be asking you to help, be kind, or to be a friend

We are called to be a **VOICE of Kindness for others!** How can we use our **Voice** to show another kindness?
How do we speak to others? Use your voice to concentrate on saying kind things, not complaining or criticizing, say kind words to someone, tell someone you are sorry, you love them, or thank you -- call or invite someone new to eat lunch or play with you at recess .

We are called to do **ACTS of Kindness for others!** What **ACTS of Kindness** can we do for others? *Do thoughtful things for your classmates, be polite and let another have a turn, offer to help someone who needs your help, share the talents God has given you, be helpful at home and at school*

We are called to pray **PRAYERS of Kindness for others!** What **PRAYERS of Kindness** can I say for others? *Pray and ask Jesus for a kind heart, pray for your friends and family, pray for those who are sick, pray for a classmate and those you don't like, thank God for loving you and being kind to you.*

SURVEY on Children with Special Needs - PLEASE COMPLETE

The Office of the Superintendent of Schools is exploring how to best serve families of children with special needs. Currently, our schools serve students with mild to moderate learning disabilities. However, there is a strong interest and desire to learn what other types of programs we should be considering. If you have or know of a child that has special needs, please take a few minutes to complete an online questionnaire found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ADNY-Special> in English and <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/ADNY-Especial> in Spanish.

Third Marking Period --- Cornerstone, Report Cards, Tuition, and After School Payments

The 3rd marking period ends the week of April 3rd before we leave for Easter vacation. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to review your children's progress on Cornerstone (www.adnysis.org/cornerstone). Review the information with your children. **The Parent Component of Cornerstone will be closed this Friday March 31st, and will reopen on April 20th when you will be able to view your children's Third Quarter report cards.** Remember that all tuition payments, including April, After School Program and any other school fees must be up to date before you will have access to your children's report cards.

News from the Lunchroom

Lunch Menu Change for Monday, March 27th – Sloppy Joes (made fresh, not from a can).

Chip Sales on Tuesdays \$.50 per bag.

Message from Dr. Timothy McNiff on NYS ELA and Math Tests

It is stated in our school handbook that our students are to “take part in the Archdiocesan testing program, which includes the Archdiocesan Religion test, Annual Standardized Tests, and New York State Education Department assessments. These tests measure academic growth over a period of time.” *This Tuesday, March 28th to Thursday, March 30th our students in Grades 3-8 will be taking the NYS ELA Tests. The tests will take place between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the morning.*

While the overwhelming majority of our students comply with the policy and guidelines (which states that schools cooperative with state assessment programs) and participate in the New York State exams every year, some families are hesitant to do so. **For the 2016-2017 school year families who refuse to allow their child(ren) to participate in these exams will need to keep their children at home while they are being administered as the school will not be allocating personnel to monitor nonparticipants.** Students may come to school after the exam administration for the day has been completed.

Life Touch Pictures

Nest Thursday, April 6th **Life Touch Pictures** will be here to photograph all the students in Grades K-8. No payment is needed on picture day. You will receive a picture package of your child(ren) after they are photographed. At that time you can decide if you want to purchase it. If you decide to purchase it at a later date, simply go to www.lifetouch.com. **The students may wear colorful dress-up clothes for these pictures.**

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Eighth Grade students have been diligently preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. This Friday, March 31, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. the St. Columba students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred by Bishop Lagonegro at St. Columba Church. *Confirmation Rehearsal is Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.* Special thanks to Mrs. Forlenza and Mrs. Galletti for preparing these students to continue their faith journey as full members of the church! We congratulate each of them.



Tickets for SDSC 50th Anniversary Gala on Sale Now

See the flyer attached to purchase tickets for our upcoming 50th Anniversary Gala, go to our school website

www.stcolumba.net, or click on the link:

<https://www.501auctions.com/sdsc50/tickets?type=7862>

Anniversary Gala Prize Sneak Peak

You are going to want to get in on all of the auction action for the Anniversary Gala where you can bid on prizes like 100 Gallons of **Home Heating Fuel from Bottini Oil** or a family vacation to **Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida** complete with a 2 night stay at the Hyatt Convention Center and 4 Walt Disney World Theme Park Passes. There are various packages with sporting events tickets to the **Hudson Valley Renegades, Marist Basketball, NY Red Bulls and New York Yankees**, to name a few. This year we are adding **Luxury Handbags** to our Silent Auction to include Dooney and Bourke, Coach and more. There will be 4 bags, up for auction separately.....and as an added bonus, one bag will have \$100 in it! Keep checking back at our auction page, prize packages will be added weekly!

Gala Kids Raffle

We already have so many great items for our **annual Kids Raffle** to be held on **April 18th – April 21st** ! There is still time to donate items to make this year's kids raffle over the top. We could use more sporting goods like balls, athletic socks and sports bags or maybe you have some games, candy or crafts to donate. We will be collecting items until April 5th and are so grateful for all donations made. Please send your items to Kids Raffle --Kindness of the Main Office.

Yearbooks-On Sale Now!

Many months of hard work have gone into creating this year's Yearbook highlighting school wide events, classroom specific activities, our students receiving Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation, First Communion, and much more. All grades are represented and every attempt was made to include every student! You can order your copy of the Yearbook at ybpay.lifetouch.com and use yearbook code 7352017. See attached flyer for more details!

Lost and Found

You would not believe what we have in our Lost and Found! Is your child missing a uniform, shoes, jacket or back pack....we may have it! Check out the Lost and Found box in the Kitchen on your right immediately when you walk in and claim your MIA item today!

First Friday Lenten Liturgy

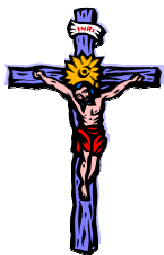
On Friday, April 7th before we leave for our Easter vacation we will be celebrating as a faith community a Lenten school liturgy. We will gather for mass at **10:00 a.m. in the Church**. All are welcome to join us for this celebration!

LOOKING AHEAD: Uniform Exchange

Come and join us this Friday, April 28th from 7:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the lunchroom for our last Uniform Exchange sale of the year! Gently-used winter and summer uniforms will be available for purchase at great discounted prices. Please drop off in the lunchroom any clean gently-used uniforms you would like to donate marked "Uniform Exchange." Remember all monies raised during this sale benefit our school and your children. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Kruger at eyegirl29@hotmail.com or at 845-489-2477.

Easter Vacation April 10th – April 18th

Easter Vacation will begin after dismissal next Friday, April 7th. School will reopen on **Tuesday, April 18th.** During the Easter break our custodians, will "spruce up" the school building before we return to school. We are asking that the children *clean out their desks, throw out the extra "stuff" they've accumulated* over the last few months and *make sure all their books have good covers* on them. The children are also asked to bring home their notebooks, folders, pencil cases, etc.



God's gifts to us shed light on God's heart, God's good and gracious heart. Every gift reveals His love . . . but no gift reveals His love more than the gift of His Cross.

As we walk with our Lord during holy week beginning on Palm Sunday, let us remember how much He loves us! He gave His life for each one of us. Let us ponder that truth and realize how much love He has for us personally! I pray that God's many graces and blessings during this holy season will be yours today and always. You will be in special prayer during my retreat uring Holy Week.

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Enjoy your Easter vacation! Spring is in the air! Take some time to enjoy this beautiful season of our Lord's Resurrection - and the beauty of God's Creation bursting forth around you! You will be remembered in my special thoughts and prayers during my Holy Week Retreat and throughout the season of Easter. I thank God for you each day and ask Him to give you the graces and blessings you need. I pray that each of you may know and experience the loving embrace of our Risen Lord more deeply during this holy season. May the Lord's Resurrection fill your hearts with much peace, joy, hope and love! Have a Blessed Holy Week and Easter! See you on April 18th!

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

Anne Culin (mother of Cathy Martin and great grandmother of Michael O'Hearn), Geri DiNoti (parishioner), Janice Prostack (sister of Sr. Kathleen), Kelsey Berger (cousin of Winogradoff children), Loretta DelliCarpini, Louis Pissani, Chelsea Grace (daughter of Spanish teacher, Mrs. Lyons), Paulo Ampil (Kyle Silverio's grandfather), and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit at this time



ST. DENIS - ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL
ANNIVERSARY

April 22nd
2017
at seven in the evening

Gala

celebrating
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1966-2016

DUTCHESS MANOR

263 ROUTE 9D | BEACON | NEW YORK

PREMIUM OPEN BAR | HORS D'OEUVRES | GOURMET INTERNATIONAL BUFFETS | CARVING STATIONS | SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS | RAFFLES

Tickets

Individual Ticket	\$75 Per Person
Table of Ten	\$700 Per Table
Sponsor a Teacher/Clergy	\$75 Each

Journal Ads

Golden Jubilee Page (8"W x 10"H)	\$1000	Half Page (4"W x 5"H)	\$400
~ Full Page with Special Gold Border ~		Quarter Page (4"W x 3"H)	\$200
Full Page (8"W x 10"H)	\$750	Eighth Page/Business Card (4"W x 2"H)	\$100

All journal ads and congratulatory messages will be printed in full color. Please send text/artwork to gala@stcolumba.net

Reservation Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Reservations | _____ @ \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Jubilee Journal Page | _____ @ \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table of Ten | _____ @ \$700 | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Journal Page | _____ @ \$750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Teacher | _____ @ \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Half Journal Page | _____ @ \$400 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Religious | _____ @ \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Journal Page | _____ @ \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution | _____ (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Journal Page/Business Card | _____ @ \$100 |

Journal ads and reservations may be made online. Visit www.stcolumba.net

Name (Please include guest name(s) or attach a separate list.)

Mailing Address

Telephone

E-mail Address

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Please make your check payable to St. Denis-St. Columba School

Please charge my credit card:

Card Number

Cardholder Signature

Expiration (MM/YY)

Security Code (CCV)

Mail To: Anniversary Gala • St. Denis-St. Columba School • PO Box 368 • Hopewell Junction • NY • 12533



Our 2016-2017 **YEARBOOKS** on Sale Now!

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher Name/Homeroom _____

of _____ Yearbooks ordered at \$46.00 / book

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Checks payable to: **St. Denis-St. Columba School**
Return this form with your yearbook payment to the main office
Kindness of Mrs. DeVito or Mrs. Silverio

OR

Order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com

Use yearbook ID code 7352017

Deadline: May 5, 2017

First come, First served!

Please be aware that we did our best to represent ALL students in this yearbook. Enjoy!

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Kids Raffles

Tuesday, April 18th-Friday, April 21

Don't let the adults have all the fun!

Kids can take a chance at their own raffles including Candy Crush, Sports Baskets, Ice Cream Sundae Basket, Spirit Ware Basket, Bucket of Nuts, Electronics and More!

Tickets will be sold in the morning before Prayers (7:30am-8:00am),

\$.50 per ticket or \$5 for 12

Winners will be picked Friday, April 21 after Prayers



We are looking for donations to make these baskets over the top!
Some suggested items may include kids baking items, sports items, crafts, candy, games, ice cream sundae toppings, electronics or whatever you may have.

Please send items in no later than April 5th to
Kids Raffle: Kindness of the Main Office.