



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter

Week of September 4, 2018



### Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 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!

### Back to School Night – Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Back to School Night is this Thursday evening. We are excited to share with you some of the exciting new improvements, programs and initiatives that will enhance and enrich student learning. The teachers will outline student expectations and answer questions. Parents will also have an opportunity to select dates and times for the first quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences in November.

### Mass of the Holy Spirit – Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.

**ALL** are welcome to attend the first school Mass of the year this Friday. Come and pray with our children for God's blessings for the new school year! Ms. Camilleri and our 8th Grade Class will be coordinating the Mass.



### Back to School Barbeque – Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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 welcome in the new year in the spirit fellowship! Join us Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the school yard for burgers, hot dogs, watermelon, chips, ice pops and more. There is no charge but we ask that you kindly RSVP so we have enough for everyone to share! You can RSVP on the SDSC School APP, on our website under the "PSA" tab or by [clicking HERE](#).

### Hot Lunch Program

Our Hot Lunch Program begins Thursday and will feature SDSC's own organically grown garden tomatoes along with Franco's Boar's Head Turkey or Ham Sandwich with American Cheese! 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. Parents are encouraged to purchase lunch tickets in strips of 10 or greater to limit the amount of money carried into school by students.



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.

### *Hot Lunch Volunteers Still Needed*

Our Hot Lunch Program only succeeds with the help of our volunteers! Our kitchen is staffed and run 100% by volunteers. Additional volunteers are needed to keep our Hot Lunch Program running five days per week. Do you have a few hours to spare once a month? Please consider donating your time and talents to the SDSC Hot Lunch Program. Volunteers are especially needed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you have any questions, and/or would like to volunteer please contact Judy Boulton at 914-474-3035 or [lunchprogram@stcolumba.net](mailto:lunchprogram@stcolumba.net)

### **Special Milk Program Begins Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

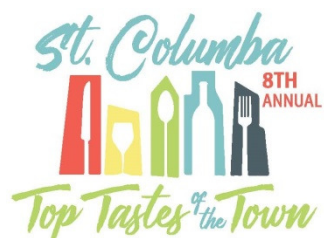
Through the Archdiocese of New York Special Milk Program, we provide 1% white milk and chocolate milk to our students each day school is in session, including half-days. The cost of the program is \$55 for the year. If you wish your child to be served milk each day, please complete and return the attached form to the school office by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will begin distributing milk on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.



### **East Fishkill Community Day – Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. on Trinka Lane near Hopewell Hot Bagels. The parade begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. All parents and siblings are welcome to march with the 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Top Tastes of the Town – Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**



Grab a knife, fork and spoon and bring your appetite to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Top Tastes of the Town on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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! Take advantage of the Pre-sale Discount Tickets: Only \$40 per person. (Prices go up to \$45 on September 17<sup>th</sup>.) Order forms [HERE](#) and on the school website.

### **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. We will be participating in a nationwide collection contest the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> – watch for more details!



### **Amazon Associates**



Did you know you can raise money for SDSC every time you shop at [www.Amazon.com](http://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!

### **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 [stopandshop.com/aplus](http://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 [shopriteformyschool.com](http://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.

### **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. Troop 40 meets at Gayhead Elementary School on Thursday Evenings from 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Dues are \$105 per year. New registrants receive a Troop 40 T-shirt and hat. For more information click [HERE](#) or visit: <http://www.troop40hopewell.org/joining>



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## *Saint Denis - Saint Columba School*

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August 27, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Through the Archdiocese of New York Special Milk Program, we are able to provide 1% white milk and chocolate milk to our students each day school is in session, including half-days. The cost of the program will remain the same as last year and is \$55 for the year. If you wish your child to be served milk each day, please complete and return this form to the school office by Friday, September 7. We will begin distributing milk on Monday, September 10. Students are able to select either white **or** chocolate milk each day *unless you indicate below that you **do not** want your child to have chocolate milk.*

God bless you!

Sister Kathleen Marie, C.R.  
Principal

**Please detach below and return the form below with payment to the school office by Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Student Information		Chocolate Opt-Out
Child Name	Grade	Please Check
		<input type="checkbox"/> No Chocolate Milk
		<input type="checkbox"/> No Chocolate Milk
		<input type="checkbox"/> No Chocolate Milk
		<input type="checkbox"/> No Chocolate Milk
# of Children: _____		x \$55 Total: _____

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2018-2019 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:**

LUNCH ROOM AIDE (11:35 a.m. – 1:00 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 lunch room 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 (*or need to*) 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 VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

The hot lunch program begins on **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**, and we are looking for volunteers, moms, dads, grandmothers and grandfathers to prepare and serve the food to the children (10:00 a.m.– 12:45 p.m.).

For anyone new to the school, this is volunteering in the kitchen, NOT the 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 5 days a week. We can use additional people on almost every day, especially on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Correspondence, including schedules and instructions are posted on our school website and/or emailed to you. If you have any questions after you review the schedule, please feel free to call/text Judy Boulton at 914-474-3035 or email her at [lunchprogram@stcolumba.net](mailto:lunchprogram@stcolumba.net).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

( ) I am available to work in the kitchen more than once a month. # of days per month available: \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Columba



8TH ANNUAL

## Top Tastes of the Town

Monday

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

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.

Only 250 tickets will be sold! You must be 21 years of age or older.  
\$40 PER PERSON IF PURCHASED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 17TH {\$45 AFTER}

### Participants Include...

Cabot Cheese  
Daddy O's  
Eleven 11 Grille & Spirits  
Franco's Italian Deli  
Grumpy John's Cookies  
Hopewell Wine and Spirits

### MUSIC PROVIDED BY TOP SHELF ENTERTAINMENT

Hudson Valley Fresh  
Il Barilotto  
Irving Farm Coffee Roasters  
Le Chambord  
Mill House Brewing Company  
Nick's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta

Party Time Rentals  
Plated American Bistro  
Pastry Garden  
Simply Gourmet  
Whistling Willie's American Grill  
Villa Borghese

OUR NEWEST PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: Giardino Italiano Pizza, Tiramisu Ristorante Pizzeria & Bakery,  
Thailicious Catering, Tomas Tapas Bar and Restaurant, Stellina Cakes and Cupcakes and All City Grill

### Fabulous Raffles...

4 TICKETS TO A 2019 REGULAR SEASON YANKEE GAME - Restrictions apply (Donated by Royal Carting)  
APPLE I PAD (Donated by Judge and Mrs. Frederick D. Romig)  
3 NIGHT GETAWAY AT A MONTAUK BEACH HOUSE - Restrictions Apply (Donated by the Metzger Family)  
SMART LED HDTV (Donated by the 2018 Top Tastes of the Town Committee)  
\$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

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 ON TICKETS OR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT:  
Mary Ann Menuau at 914.299.3077 or maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com

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