



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter

Week of November 5 - 9, 2018



NEWS & NOTES

"Ryan's Story" Student Bullying Assembly - Monday, November 5th

St. Denis-Columba School has implemented a comprehensive bullying prevention program. We are committed to taking serious, proactive steps to curb a problem that is found in schools everywhere. Our efforts this year have focused on raising awareness about bullying and cyber bullying with students and parents so we will be hosting an assembly for Grades 5-8. This Assembly has been made possible through funds raised by the SDSC PSA. Thank you!

Anti-Bullying Parent Assembly – Monday, November 5th

Few people ever suspect their child is a bully or is being bullied. Worse, no one ever believes that their child might be a victim of suicide. Sadly, these tragedies **do** happen, and they have happened **in our local community**. ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS **SHOULD ATTEND** THIS ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY FOR PARENTS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th AT 6:30 P.M. Child care will be available for those in need. **For every family who attends this assembly, the child(ren) in that family will receive a NUT Award (No Uniform Today) to be used on a day of their choice.** With the explosion of electronic media, cyberbullying begins at a very early age. This information is important for parents of ALL students, regardless of the child's age because so many of our children have access not only to cell phones, but to ipods and ipads, etc. We need to take a stand as a school and faith community and together work to put an end to bullying and its devastating effects – for our children! [Please RSVP your attendance HERE.](#)

St. Columba Parish Mission – November 5th - 7th

All are welcome to attend the St. Columba Parish Mission this week. **"iMercy: The Divine Hotspot"** will be presented by Fr. Bill Garrott, OP beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night. Check the attached flyer for more details.

No Busing – Tuesday, November 6th

There will be **NO BUSING** for students this Tuesday, November 6th. Please use the bus lane and pull forward to the Religious Education entrance to drop off students. *If you would like to get out of the car to assist your children with back packs, etc., please park your car in the parking lot so that traffic is not held up in the drop off lane.* Carpooling is also encouraged to reduce traffic congestion.



Thanksgiving Food Drive – November 5th - 16th

Food Drive



The SDSC PSA Outreach Committee will again host the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. In addition to food, the Pantry always needs toiletries and personal care items. Again this year we will have a contest between Upper Hall and Lower Hall to see who can gather the most contributions. The winning Hall will receive extra recess and a special treat.

PLEASE NOTE: LifeTouch Pictures – RESCHEDULED to Friday, November 9th

Representatives from Life Touch School Pictures will be here next **Friday, November 9th** to take individual pictures of the students in Grades K-8. **ALL students must wear their complete winter school uniform for these school pictures.** You will receive an order form this week. Please complete and send it back to school with your children.



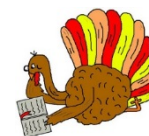
Family BINGO and Pasta Dinner – Friday November 9th



The SDSC PSA will be hosting a Family Dinner & Bingo Night on Friday, November 9th. Come join us for an enjoyable evening and take a night off from cooking! The cost is \$15 per adult; \$10 per child or \$50 for an immediate family. Dinner will be catered by Tiramisu Ristorante and will include salad, bread, pasta, meatballs, chicken fingers, dessert and beverage. Each ticket includes a 5-game Bingo sheet. Additional Bingo cards will be available for purchase. See the school website or the attached form.

Storytime – November 10th

Mrs. Fisher and the SDSC Storytellers will present a Thanksgiving edition of Storytime to children in Pre-K through Grade 2 on Saturday, November 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. here at SDSC. Storytime features puppet shows, storytelling, interactive music, singing and dancing. Storytime is free and is open to all, so bring a friend!



Veteran's Day - No School on Monday, November 12th

There will be no school next Monday, November 12th in observance of Veteran's Day. Please remember in your prayers all of those who have served our country in the Armed Forces.

Have you Signed up for your Parent-Teacher Conference yet?

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 15th and Friday November 16th. Parents/Guardians need to schedule appointments electronically using the links below. The sign-up links can also be found on the school website under For Parents/PT Conferences. **For students in Grades 5-8, please schedule an appointment with your child's homeroom teacher.**

Kindergarten	Grade 3	Grade 6
Grade 1	Grade 4	Grade 7
Grade 2	Grade 5	Grade 8

Half-Days – November 16th and 17th

Please note that Thursday, November 15th and Friday, November 16th are half days, and the students will be dismissed after prayers at 11:55 a.m. Bus transportation to and from school will be available as usual. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 p.m. on both days. Please be sure your children have a lunch with them if they are staying after school.

Grade 8 Parent-Teacher Conference Bake Sale



The Grade 8 Class will hold a Bake Sale during Parent-Teacher Conferences this week on Thursday, November 15th and Friday, November 16th. Funds raised will be used for the Grade 8 trip to New York City and their Graduation Dance. Thank you for your support!

Thanksgiving Liturgy – Tuesday, November 20th

We will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Liturgy as a School community at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20th. All are welcome! Come and give thanks for the blessing in our lives, including the precious gifts of your children, our students. Thank you, Mrs. Utter and the Grade 5 Class for coordinating the Liturgy.



Thank You, LORD!

Fundraising at SDSC

SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon – WE DID IT!!



We have raised \$12,334 so far through the SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon! Thank you! **We have exceeded our goal of \$10,500!** Since we have exceeded our school-wide goal, the entire school will receive a five NUT Awards distributed throughout the rest of the School Year! Thank you for your support!



Give 2019 Hudson Valley Save Around Books for Christmas!

The SDSC PSA is selling the 2019 Hudson Valley Save Around Book. These handy coupon books offer over \$5,000 in local and national savings for only \$20. They pay for themselves in as little as one use and make great gifts too! The PSA earns \$10 for every book purchased which supports important school activities such as the Back to School Barbecue, School Assemblies, Science Lab Supplies and more! Books may be viewed and purchased in the School Office. [You may also view the book online HERE.](#) For more information or questions contact: psa@stcolumba.net



Turn Your Black Friday and Cyber Monday Shopping into Big Bucks for SDSC!

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! Please remember to use the SDSC link as you begin your Christmas Shopping. SDSC does not receive your individual purchase data, just bonuses for your purchases!



iMercy: The Divine Hotspot
A parish mission directed by Fr. Bill Garrott, OP
ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, HOPEWELL JUNCTION
NOVEMBER 5-6-7, 2018
7:30 PM

Monday Evening:	<i>iMercy: The Father Blesses</i>
Tuesday Evening:	<i>iMercy: The Son Heals</i>
Wednesday Evening:	<i>iMercy: The Spirit Strengthens</i>

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Dominican Friars have been proclaiming the truth of God's Word for over 800 years in order to bring Catholics and those who have drifted from the Faith into a personal encounter with living Christ Who reveals the unconditional love of our heavenly Father. The *iMercy* mission is a unique, grace-filled evangelical moment in the life of parish led by Dominican Friars which aims to help parishioners enter more deeply into the love of the Holy Trinity and experience God's merciful touch through the Sacraments.

FORMAT:

Monday evening's preaching focuses on the unconditional love of the Father and concludes with an invitation to anyone, especially families (intact, broken, troubled, struggling, separated by distance, etc.) to receive a special blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph from the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal

Tuesday evening's preaching focuses on the remedy the Father provides for us in His Son Jesus Who sets us free from sin, enables us to forgive and gives meaning to our suffering. The evening concludes with an invitation for those in need of healing (physical, emotional, spiritual) to adore our Eucharistic Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday evening's preaching focuses on the power of the Holy Spirit which enables us to live the Christian life and propels us to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world. The evening concludes with a sending forth blessing utilizing a first class relic of St. John Paul II taken from his blood-soaked sash from the day he was shot.

The *iMercy* evening preaching starts at 7:30 PM but will be preceded by the praying of the Holy Rosary for anyone who wishes to come 20 minutes early. Confessions will be heard each evening after the preaching.

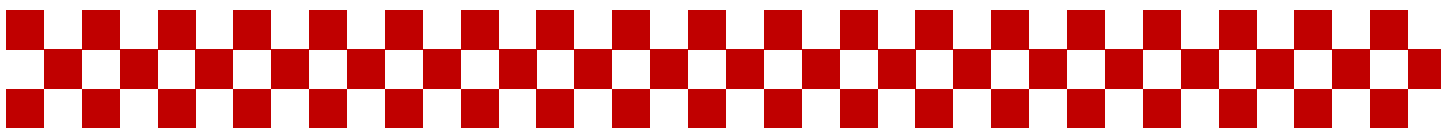


iMercy Preacher: Fr. William "Bill" Garrott, OP. Fr. Bill Garrott, OP was ordained in 1994 for the Dominicans (Order of Preachers). He is a member of the Province of St. Joseph based in New York City. He has a master's degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as a parochial vicar, campus minister and director of vocations and has preached over 100 parish missions and retreats throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities.



HELP WITH OUR PARISH MISSION!

We can use some assistance each evening at our Parish Mission on November 5, 6, & 7:
We would like to offer babysitting each evening from 7:15 - 8:45pm. Would you like to help us? Of course, it is necessary to complete all Safe Environments requirements beforehand.
Would you be willing to manage the sale of Fr. Bill's CD's each night?
If you can help, call the Parish Office. Thanks!



PSA Family Dinner & Bingo Night Friday, November 9th

6:00—8:00 PM



St. Denis- St. Columba School will be hosting a Family Dinner & Bingo Night on Friday, November 9th 2018. Come join us for an enjoyable evening and take a night off from cooking!

Dinner and Event

(Includes Salad, Bread, Pasta , Meatballs, Chicken Fingers, Dessert and Beverage)
Food is being provided by Tiramisu Restaurant

Cost: \$15 Adults, \$10 Child

Family Cost: \$50 (immediate family)

Each ticket includes a 5 game Bingo sheet. Additional Bingo cards will be available for purchase. Join in for a chance to win some of our fun prizes!

Kindly return your RSVP by Tuesday, November 6th to main office marked 'BINGO'

Name: _____

of Adult Dinner tickets (\$15): _____

of Child Dinner tickets (\$10): _____

Or

Family Ticket (\$50) _____

Total Purchase: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: St. Denis-St. Columba School

Please Help support
Our Tri-Parish St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry



St. Columba St. Denis and St. Kateri Churches

Starting Monday, November 5th thru Friday, November 16th
we will be collecting *non-perishable foods and personal
hygiene items in support of the SVdP food Pantry

(*we kindly ask, please check expiration dates on all items)

SDSC Outreach Committee thanks you!

The challenge is on!

Let's see who can fill our boxes with the most items! Will it be Upper or Lower Hall?

Winning Hall will receive extra recess time and a popsicle party!



“Go to the poor: you will find God.” ~St. Vincent de Paul