

## St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

### **Family Newsletter**

Week of November 12 - 23, 2018

#### **NEWS & NOTES**

#### A Message of Gratitude from Sr. Kathleen

What better time than during this season of Thanksgiving to thank you each of you again for your generosity and your commitment to SDSC— for sharing your many gifts and talents, and especially for volunteering your time in service to us. I never cease to be amazed and overwhelmed by your love and support! Words cannot even begin to express my gratitude, and I cannot even begin to list all that each of you has done for us.



Thank you! We are certainly blessed that you are a part of Saint Denis-Saint Columba School! Special thanks to:

- •our faculty and staff who dedicate themselves so selflessly to our students;
- our PSA Executive Board for all of their efforts in planning, organizing, and coordinating events;
- all those who organized our Magazine Drive, Community Day, our Trunk or Treat, and our Harvest Dance;
- all those who planned and coordinated our Uniform Exchange, Walk-a-thon, Doll's Tea Party;
- our Hot Lunch Coordinator and the teams who faithfully work to prepare hot lunch for our students;
- our class parents; our parents who each day help in the cafeteria and on the playground;
- our generous donors and contributors to SDSC;
- •and each and every one of you who continue to support our SDSC School community in any way!

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

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

#### Thanksgiving Food Drive -November 5th- 16th



The SDSC PSA Outreach Committee is host our 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!

#### TADS Educate will open on evening of November 14th

TADS Educate is currently suspended so that the faculty can prepare the First Quarter Report Cards. Educate will open and Report Cards made available electronically on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Remember that your children's report cards are only available electronically. **Hard copies of report cards will not be sent home**. Please note that all tuition and After Care Program fees must be current in order to receive your children's report cards or meet for conferences with their teachers. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### Half-Days on November 15th and 16th

Please note that Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 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. After School Care 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 in the after school program.

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised will be used for the Grade 8 trip to New York City and their Graduation Dance. Thank you for your support!



#### Family BINGO and Pasta Dinner – Thanks!

Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Marie Schulhoff and Mrs. Yashira Cabral-Schraml for coordinating the Family Bingo and Pasta Night! Thanks also to Mrs. Debbie Laski for calling the games, and also to Mrs. Judy Borrell and Mrs. Louise DiPalermo for assisting with the event. And thanks to all who helped in any way! It was an evening of fun and fellowship enjoyed by all!

#### Thanksgiving Liturgy - Tuesday, November 20th



We will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Liturgy as a School community at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 students in Grade 5 for coordinating the Liturgy.

#### <u>Thanksgiving Vacation – Wednesday, November 21 – Sunday, November 25</u>

Thanksgiving Vacation will begin at our 3:00 p.m. dismissal on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Celebrations with your families and friends! Thank you for your love, support and commitment to Catholic Education. Together we provide our children with the Catholic Education they deserve.

#### **TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

"The Journey of the Noble Gnarble" Musical will take place on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Join the Noble Gnarble far below the ocean waves as she journeys to the surface for a glimpse of sun and sky. Though she can't swim far with little fins and a floppy tail, will her mind be changed by fish who try to make her to stay? This Family Friendly Musical is presented by the St. Denis-St. Columba Junior Drama Club.



The Musical will open with our new Improv Troupe "Unscripted!" You never know where their show will end up, but you can be guaranteed laughs along the way!

#### **Tickets Prices**

Advanced Purchase: \$10 Orchestra Seats; \$5 General Admission At the Door: \$15 Orchestra Seats; \$10 General Admission

Tickets may be purchased at: <a href="https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/stcolumba/buy-tix?d=0">https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/stcolumba/buy-tix?d=0</a>

#### Breakfast with Santa - Sunday, December 9th



The SDSC Class of 2019 will be hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Stop by for a delicious menu of pancakes, sausage, French toast sticks, bagels/muffins, coffee, tea, orange juice, and apple juice. We will also have some great raffles! The cost is \$7 per person (3 years old and under are free). To help the 8th grade elves prepare, please complete the attached order form and submit payment to school's main office by Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Mary Ann Menuau (menuau@gmail.com) or Coleen Murray (ocmurray@optonline.net).

#### **Grandparent/Senior Citizen Luncheon**

The Annual Grandparent - Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11 a.m. at the school. Grandparents of our students and local senior citizens will be treated to a delicious turkey lunch while enjoying a preview of the Christmas Concert. Please have grandparents RSVP to Mary Ann Menuau at (914) 299-3077 or <a href="maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com">maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com</a>. Thank you!

#### **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. <u>You may also review and purchase this book and other Save Around Books online HERE</u>. For more information or questions contact: <u>psa@stcolumba.net</u>

#### 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 <a href="www.Amazon.com">www.Amazon.com</a>? 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!



# Class of 2019



NOVEMBER 15TH

AND

**NOVEMBER 16TH** 

To Be Held During
ALL Parent –
Teacher Conferences

Please Support this DELICIOUS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser

Remember to Bring CASH!

Have a Snack
While You Wait

You May Buy Items to Take Home

St. Denis – St. Columba School

849 Route 82

Hopewell Junction ~ NY



## St. Denis – St. Columba School Class of 2019 Presents



WHEN: Sunday, December 9, 2018

TIME: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATION: St. Denis – St. Columba School Cafeteria

MENU: Pancakes, Sausage, French Toast Sticks, Bagels/Muffins,

Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice, and Apple Juice

COST: \$7 per person (3 years old and under are free)

QUESTIONS: Mary Ann Menuau (menuau@gmail.com) or

Coleen Murray (ocmurray@optonline.net)

\*\*THERE WILL BE RAFFLES\*\*

Family name:	
# of adults and children ov	er 4: # of children (3 and under):
Amount enclosed: \$	(Please make checks payable to SDSC School)

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