



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Back to School 2021

Welcome Back!

We are so excited to welcome back to school all of our students for in-person classroom learning five days a week! Slowly and safely we are able to give our students a more “typical” school day. Students will again eat lunch in the cafeteria, use the playground equipment, go mask free if they wish outdoors, visit the library, learn in the science center, and more! There will be many challenges in the school year ahead but our commitment to our families is the one thing that remains UNCHANGED, and you can count on that! Thank you for entrusting your children to SDSC. Together, we will succeed!

ACTION REQUIRED: DAILY SELF-CHECK ACKNOWLEDGMENT

All School Employees, Parents, Children and Essential Visitors will need to complete a daily health self-check prior to entering the school or being on the school property. A copy of the required self-check is attached to this newsletter. Attached to this newsletter is a copy. A parent or guardian is responsible for completing the daily screening on behalf of their child(ren). **Each family must sign and return the attached acknowledgement ONCE indicating that you have received and will comply with the self-check.** (The form does NOT need to be sent the school each day.) The signed acknowledgment is due **Friday, September 10th**.



IMPORTANT

ACTION REQUIRED: Parent-Student Handbook Forms

There are three forms from the 2021-22 Parent-Student Handbook that need to be signed and returned no later than Friday, September 17th. These are the Technology Use Agreement, NY State Textbook Law Authorization and Handbook Acknowledgment. All three forms are available under For Parents/Parent-Student Handbook on the school website. [You may also access them by clicking HERE.](#)

ACTION REQUIRED: SDSC Chromebook Use Policy

All students and their parent/guardian must read and complete the attached SDSC Chromebook Policy. It governs student use of the SDSC Chromebooks. These devices are used in every grade at SDSC so it is important that your child understands how to use the devices safely and appropriately. Students in Grades 2-8 must also sign the Policy. Parents may sign on behalf of any child in Grades K-1. The Chromebook use Policy is due Friday, September 17th. The form is available under For Parents on the school website [or by clicking HERE.](#)

Return of Forms:

Forms may be returned with students. You may also scan/mail to lschifini@stcolumba.net or fax to 845-226-8470.

No WCSD Busing – Wednesday, September 8th



Please note that there will be NO Busing for students in the **Wappingers** district on Wednesday, September 8th. Please pull forward as far as possible along the sidewalk in the bus lane in front of the school. Students should exit vehicles and enter through the front of school after their temperature check. Thank you for ensuring that your children arrive before 8:00 a.m.

Brown Bag Lunches Wednesday – Friday

All students must bring a packed lunch to school this week. The SDSC Hot Lunch Program and milk service begins Monday, September 13th. Lunch tickets are \$3 each and may be obtained in the school office. Send check or cash in an envelope marked “Lunch Tickets,” and they will be returned to you. Tickets can be purchased in strips of 10 or greater. Students must have a lunch ticket to order lunch.



Beverages Available for Lunch Purchase

We are offering three beverages for purchase during lunch. Exact change is preferred.

- Chocolate or white milk: \$.50 (Available Monday, September 13th)
- 8 oz bottled water: \$.50 or 16 oz bottled water: \$1.00



Dismissal Reminders for Car Riders

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the dismissal procedure in the SDSC "We Are Back" Opening Guide found on the home page of the school website.

- **Car Rider Line:** Vehicles must line up in front of church (enter through ACME). PLEASE DO NOT use the entrance off of Route 82. THIS LANE IS FOR BUSES ONLY.
- When directed, vehicles will line up at designated spots at the dismissal station in front of the school building.
- A **LARGE SIGN** with the student last name written in **LARGE BOLD LETTERS** should be placed in the front windshield/dashboard on the *passenger* side.
- Students will be brought from the classrooms with siblings to the vehicles.
- Drivers should **not** exit their vehicles.
- After the first group of vehicles exits the dismissal station, another group will pull forward and the process will repeat.



Before Care and After Care Programs

We are still in the process of staffing our Before Care and After Care Programs. We are working diligently to relaunch these programs while also complying with the health and safety guidelines. We will begin offering these programs as soon as we are able to do so. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Stay Vigilant – Keep In-Person Learning at SDSC!

Covid-19 cases are increasing in New York! Your diligence and cooperation following the SDSC safety protocol has kept SDSC free of suspected or positive cases the entire 2020-21 School Year! Let's repeat that again this year! We need to be extra careful if we want to keep uninterrupted in-person learning at SDSC. You can help by observing the following protocols and reminding your child to do the same:



- Do not send a child to school who is not feeling well.
- **Masks MUST be worn at school and MUST BE WORN over both the NOSE and MOUTH.**
- **Students MUST remain socially distanced at all times in the classrooms, hallways and outside.**
- More than ever students must "keep their hands to themselves!"
- Reinforce proper handwashing techniques and personal hygiene.
- Please don't take unnecessary risks of exposure when not at school.

A student who willfully fails to comply with the in-school safety rules will not be permitted to learn in-person on campus. Please review these guidelines with your children so that we can ensure the safety and well-being of all.

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Box Tops for Education



Download the mobile Box Tops for Education App on your phone. Scan your receipt and SDSC receives a donation for each Box Tops eligible product you purchased! [Click HERE to get the Box Tops App](#). You can find box tops on everything from cereal, to school supplies, socks packaging to snack boxes!

ShopRite For My School Program



Please register your ShopRite Price Plus Club Card at www.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.

FlipGive

Raise money for SDSC with FlipGive, a free team funding app. We earn cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Under Armour, Walmart, Old Navy, Apple, Mobil, Dick's Sporting Goods, CVS, and Hotels.com. It doesn't cost you anything, plus it's completely virtual and contactless! Enter our team code: Z7LYWZ

