



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter

Stewardship



Sharing God's Blessings!

**November 1-5, 2021**

### **No Busing – Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Please note that there will be NO Busing for **Wappingers and Arlington** this Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Arrival Reminders:**

- Pull forward as far as possible along the sidewalk in front of the school.
- Minimize space between vehicles.
- Students must exit vehicles from the passenger's side of the vehicle by the sidewalk.
- School begins at 8:00 a.m. Please be on time.



#### **Dismissal Reminders:**

- Dismissal will begin promptly after prayers at 2:45 p.m.
- Please line up in the dismissal lanes in the large parking lot in front of the convent.
- Be sure to have a LARGE sign with last name on the passenger's side of the windshield
- Please minimize space between vehicles – there will be more than 100 vehicles on campus for pick-up!
- For safety, students must enter vehicles on the passenger's side of the vehicle.

### **Half Day of School for Students – Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

This Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> will be a half day of school for students. Dismissal will begin after prayers at **11:30 a.m.** Busing will be available as usual. The School Office will be open until 3:30 p.m.

### **SDSC Band and Violin Program Forms Due Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**



The SDSC Band and Violin Program will again be offered through Paul Effman Music and led by Our Lady of Lourdes High School Band Director, Paul Bellino. Band is open to all students in Grades 3-8 regardless of experience level. Violin is offered to Students in Grades 1-8, also with no prior experience required. Classes will initially meet on Tuesdays after school via Zoom and will return to in-school instruction as soon as permitted. Forms will go home with your child this week. If interested, return to the School Office by Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. You may also register online at [www.pemusic.com/join](http://www.pemusic.com/join).

### **Grade 8 TACHS Exam – Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Many of our Grade 8 students will take the Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools ("TACHS") this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. This test, in addition to their grades at SDSC, determines eligibility for admission to Catholic High Schools and academic scholarships. Please remember them in your prayers and wish them well!

### **EDUCATE Parent Portal – Closing Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

The first marking period ends this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the EDUCATE Parent Portal will close this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> so teachers can begin preparing report cards.

### **REPORT CARDS COMING SOON: Please be sure your Tuition and Lunch fees are up to date!**

As we anticipate the first quarter report cards, we would like to remind you that all financial requirements, including tuition payments, lunch/water IOUs, and all school fees must be made current before the students can receive their report card. Ms. Schifini will be reaching out to you directly if there are outstanding IOUs or fees. Thank you!

### **KiwiCo Kits**

This week your child will be bringing home a KiwiCo kit containing a high quality STEAM ("Science, Technology, English, Art and Math") activity to support and continue your child's learning outside of the classroom. These kits are being made available to our students through the funding and advocacy efforts of the Superintendent of the Schools for the Archdiocese of New York. With a mission to "inspire the next generation of innovators," the ADNY leadership is "confident that the materials in these Kiwi Co boxes will support at-home exploration and fun!"



### **Welcome Ms. Garcia, Our New ADAPP Counselor!**

We are pleased to announce that *Yvonne Garcia*, an Intervention Counselor from ADAPP, will be providing prevention services to our school for this school year in person. ADAPP is the school-based student assistance program within the Department of Education of the Archdiocese of New York. Our school is very fortunate to have a counselor and the service. Ms. Garcia will be available each **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at our school. Primarily, services include life skills classroom education and small discussion groups. Some students may be seen for an assessment for up to three sessions. If counseling is recommended, parents will be notified. The ADAPP counselor is also available to meet with parents to address any questions or concerns. If you would like your child to meet with Ms. Garcia to address any issues/concerns, please reach out to her at [ygarcia@adapp.org](mailto:ygarcia@adapp.org).

### **Gray Fleece SDSC "Spirit Wear" Sweatshirts Now in Stock!**

Lil' Darling is now carrying all sizes of grey zip-up fleece SDSC PSA "Spirit Wear" sweatshirts. The cost of the sweatshirts are as follows: Children-\$25.95; Youth-\$27.95; Adult-\$29.95. These sweatshirts are the perfect uniform accompaniment for cold weather. However, they must be worn over the uniform sweater; sweatshirts cannot be worn *instead of* the sweater. Proceeds from every sweatshirt purchased support the SDSC PSA!



### **Be Sure Your Child Dresses Warmly**

Morning temperatures are forecast to approach freezing this week, and soon winter itself will be here. Though the heat will be on in the building, the windows have to remain open for proper air circulation due to Covid. This can create chilly rooms, especially on windy days. Students should bring an SDSC fleece jacket, Spirit Wear jacket or sweatshirt for an added layer of clothing if needed. These items may be obtained at Lil' Darling. Please label all outerwear with your child's name so lost articles of clothing can be returned.

### **THANK YOU - Fall Fun Fest Trail!**

Thank you to all of the parents, guardians and grandparents who helped make the SDSC Fall Fest Fun Trail a huge success! There were 25 decorated stations/cars for the students to visit on a quarter mile campus walking trail. These stations featured LOTS of treats thanks to the generous donations from our families. Thank you for giving the students an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

**Fall Fest  
Fun Trail**

### **SDSC PSA Gingerbread House Contest**



SDSC students, families, faculty and staff are invited to participate in our first-ever gingerbread house contest! We are partnering with Katie Rose Bakery to bake base kits for our contest. Entries can be individual students or combined as a family. Gingerbread house base kits will include the gingerbread pieces, icing, and candy. Contestants can add their own candy or edible accessories to create their unique masterpiece. All parts must be edible, except your sturdy base! Gingerbread houses can be brought to school for Contest Day on Monday December 20<sup>th</sup> for judging in a variety of categories. Prizes will be awarded! Gingerbread house base kits are \$25 each. Watch your email for order forms!



### **School Closed – Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**School will be closed on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veteran's Day.**

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences and Half Days of School – Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

There will be half days of school for students on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will begin after prayers at **11:30 a.m.** Busing will be available as usual.

The SDSC Faculty will be conducting **Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. All conferences will be conducted via Zoom. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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**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:** Mary Schraml (*Grandmother of Gabriel SDSC '20 and Isabella (Grade 4)*), Mrs. Dillon (*former SDSC teacher*) and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.

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Gingerbread houses can be brought to school for Contest Day on Monday December 20th for judging in a variety of categories. Prizes will be awarded!

Questions? Email event chair Amy Rickard at [mcleodrickard@gmail.com](mailto:mcleodrickard@gmail.com).



Return this lower portion to school with payment by December 1, 2021. Please make checks payable to "SDSC PSA." House kits will be ready for pick-up mid-December.

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

We would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ gingerbread house kits at \$25.00 for a total of

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