



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter

Stewardship



Sharing God's Blessings!

January 17-21, 2022

No School – Monday, January 17th

There will be NO School on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MAP Assessments Continue this Week

Please be sure that your child is on-time and fully rested so that they are able to concentrate and do their best. Students who are absent for any reason will make up any missed assessment upon returning to school in person. You will receive a Family Report with your children's 2nd Quarter report card showing a summary of their growth from the November to January assessment so that you can observe how your child is performing academically.

Important Covid Updates

- Since the return from Christmas Break there has been a marked increase of students and family members who have tested positive for Covid 19. Though we are required to report every student who tests positive to the state, we are fortunate that the majority of those who tested positive were not in school while infectious. Please be aware that notifications are not sent out to the school community if those who tested positive were not "in school" during infectious period.
- Consistent with ADNY policy, if your child is determined to have been in "close contact" with a person who has tested positive you will be notified immediately. Whether your child will need to quarantine will be determined on an individual basis. If you are not contacted you may safely assume that your child was determined not to have been in close contact with an infected individual.
- Please note: **The ADNY Health and Safety Task Force still requires a 10-day quarantine period for persons who test positive for Covid or who has been in close contact to another individual who has tested positive for Covid.**
- Your child may not be required to quarantine after coming into close contact with a person who tests positive for Covid, **IF** your child is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, **OR** your child is asymptomatic and has tested positive for Covid within 90 days prior to contact. It is recommended that ALL students obtain a PCR test within 3-5 days after coming into close contact with a person who has a Covid infection.
- Covid test kits have been sent home with one of the children in the family. Be sure that you receive it from your child. An **AT HOME COVID TEST KIT** may be used only to determine whether a person is **POSITIVE** for Covid. Immediately report to the school any student who tests positive on a take home test, share a photo of the test, and begin isolating. You should follow up with your healthcare provider and arrange for another COVID-19 test to confirm the at home test result.
- An **AT HOME COVID TEST** cannot be used as clearance to return to school for a student who has Covid symptoms or has been in close contact with an infected person. We are only able to accept a **NEGATIVE PCR** test as clearance to return to school.

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR TUITION AND LUNCH FEES ARE UP TO DATE!

The second quarter ends next Friday, January 28th. As we anticipate the release of the second quarter report cards, we would like to remind you that all financial requirements, including tuition payments (**paid up through and including January**), lunch tickets, and all school fees must be made current before student report cards are released.

TADS EDUCATE Parent Portal

All parents and guardians of students in Grades 1-8 have access to the EDUCATE Parent Portal. Please take some time to review your child's homework, project and test grades before it closes next week. The portal can be accessed from the School App or under the "For Parents" Tab on the school website.

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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:

Mrs. Dillon, Suzanne Gallagher and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.