



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Catholic Schools Week 2022

Stewardship



Sharing God's Blessings!

January 31- February 4, 2022

Catholic Schools Week 2022: Faith, Excellence and Service

Catholic Schools Week: Celebrating What Makes Us Best! Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education all across the United States. Our network of Catholic Schools across the nation exalts who we ARE as a Catholic community. This week SDSC will celebrate three things that make us the BEST school: faith, educational excellence and service to others.

Monday, January 31st – (Just Another...) MANIC MONDAY!

Every student may bring in a personal care item, a non-perishable item or a monetary donation for our St. Vincent DePaul Pantry and earn a NUT ("No Uniform Today") Award for the day! Collection bins will be in the school lobby for students to leave their donations upon arrival. Let's turn our busy Monday into a "Fun Day" while helping our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Please respect the NUT guidelines for appropriate dress.

Tuesday, February 1st – TOGETHER TUESDAY

Today we celebrate our school community and renew our commitment to togetherness during these challenging times of required distancing. **Catholic Schools Week Liturgy:** United in virtues and Faith, our students in Grades 1-8 will gather to celebrate our Catholic School Week Liturgy. **Buddies are Back!** The SDSC faculty will work with their classes to bring back our longstanding tradition of "buddying" our Grade 4-6 students with our Grade K-3 students, which builds community and helps students feel accepted as individuals. Activities may include pen pals, classroom "Zoom meets" and games.

Wednesday, February 2nd – WISE AND WITTY WEDNESDAY

Today we celebrate our commitment of best in class educational excellence at SDSC! **How Bright We Are!** We celebrate our "bright" SDSC students who "shine" in class every day by *dressing in bright/neon colors and/or wearing sparkling accessories*. Please respect the NUT guidelines for appropriate dress. **Scholarship Celebration:** We recognize our Class of 2022 students who have been awarded academic merit scholarships to our local Catholic high schools. **How Sweet It Is!** We celebrate how "sweet it is" to be able to grow and learn as a Catholic School Community with a school-wide ice cream party. **Kiwi Kits:** Students will receive another KiwiCo kit with a STEAM ("Science, Technology, English, Art and Math") activity today to continue their learning at home. Enjoy!

Thursday, February 3rd – THANKFUL THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY

Today we look outward and celebrate how thankful we are for the many blessings in our lives. We share the love and joy of our school family with those in our local community.

Thankful for Faculty and Staff Luncheon: The SDSC PSA gives thanks for the dedication of the faculty and staff, who devote themselves to SDSC's mission with a special luncheon.

"Thoughtful Thoughts": Each class will make cards for a different groups of people in our community who might benefit from thoughtful words of encouragement, hope, or well wishes. These groups might include homebound seniors, veterans and women/children in shelters.



Friday, February 4th – FRENZY FRIDAY! 11:30 a.m. DISMISSAL

We end our Catholic Schools Week with a frenzy of excitement and a half day of school! Students can add wacky or whimsy accessories to their school uniforms. Students can accessorize with fun socks, ties, hairpieces, scarves, buttons, etc.

CHECK IT OUT! Ready4K, a way you as a family can help grow your children's literacy and social emotional health!

You recently received [a letter from Superintendent Deegan](#) about **Ready4K, a text-message based family engagement curriculum to help you grow your child's literacy and social-emotional health**. This program is designed to encourage student growth by sharing brief, developmentally-targeted tips and activities with families to do together outside of school. Linked here are brief overviews for you in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). You will begin to receive text messages on Monday, January 31st that support the unique needs of your child's age.

These brief messages will arrive on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. **You are able to opt out of these messages at any time by replying STOP to a text.** Survey data from parents in school districts who have already adopted the program indicate strong parental satisfaction, with upwards of 96% of parents opting to stay enrolled in Ready4K. I encourage you to explore [some of the research summaries](#) on Ready4K, as well as samples of the text messages (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)) you'll receive to learn more about the program.

Thank You For Referring New Students!

We want to thank all our SDSC families who build our School Community through their advocacy in our local community. Word of mouth is the most meaningful and effective tool for recruiting new students. Last year, 16 new families were referred to SDSC by existing families! Those referrals resulted in 10 new students joining SDSC. A \$250 tuition credit will be awarded to eligible referring families. Please join us in thanking the following parents for their new family referrals for the 2021-22 School Year: Gorki Arpi and Narciza Panama, Kristina Coschignano, Jeffrey and Josephine Eagan, Jennifer and Lee Farber, Danielle and Domingos Lopes, Janine and John Metzger, Glenda Mocha, Marzena and Thomas Nocilla, Shanna and Carlo Porco, Sue and Joseph Rea, Michael and Tracy Zingaro.

SECOND QUARTER REPORT CARDS AND YOUR TUITION AND LUNCH FEES!

The TADS EDUCATE Parent Portal has closed. Student reports cards and MAP Growth Reports will be released the week of February 7th. All financial requirements, including tuition payments (*paid up through and including January*), lunch tickets, and all school fees must be made current before report cards are released.

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT for the 2022-23 School Year BEGINS MONDAY, January 31st

There are two steps that families **MUST** complete to re-enroll all returning students.

- ① Complete the re-enrollment verification through TADS and pay the \$100 priority registration fee for each child.
- ② Complete and return to school district transportation forms *even if your child never takes the bus*, which will be distributed to each family. (Students ineligible for public transportation are exempt from this requirement.)

Both steps must be completed no later than Tuesday, March 1st in order to receive priority enrollment.

TADS Re-Enrollment

Families with students eligible to return to SDSC next year will receive an e-mail invitation from TADS on Monday, January 31st inviting you to enroll for the 2022-23 School Year. In order to guarantee your child's placement for next year, you must complete this process which includes payment of the \$100 enrollment fee. If you do not see the email in your inbox, please check your junk/spam folder. If you still cannot locate the email, contact Mr. Krebs for assistance at rtkrebs@stcolumba.net. **Priority enrollment ends Tuesday, March 1st! Once the priority period for re-enrollment ends, available spaces will be offered to new applicants.**

Transportation Forms

Ms. Schifini will provide public school district transportation forms to all families eligible for bus transportation, which must *be completed and returned to the office EVEN if your child never takes the bus*. Forms can be returned to the school with your child, scanned to Ms. Schifini at lschifini@stcolumba.net, or faxed to 845-226-8470 by MARCH 1st.

Financial Assistance for the 2022-23 School Year

Families eligible for renewal of financial assistance will be sent an email invitation on January 31st to **reapply for aid for the 2022-23 School Year**. To be considered for a renewal, you must complete the requalifying application online using the link provided in e-mail, pay the financial aid application fee, and submit all required documents. **Financial aid is awarded on a "first-come, first-served" basis.** If your family has not received financial aid but are in need, please contact Mr. Krebs at rtkrebs@stcolumba.net. We may be available to assist you.

Tuition Rates for 2022-23 School Year

The ADNY Tuition Management Office has set the annual tuition for SDSC for the 2022-23 School Year. We are pleased to announce that tuition has only increased by approximately 3%. We appreciate your commitment to pay tuition to send your child(ren) to SDSC. Your tuition helps to offset the cost of educating your child(ren) which is estimated to be approximately \$22,000. The remainder of this cost is covered through the generous support of the Archdiocese of New York and our local fundraising efforts.

Number of Children	Annual Tuition
1	\$5,925.00
2	\$8,850.00
3	\$13,225.00
4	\$17,700.00

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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: Jackie Angioletti (former SDSC secretary), Mrs. Dillon, Suzanne Gallagher, Sr. Danielle Marie, CR (*Provincial Superior of Sr. Kathleen and Sr. Marie*), Debbe Sauerhoff (*Mrs. Spera's sister-in-law*) and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.