



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter

*Stewardship*



*Sharing God's Blessings!*

**April 4 - 22, 2022**

### **BEFORE and AFTER CARE Reservations- Weeks of April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>**

[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>](#).

[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>](#).

Please SEND A SNACK with your child(ren) when attend they attend After Care. **Please try to reserve use of the programs at least one day prior to using it.** You may also make a reservation by contacting Ms. Schifini at [lschifini@stcolumba.net](mailto:lschifini@stcolumba.net) or at 845-227-7777.

### **School-wide NUTTY Days – Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Since our school community beat the \$20,000 Read-a-thon challenge (see below), the students have been awarded 5 school-wide NUTTY ("No Uniform Today – Thank You!") Days! These days will be announced to the students, added to the school website calendar and noted in the weekly newsletter. The first two NUTTY days are scheduled for this Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**No Uniform Day Dress Code:** All No Uniform Day clothing must comply with the rules in the SDSC Parent-Student Handbook! As a reminder, the following items are prohibited: ripped or torn clothing, immodest clothing (e.g. crop tops, halter tops, miniskirts, low cut tops) and items with inappropriate words/sayings. Leggings are permitted only if covered by a top that extends to no less than 3 inches above the knees. Skirts All shoes must be safe and supportive – no sandals, sliders, ballet shoes or heels.

### **SPRING PICTURES – Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Upstate Images will be here on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to take Spring pictures. Informational flyers will be sent home with the students this week. **Students may wear colorful dress-up clothes for these pictures. No Sandals, shorts, flip flops or torn jeans or play clothes are permitted.**



### **Electronic Distribution of Report Cards – Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

The TADS EDUCATE Parent Portal will open Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> so that you can review your children's third quarter report cards. All financial requirements, including tuition payments (paid up through and including March), lunch and beverage IOUs and After Care fees must be made current before your child's report cards is released.



### **Easter Vacation**

Easter Vacation will begin after dismissal on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and continue through Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. School will resume on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the School Office will be closed during Easter Break.

### **Easter Vacation Cleanout and Restock**

Students will clean out their desks before Easter Break so that our maintenance staff may thoroughly clean the classrooms during Easter vacation. We request that parents review the contents of their children's backpacks. Are there items that can be removed to lighten the load? Are there supplies that need to be restocked: pencils, pens, glue sticks, etc.? Has your child turned in homework or brought home important papers for you that were forgotten in folders? Have your child refreshed and ready for the final quarter of the school year!

### **Message from Sr. Kathleen**

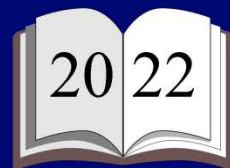
Celebrate this beautiful gift of our Faith – this holy season - the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Spring is in the air! Take some time to enjoy the beauty of God's Creation bursting forth around you! You will be remembered in my prayers during my retreat this Holy Week and throughout the season of Easter. I thank God for you and ask Him to give you the graces and blessings you need. I pray that each of you may know and experience the loving embrace of our Risen Lord more deeply during this holy season. May the Lord's Resurrection fill your hearts with much peace and joy! Have a Blessed Holy Week and Easter!



**Holy Week**



# St. Denis - St. Columba School **READ-A-THON**



## **THANK YOU! We raised over \$39,000!**

Thank you to all those who have collected or contributed donations on behalf of our SDSC Read-a-thon! The results have exceeded our expectations by a LOT. We beat both school-wide challenges by wide margins! The students had a great time participating in the theme days and reading some good books. If you haven't seen the pictures yet, be sure to check them on the SDSC Facebook Page.

The Read-a-thon was the only fundraiser we were able to host this school year. While we are behind what we are normally able to raise on behalf of the school during a "normal" year, the overwhelming success of the Read-a-thon helps a great deal in supporting the operation of the school. Funds raised help us continue to provide our students with resources not common in most school such as our K-8 LabLearner Science Center and individual student Chromebooks. Thank you for helping us to continue to provide the best education to your children!

Thank you to the many SDSC Families and supporters who very generously donated books, gift cards and other reading related gifts for our prize baskets. These baskets were awarded to our students who were the top fundraisers in each grade, as well as "star" readers. We are also grateful to Mrs. Courtemanche for her help in launching the Read-a-thon and coordinating the prizes. Thanks also to Mrs. Kakavas and Ms. Schifini for their assistance in assembling the prizes.

### **We Beat all of the Schoolwide Read-a-thon Fundraising Goals!**

Since we beat all of the schoolwide fundraising challenges (by a huge margin!) all of the students will enjoy:

- 5 FREE NUT DAYS for all! (April 4<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>)
- "Super Recess" with ice pops (Date TBD)
- Schoolwide Party with pizza, ice cream and outdoor activities (Date TBD)

### **Classroom Challenge Winners:**

The Lower Hall Class and Upper Hall Class with the highest average donation per donation and highest overall donations were Grade 2 Class and Grade 4. Each of these classes will enjoy their own NUT day and ice cream party. Dates will be determined by the respective homeroom teachers.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **NYS Math Tests: April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

***Students in Grades 3-8 will be taking the NYS Math Tests this week beginning on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure that your children are in school on time on these days.*** As it is stated in our school handbook, SDSC students "take part in the Archdiocesan testing program, which includes New York State Education Department assessments. These tests measure academic growth over a period of time." Students in the Archdiocese of New York are **not** permitted to "opt-out" of NYS standardized tests. We thank you for your support and cooperation in this educational process.



#### **"Matilda the Musical" – Save the Dates: May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

The SDSC Drama Club production of **MATILDA THE MUSICAL** will be held on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. More 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:** Mrs. Dillon, Suzanne Gallagher, Deron Jump (*Friend of Mr. Krebs*), 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.

***Let us continue to PRAY for PEACE in the Ukraine --- PEACE in all nations --- PEACE in our country, PEACE in our homes and schools --- and PEACE in our own HEARTS and the HEARTS of ALL!***