



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



December 12-16, 2022

AFTER CARE Reservations - Week of December 12th

[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of December 12th](#). We understand that unexpected circumstances may require you to notify us the day of, but to the extent possible please notify us at least 1 day prior to using the After Care Program. Reservations can be made by notifying Ms. Schifini at lschifini@stcolumba.net or 845-227-7777. **Please be advised that After Care will be closed on Thursday, December 22nd. The school building will close after dismissal for the Christmas Break.**



IRIS Alerts for Inclement Weather



Winter weather will soon be here. Remember that all school closures, delays and early dismissals are communicated ONLY via the IRIS Alert System. If your phone number or email has changed, please contact Ms. Schifini at lschifini@stcolumba.net to update your records. ***Be sure to have an emergency plan in place so that your child can be picked up early or met at the school bus in case of an unexpected emergency dismissal due to inclement weather.***

Lunch Program Closed – Thursday, December 15th

Our Hot Lunch Program will be closed on Thursday, December 15th so that the kitchen may be used for the Senior Citizen Luncheon. All students are to bring their own packed lunch.

Senior Christmas Luncheon – Thursday, December 15th

The Grandparent - Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon is returning to SDSC on Thursday, December 15th beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the school gym. Grandparents of our students and local senior citizens will be treated to a delicious turkey lunch while enjoying a preview of our Christmas Pageant. Thanks to Fr. Michael and St. Columba Church for providing lunch for our guests! Please RSVP to the School Office by calling 845-227-7777 or through email at lschifini@stcolumba.net.

Help Wanted for Senior Luncheon!

Volunteers are needed to setup, help in the kitchen, serve, and cleanup. We begin to set up at 8:00 a.m. and are usually done cleaning up by dismissal. Assistance is appreciated for any or all the above tasks! The students will be eating lunch in their classrooms, so we all need assistance with student supervision and cleanup between 11:00 a.m. and noon. Please contact Ms. Schifini if you are able to assist at 845-227-7777 or lschifini@stcolumba.net.

Christmas Pageant – Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.



We are excited to present the gift of our Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Columba Church! All students in Grades K-8 are to be in their homerooms by 6:15 p.m. Guests arriving after 6:15 p.m., should enter through the ACME parking lot rather than the entrance by the church for the safety of our children as they will be crossing the parking lot to enter into the church.

Girls' Dress Code

- ✓ Holiday-colored dresses, or skirts and blouses. *(be sure they are appropriate for Church)*

Boys' Dress Code

- ✓ Black pants and a white shirt with a red or green tie.

Shoes, Jewelry and Hair

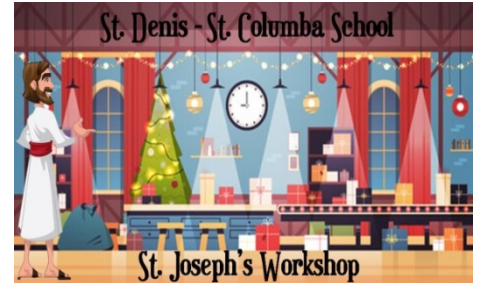
- ✓ Closed-toe black/dark shoes. **No sneakers.** Girls may wear shoes with a small heel, but must be able to walk in them comfortably.
- ✓ Students are permitted to wear simple jewelry of their choosing, but should be tasteful and not distracting.
- ✓ All hair for both girls and boys should be pulled back or styled away from the face

Grades 7 and 8 "Snow Ball" Dance – Friday, December 16th

The 2022 Snow Ball Dance for Grades 7 and 8 will take place on Friday, December 16th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Attire for the dance is semi-formal: Pants and ties for boys; **modest** dresses for girls. Cost of the dance is \$10 per student. Please send payment to the School Office by Tuesday, December 13th. Chaperones will be needed for the dance. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact Ms. Schifini at 845-227-7777 or lschifini@stcolumba.net. All chaperones must have completed Safer Spaces training.

St. Joseph's Workshop Volunteers Needed: December 19th and 20th

SDSC will host our **"St. Joseph's Workshop"** on Monday-Wednesday, December 19th-21st. *Students will be able to purchase crafts ranging in price from \$2 to \$25 and then make them in the St. Joseph Workshop as their own special gifts for members of their families.* Crafts will include items such as ornaments, Christmas nativities, picture frames and plush animals, etc. Volunteers are needed to assist students with making their projects and crafts. Please contact Ms. Schifini if you are able to assist at 845-227-7777 or lschifini@stcolumba.net. More details about St. Joseph's Workshop will be forthcoming!



SECOND School-Wide NUT Day from Walk-a-thon: Thursday, December 22nd

On Thursday, December 22nd the students will have their second school-wide NUT Award. It's the day for our Classroom Christmas Celebrations. Students should dress in red, green or other festive clothing! *Students are reminded to wear appropriate clothes. No ripped jeans or shirts with open shoulders are permitted. Girls wearing leggings/tights must wear a thigh or knee length sweater, shirt or dress over them*

School-wide Christmas Lunch! – Thursday, December 22nd

Sr. Kathleen and the SDSC PSA are hosting a free school-wide Christmas lunch on Thursday, December 22nd! Students, faculty, and staff will be provided a slice of pizza from Tiramisu, a Christmas treat, fruit, juice and milk. Students who do not like pizza, or have special dietary needs may bring a brown bag lunch.

Class Christmas Celebrations – Thursday, December 22nd

Classroom Christmas celebrations will take place on Wednesday, December 22nd at a time designated by the classroom teachers. Class Parents are asked to contact and coordinate with their classroom teachers. Please consider assisting by volunteering to donate items for the students when requested by your Class Parents. All items for the celebrations may be dropped off at the front door and must be **clearly labeled** with the grade. There's a rumor that Santa Claus might be in town that day!

LOST AND FOUND

Did you or your child misplace an article of clothing, lunch box, pencil bag, etc.? Please check our SDSC Lost and Found box in the kitchen. **Any unclaimed items without a name tag will be donated or discarded on December 22nd.**

Healthcare Reminders

Illnesses are on the rise in the local community and at SDSC. If you need Covid Test kits, please let us know. We ask that you help us keep our students, faculty, staff and families healthy by adhering to the following:

- Do not send a child to school with a fever. Students should be fever free for a full 24 hours without medication prior to returning to school. As per the Board of Health, any child with a temperature of 100 or higher has a fever. Please be mindful if your student has a temperature of 99-100, this could be the beginning of an illness, and it may be worth a day of rest to not worsen or prolong the illness.
- If a student has been vomiting, the student must be symptom-free for a full 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- If children come to school and they are symptomatic everyone else at risk of contracting an illness.

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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: Annie Hennessey (*mother of Connor, Gr.8*); Deron Jump (*friend of the Krebs Family*); Aliya Strauss (*daughter of Mrs. Strauss*)

A TIME TO DIE: Angela Theodoseau (*daughter of Darcy Theodoseau, Parish Secretary for St. Mary's Wappingers Falls*)