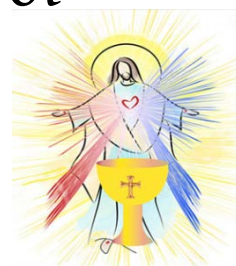




# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



March 6 - 10, 2023

### AFTER CARE Reservations - Week of March 6<sup>th</sup>

[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>](#). Reservations can also be made by notifying Ms. Schifini at [lschifini@stcolumba.net](mailto:lschifini@stcolumba.net) or 845-227-7777.

### Register Now for After School Enrichment Programs!

We still have spaces in many of the Spring Enrichment Programs! [Click HERE for a copy of the course descriptions and registration form.](#)



### Tall and Small Spring Fling Interest Meeting – Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Looking for parents interested in planning and hosting our first K-5 “Tall-Small Spring Fling Ball.” A committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend! To sign up to join the committee, to volunteer to help or to ask any questions about the ball, send an email to [sdscschooldance@gmail.com](mailto:sdscschooldance@gmail.com).

### School Mass – Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

The students in Grades 2, 4, 7 and 8 will attend Mass on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in St. Columba Church. Parents and Guardians are welcome to join!



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>



On Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> all classes will visit the St. Columba Adoration Chapel where they will have the opportunity to pray before our Eucharistic Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. What is Eucharistic Adoration? Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist (the Blessed Sacrament) is the process of coming before Christ in His entirety; His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity (*we simply can't see Him*) to contemplate His awesomeness and to lovingly adore Him. When we do this, we are in His Real Presence, able to speak with Him in our mind and our heart.

### **PRIORITY ENROLLMENT ENDS FRIDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>**

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*. (Students not eligible for public transportation are exempt from this requirement.)

**Both steps must be completed no later than Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in order to receive priority enrollment. Once the priority period for re-enrollment ends for current SDSC families, available spaces will be offered to new applicants.**

### HALF WAY THROUGH Quarter 3: Please be sure your Tuition and Fees are up to date!

We are more than half way through the Third Quarter! Check your children's growth and progress (as well as missing assignments) in YOUR TADS EDUCATE Parent Portal.

Also, as we anticipate third quarter report cards in April, we remind you that all financial requirements, including tuition payments (July- March), lunch IOUs, and After Care accounts must be current before you receive children's report cards. Ms. Schifini will reach out to you directly if there are outstanding IOUs or After Care fees. Thank you!

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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:** Fr. Joseph Blankle (*Pastor of St. Mary's Fishkill*); Peter Cassidy (*an SDSC Grandparent*); Eduardo Garcia (*Father of Mrs. Roman*); Annie Hennessey (*mother of Connor, Gr.8*); Willie Landaira (*husband of Mrs. Landaira*); Jimmy Reed (*friend of the Senno Family*); Aliya Strauss (*daughter of Mrs. Strauss*).



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## READ-A-THON



### What is the Read-a-thon?

SDSC will hold a Read-a-thon to raise money to restore our Orton Gillingham literacy intervention program that provides students who struggle to read with intensive support to help them succeed. The Read-a-thon is not just a fundraiser; it's a multi-week adventure at SDSC with fun-filled activities that promote reading! The SDSC Read-a-thon runs from **Monday, March 13 to Wednesday, March 29**. The benefits will last a lifetime! Thank you for your support!

### SCHOOLWIDE READ-A-THON EVENTS

- KICKOFF (Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>):** Today students will enjoy the last of the Walk-a-thon school-wide NUT awards as we kickoff our Read-a-thon with "Promote Reading" Day. Every student will receive a bookmark and a Dr. Seuss pencil.
- Scholastic Book Fair (Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>)** Students will have the opportunity purchase new books from our Scholastic Book Fair. A schedule for book fair visits will be provided by your child's teacher. Money for book purchases should be sent with your child in an envelope marked "book fair." You may also use the Scholastic "eWallet." More details about the eWallet will be forthcoming.
- Flashlight Friday (Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>):** It's lights out as we embark on a reading adventure in the dark. Students will bring flashlights to school for reading as "daytime turns into nighttime!"
- Lounge Around and Read (Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>):** Today is a day to curl up with a good book! Students may wear comfy sweats or appropriate heavy loungewear. They may also bring a *small* blanket, pillow or stuffed animal. We will take some time to lounge around and read together.
- Team Up for Reading/Book Buddies (Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>):** Let's "team up" for reading! Our Upper Hall students will pair up with Lower Hall students for fun reading activities.
- Book Alive! (Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>):** Students may dress as an author or character from a book they are reading. All students are required to do a **"Book Alive" Presentation**, which could include a book review, a radio or TV commercial, a song or rap, an interview character, story-telling based on selection in book, memorize and recite an interesting passage, etc. Students will do class presentations and/or projects about a book that they read during the Read-a-thon. More details about the specific projects will be given by your child(ren)'s Homeroom Teachers.

### SPONSORS AND READING GOALS

- All students will receive sponsor sheets from their teachers. Additional sponsor sheets will be emailed.
- Students are to set a goal for the minimum number of minutes that they will strive to read over the course of the Read-a-thon. A tracking sheet can be found on the back of the sponsor sheet. Be sure your child records all reading times and the total number of minutes at the end of each day. For our emerging readers, please record the time you read to or with your child. This counts too! Students are expected to practice the virtues of honesty and integrity when recording their reading minutes.
- Students are encouraged to find sponsors who will pledge a flat rate donation to support their Read-a-thon reading goal! Sponsors could include family, friends and neighbors. For safety reasons, door to door solicitation is discouraged.
- Donations may be made in cash or by check payable to "SDSC." Sponsors can also make donation by debit or credit card online by visiting: [www.bidpal.net/sdscreads23](http://www.bidpal.net/sdscreads23) (Online portal opening by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>)

### READ-A-THON PRIZES AND AWARDS

#### **FUNDRAISERS**

- One NUT ("No Uniform Today") award for every \$50 total donation.
- PLUS, for sponsorships of \$200 or greater, a student will be entered in a Grand Prize raffle for a new Amazon Kindle! (One each for Upper Hall and Lower Hall.)
- The student(s) per grade level with the highest total donations will win a reading-themed prize.

#### **STAR READERS**

- The Star Readers (most minutes and/or read) in each class will be eligible to win a reading-themed prize.

#### School Awards

- If we raise \$25,000 as a school, we will designate 5 FREE NUT DAYS - one week of NUT Days for all!
- If we match or beat our record breaking amount of \$39,000 from 2022, we will have an epic school-wide celebration day including a NUT Day, lunch, ice cream and outdoor activities!