



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



March 27 - April 10, 2023

AFTER CARE Reservations - Week of March 27th

[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of March 27th](#). Reservations can also be made by notifying Ms. Schifini at lschifini@stcolumba.net or 845-227-7777.

School Mass – Tuesday, March 28th

The students in Grades 5-8 will attend Mass on Tuesday, March 28th at 8:15 a.m. in St. Columba Church. Parents and Guardians are welcome to join!



PLEASE NOTE: End of THIRD Quarter: Thursday, March 30th

Please be advised that the end of the third quarter is Thursday, March 30th. The Parent Portal will close this Wednesday, March 29th so that the teachers can begin working on their report cards. As we anticipate the release of the Third Quarter Report Cards, we would like to remind you that **all financial requirements, including tuition payments (paid up through March), lunch tickets, and all After Care and other school fees must be made current before student report cards are released.**

NO School for Students – Friday, March 31st


Friday, March 31st is a Teacher Conference Day. There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students.




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



READ-A-THON EVENTS

 **Book Alive! (Tuesday, March 28th – Wednesday, March 29th):** 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. Details about the specific projects will be given by your child(ren)'s Homeroom Teachers.

 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

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

FUNDRAISERS

- 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!

~ TUESDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES! ~

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Saturday, April 1st

Our Grade 8 students have been diligently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. On Saturday, April 1st at 10:30 a.m. they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be conferred by Bishop Lagonegro at St. Columba Church. **Confirmation Rehearsal is Tuesday, March 28th at 6:45 p.m. in the Church.** Special thanks to Mrs. Sheridan for preparing these students to continue their faith journey as full members of the church! We congratulate all of them!



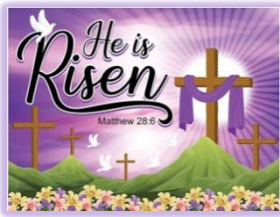
Easter Vacation Cleanout and Restock

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

God's gifts to us shed light on God's heart, God's merciful, good, and gracious heart. Every gift reveals His love . . . but no gift reveals His love more than the gift of His Cross. As we walk with our Lord during holy week beginning on Palm Sunday, let us remember how much He loves us! He gave His life for each one of us. Let us ponder that truth and realize how much love He has for us personally! I pray that God's many graces and blessings during this holy season will be yours today and always.



Enjoy your Easter vacation! Take some time to enjoy this beautiful season of our Lord's Resurrection – and the beauty of God's Creation bursting forth around you! You will be remembered in my special thoughts and prayers during my Holy Week Retreat and throughout the season of Easter. I thank God for you each day 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, joy, hope and love! Have a Blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Easter Vacation

Easter Vacation will begin on Monday, April 3rd and continue through Monday, April 10th. Please note that the School Office will be closed during Easter Break.

NO SCHOOL for Students – Tuesday, April 11th

There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Tuesday, April 11th. The faculty and staff will be participating in emergency response training. The safety and security of everyone in our school building is always our top priority!

Spring Fling "Tall and Small" School Dance – Tickets Now on Sale!

Students in Grades K through 5 are cordially invited to bring their own special grown-up(s) to the SDSC Spring Fling "Small and Tall" School Dance. The dance will be held on Friday, April 21st from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets include dancing, dinner, games, a photo souvenir and more! Purchase your tickets before April 14th to take advantage of our early bird discount. See attached flyer for cash/check ticket sales. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.bidpal.net/sdscdance23.



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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*); Aliya Strauss (*daughter of Mrs. Strauss*).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. MARY'S COUNCIL #4065



EASTER EGG HUNT

8 APRIL | STARTS AT
2023 | **12:30 PM**

ADMISSION FREE

Open to children ages 13 and younger

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

339 Route 82
Hopewell Junction, NY

Between Mobile Gas Station &
Handshake Grill Restaurant

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET

Egg Hunt - Face Painting
Take a Photo with the Easter Bunny
Games & Prizes
Fun for all.

Rain or Shine





Tall & Small
SCHOOL DANCE



Friday, April 21st

6-9pm

SDSC School Gymnasium



K-5th Grade SDSC Students & Special Grown-up
Ticket includes Dancing, Dinner, Games, Photo Souvenir
& So Much More....



Advance Ticket Sale \$25 Adult/\$15 Child

2 Adult/3 Children Family Rate \$75.00

After April 14th \$30 Adult/\$20 Child

Please detach section below and send in with check or cash or use the link below

<http://www.bidpal.net/sdscdance23>

Check payable to SDSC.

Final RSVP By April 19th

Questions? Email sdscschooldance@gmail.com

Family Name: _____

Children _____ # Adults _____

Payment \$Amt _____ Cash _____ Check _____