



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



October 10-14, 2022

**Grades K-3 Schedule Change: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**FOR THIS WEEK ONLY, Grades K-3 will have physical education on Tuesday and Music on Wednesday. Students in Grades K-3 should wear their gym uniforms on Tuesday and their regular summer uniforms on Wednesday.**



**Thank you** to all the family members who joined us a “walkers or workers” for the relaunch of the SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon! Even though there is a fundraising component to the event, its primary purpose is to build fellowship and community at SDSC. Thanks also to all who have sponsored a student/family. We are well on our way of reaching our school goal of

\$12,500. By any measure, the return of the Walk-a-thon has been a huge success!

### WALK-A-THON PRIZES

1. INDIVIDUAL PRIZES: Each student will receive one NUT Award (No Uniform Today Award) for every \$50 collected by Wednesday, October 19, 2022.
2. WHOLE SCHOOL PRIZES: If we reach a goal of \$12,500, we will have a school-wide ice cream party and designate additional 5 FREE NUT Days– one week of NUT Days for all!

Sponsors can donate to your children on-line at <https://one.bidpal.net/sdscwalks22/> (All donations made on behalf of a family will be divided equally among the children in the family for purposes of prizes/contests.)

### Classroom Activity Fee Past Due

If you have not done so already, please send in the \$25 Classroom Activity Fee. The Classroom Activity Fee is used to defray the cost of classroom events and activities such as class parties, holiday crafts, class gifts for teachers/aides and other special celebrations. Room Parents will have access to the classroom funds, and all of them will be used during the current school year. Ms. Schifini will begin contacting those who have not turned in the fee.

### COLUMBUS DAY – No School on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

This is a reminder that there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.

### AFTER CARE Reservations - Week of October 10<sup>th</sup>



[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>](#). 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 so that we are certain we have adequate staffing on hand. Reservations can be made by notifying Ms. Schifini at [lschifini@stcolumba.net](mailto:lschifini@stcolumba.net) or 845-227-7777.

### School Masses – Tuesdays Beginning October 11<sup>th</sup>

Beginning next Tuesday, SDSC students will begin attending Mass every Tuesday (with minor exceptions) on a rotating schedule. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend. All Masses will begin at approximately 8:15 a.m. The upcoming schedule is as follows: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>: Grade 1 and Grades 6-8; Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: Grades 2-5.

### “Kilowatt Kitchen” – Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>



Performers from the National Theater for Children will be on campus on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to present “Kilowatt Kitchen” to students in Grades K-4. Students will learn all about energy: how it is measured, how it is wasted and how we can conserve it. Thank you to Central Hudson for making this educational arts program possible.

### Fire Safety Presentation – Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

The East Fishkill Fire District will be on campus on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> with a fire truck to give a fire safety presentation to students in Grades K-3. Thank you to SDSC grandparent Frank Rufino for his assistance in making this event possible for our students!



## **EARLY DISMISSAL POLICY REMINDER**

We would like to remind everyone of the early dismissal policy and procedure as can be found in the SDSC Parent-Student Handbook. Thank you for adhering to the following:

If it is absolutely necessary for a pupil to be dismissed early, a written request must be submitted to the office by 11:00 a.m. stating the reason for the request. On half days, the written request must be submitted by 9:30 a.m. If pickup is a temporary situation for one or several days, a note to the teacher is required. Telephone requests for early dismissal are highly discouraged and will be honored only in case of emergency.

**For the safety of all of our students during the dismissal process, students must be picked up for early dismissal BEFORE 2:30 p.m. on a full day of school and BEFORE 11:00 a.m. on a half day of school. After these times students must leave using the regular dismissal process.**

## **WINTER UNIFORM Begins Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Weather permitting, the last day for summer uniforms will be Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. All students will be expected to wear their winter uniforms beginning Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for uniform requirements. **Students are only permitted to wear only SDSC logo fleece, sweatshirts, and sweaters in the classroom.** Non-school sweatshirts or jackets may not be worn in the classroom.

## **Upstate Images School Photos – Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**



Representatives from Upstate Images will be at SDSC on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to take individual pictures of the students. **ALL students must wear their complete winter school uniform for these school pictures.** Grade 8 graduation photos will be taken at a later date that will be announced.

## **No School for Students – Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

There will be no school for students on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The faculty and staff will be participating in an Archdiocesan Spirituality Day at Iona College.

## **Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

SDSC students are invited to our “Trunk or Treat” on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the SDSC Parking Lot. At the “Trunk or Treat,” the costumed children walk through a coned-off portion of the parking lot, stopping at cars that have decorated trunks to receive candy. The cost of the event is \$5 per student.



**Trunk volunteers and candy donations needed!** Be creative with your trunk decorations, but please nothing very scary or gory. To keep the cost low for students and to help the PSA raise funds for them, we are also seeking candy donations. There will be a drop box in the school lobby for candy. To volunteer or for any questions, e-mail us at: [PSA@stcolumba.net](mailto:PSA@stcolumba.net). Thank you!

## **SDSC Annual Gala – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**



Tickets are now on sale for the 2022 SDSC Annual Gala! The fundraising event will return on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls. The fun-filled evening will feature auctions, raffles, small plates, an open bar and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22](http://www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22).

## **Altar Rosary Society Craft Fair – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Altar Rosary Society’s 46th annual HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR will be held at SDSC on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Also there will be numerous raffles, a baked goods table, a treasure chest table, and much more! The Altar Rosary Society generously supports SDSC every year, so please consider attending the craft fair.



**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:** Jason Grassick (*father of Harper, Gr. 3*); Aliya Strauss (*daughter of Mrs. Strauss*)

**A TIME TO DIE:** Dolores Ann Wiegard (*great-grandmother of the Quimby and Hodge Children*)