

St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



October 17-21, 2022

Grades K-3 Schedule Change: Tuesday, October 18th – Wednesday, October 19th

For purposes of School Pictures, 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 full winter uniforms on Wednesday.

AFTER CARE Reservations - Week of October 17th



[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of October 17th](#). 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 or 845-227-7777.

WINTER UNIFORM Begins Monday, October 17th

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

Uniform Reminders:

- For safety reasons, girls are not permitted to wear hanging or dangling earrings.
- Nail polish and artificial nails are not permitted.
- The only jewelry permitted on the arms is a wrist watch (not electronic watches, rope bracelets, etc.) and a simple religious medal around the neck that is tucked under shirt or blouse.
- Hair accessories for girls are to be simple, plain or an official uniform item purchased at Lil' Darling. Holiday or eccentric headbands, bows, etc. are not permitted with the school uniform.
- Boys are required to wear an SDSC plaid tie as part of their full winter uniform.
- Boys' shirts must be neatly tucked into their pants and a belt worn around the waist.

School Mass – Tuesday, October 18th

Students in Grades 2-5 will attend Mass on Tuesday, October 18th at 8:15 p.m. Parents/Guardians are welcome!

Upstate Images School Photos – Wednesday, October 19th



Representatives from Upstate Images will be at SDSC on Wednesday, October 19th to take individual pictures of the students. **ALL students must wear their complete winter school uniform for these school pictures.** Information about purchasing pictures will be sent home on Monday.

No School for Students – Thursday, October 20th

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

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 21st

SDSC students are invited to our "Trunk or Treat" this Friday, October 21st 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. [Please CLICK HERE to sign up to be a trunk volunteer and/or candy donor.](#) Thank you!

DROP OFF REMINDER!

If you need to exit your vehicle **for any reason** at drop off, please pull forward and park in the parking lot adjacent to the school (next to the flagpole). Students may then walk safely along the sidewalk to the front doors. The front drive is **only for "drop and go" and buses**. It is imperative that we keep vehicles moving to prevent traffic backing up on Main Street/Route 82. This includes students who need help with backpacks, car seats or a little extra assistance getting into school. Also, please park if you need to pick up or deliver anything to/from the school office.

Last Call for Altar Servers!

Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to become Altar Servers. They may choose to serve only at SDSC School Masses or may also choose to serve weekend Masses at St. Columba Church. Training will be conducted at SDSC during the school day. If your child is interested in becoming an altar server please notify Ms. Schifini at lschifin@stcolumba.net.

SDSC Walks 2022



WE DID IT! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2022 SDSC Walk-a-thon! We have exceeded our school goal of \$12,500 by \$5,000 so far! We will have a school wide ice cream party to celebrate our success. In addition, we will announce 5 schoolwide NUT (No Uniform Today) Days.

Students may still earn an individual NUT awards for every \$50 collected through Wednesday, October 19th. Of course, any donation of any amount is always appreciated! 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.)

Raffle Ticket Sales Volunteers Needed!



The SDSC Class Parents are going on tour! We will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses at St. Denis Church the weekend of October 22nd-23rd and St. Columba Church the weekend of October 29th-30th. We are in need of volunteers to assist with ticket sales. SDSC students are welcome to assist their parents/guardians but should wear their school uniforms. [Sign up to volunteer by clicking HERE!](#) Many thanks to Fr. Andrew and Fr. Michael for their support of SDSC!

Get Your Tickets to the SDSC Annual Gala!

Get your tickets now! Tickets are now on sale for the 2022 SDSC Annual Gala! The Gala returns on Saturday, November 5th at the Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls. The fun-filled evening will feature auctions, raffles, international food stations, hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased online at www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22.



Altar Rosary Society Craft Fair – Saturday, November 5th



The Altar Rosary Society's 46th annual HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR will be held at SDSC on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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

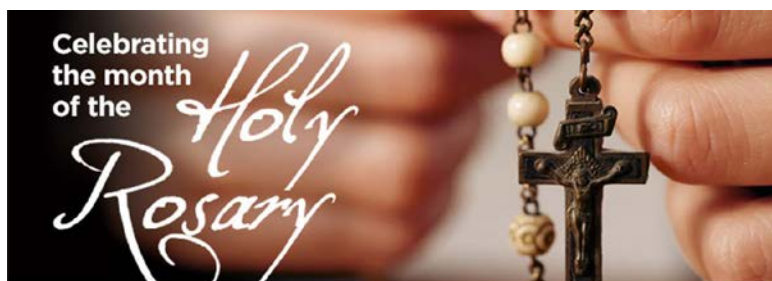
Let us continue to keep in our prayers the many among us who are sick and suffering.

A TIME TO HEAL:

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

A TIME TO BE BORN:

Daisy Eleanor Berganza (*Sister of Theresa, Gr. 2*), Michael Arturo Joseph Lopez (*cousin of Joshua, Gr. 3*), Paul Troy (*brother of Sloane, Gr. K and Joseph, Gr. 3*),



"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X