



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



**October 24 – November 5, 2022**

### AFTER CARE Reservations - Week of October 24<sup>th</sup>



[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of October 24<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 Mass – Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Students in Grades 1 and 6-8 will attend Mass on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. Parents/Guardians are welcome!

### No School for Students – Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

There will be no school for students on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Faculty will be participating in a Regional Professional Development Day. Happy All Hallow's Eve!

### Feast of All Saints – Tuesday, November 1

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints as a School Community on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> with a Mass at 8:15 a.m. in St. Columba Church. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. All are welcome! Thank you, Mrs. Strauss and the Grade 7 Class for preparing this celebration for us.

### No After Care – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Please be advised that After Care Program will NOT be available on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The school building will close after dismissal so that the Altar Rosary Society can setup for its annual Holiday Craft Fair.

### Grade 8 TACHS Exam – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Our Grade 8 students will take the Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools ("TACHS") on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. This test, in addition to their grades at SDSC, determines eligibility for admission to Catholic High Schools and academic scholarships. Please remember them in your prayers and wish them well!

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



The Altar Rosary Society's 46<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

### 2022 SDSC Gala! – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

It's not too late to join the fun! Get your tickets now! The Gala returns on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22).



### Raffle Tickets On Sale for Class Baskets and Luxury Items!



Many thanks to our Classroom Parents and all of our parents/guardians for creating 10 stunning themed baskets! Raffle tickets for the baskets are now on sale! They can be purchased online now at [www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22](http://www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22). In person sales will be available at SDSC the week of 10/24 and at the Gala.

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

### Trunk or Treat – Thank You!

Thank you to the SDSC PSA for coordinating our SDSC “Trunk or Treat” fundraiser this past Friday evening! We are also grateful to the parents, grandparents, friends and teachers who decorated their “trunks,” donated candy, or helped out in one of the many other ways that contributed to the event’s success. It was a great family event that was enjoyed by all those who were in attendance.



### THANK YOU for Surpassing our Walk-a-thon Goal!



**Thank you** to all who have contributed to the 2022 SDSC Walk-a-thon! We raised just over \$21,000, far surpassing our goal of \$12,500! To celebrate, we will have a school-wide ice cream party to celebrate our success. In addition, we will announce 5 school-wide NUT (No Uniform Today) Days. Individual NUT awards will be sent home with students next week.

### Make-Up and School Photo Retakes



If your child was sick on picture day or if you wish to have your child’s photo retaken, representatives from Upstate Images will return to SDSC the first week of December for make-ups and retakes. Additional information will be forthcoming.

### Boys Uniform Reminders!

Boys must dress in a neat and clean manner at all times. Parents/Guardians are asked for their cooperation to ensure that the following rules are observed:

- 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.

### Girls Uniform Reminders!

Girls must wear their dresses/skirts modestly at all times. Parents/Guardians are asked for their cooperation to ensure that the following rules are observed:

- ***The length of the girl’s skirts/dresses must always be modest in every position – it should be no shorter than ONE INCH ABOVE the KNEE.***
- Girls are forbidden to roll their skirts at the waistline in order to shorten the length.
- 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.

**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*)



**ALL SAINTS DAY**