



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



October 31 – November 11, 2022

AFTER CARE Reservations - Week of October 31th



Click [HERE](#) to make a reservation for the week of October 31st. **The After Care Program will be CLOSED on Friday, November 4th.** 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.

Reminder: Candy Not Permitted at School

We hope that all of our student enjoyed Halloween and collected lots of treats. This is a reminder that all candy must stay at home. As outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook, students are not permitted to bring their own candy to school. This includes chewing gum. In addition, students may not eat candy at lunch. We kindly ask for parents/guardians to assist by NOT including candy in packed lunches.



No School for Students – Monday, October 31st

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

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 and our "luxury prizes" are now on sale! They can be purchased online now at www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22. You may also purchase tickets in person by stopping by the School Office this week.

Online Silent Auction EVERYWHERE!

All are invited to participate in the SDSC Gala Silent Auction. You do not need to attend the Gala to bid on a silent auction package. You can participate anywhere and everywhere! Log onto www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22 to view our auction catalog. You can bid on over 100 items. New items will be added all week! Auction ends Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 p.m. Winning bids will be held at school for pickup.

SDSC Gala Ticket Deadline – Tuesday, November 1st

It's not too late to join the fun! Get your tickets now! 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 are \$100 each and can be purchased at school or online at www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22.



Feast of All Saints – Tuesday, November 1st

We will celebrate the **Feast of All Saints** as a School Community on Tuesday, November 1st 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.

Reminder: No After Care – Friday, November 4th

Please be advised that After Care Program will NOT be available on Friday, November 4th. 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 4th

Our Grade 8 students will take the Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools ("TACHS") on Friday, November 4th. 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 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.

School Mass – Tuesday, November 8th

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

No Busing – Tuesday, November 8th

Please note that there will be **NO Busing for students on Tuesday, November 8th**. Please pull forward as far as possible along the sidewalk in the bus lane in front of the school. Carpooling is encouraged to minimize traffic. Thank you for making sure your child arrives before 8:00 a.m.



School Closed – Friday, November 11th

School will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in honor of Veteran’s Day. We are grateful to all the SDSC parents, guardians, grandparents and other family members who have served our Country!

EDUCATE Parent Portal – Closing Monday, November 7th

The first marking period ends Thursday, November 10th. All parents and guardians of students in Grades 1-8 have access to the EDUCATE Parent Portal. Please take some time to review your child’s homework, project and test grades. The portal gives you nearly “real time” view into your child’s academic performance at school. The portal can be accessed from the School App or under the “For Parents” Tab on the school website. Please note that the EDUCATE Parent Portal will close this Monday, November 7th so teachers can begin preparing report cards.

REPORT CARDS COMING SOON: Please be sure your Tuition and Lunch fees are up to date!



As we anticipate the first quarter report cards, we would like to remind you that all financial requirements, including tuition payments, lunch IOUs, school fees and After Care accounts must be made current before the you receive children’s report cards or have a conference with their teachers. Ms. Schifini will be reaching out to you directly if there are outstanding IOUs or 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: Annie Hennessey (*mother of Connor, Gr.8*); Aliya Strauss (*daughter of Mrs. Strauss*)

A TIME TO BE BORN Hope Scampoli (*new baby sister of the Scampoli children in Grades K, 2, 4, 6*)



ALL SAINTS DAY