



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



September 26-30, 2022

AFTER CARE Reservations - Week of September 26th

[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of September 26th](#). 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. **Please remember to send a snack and water!**



No Busing for Students – Monday, September 26th AND Wednesday, October 5th



Please note that there will be NO Busing for students on Monday, September 26th AND Wednesday, October 5th. Please pull forward as far as possible along the sidewalk in the bus lane in front of the school. If you need to park for any reason, please park in the parking lot adjacent to the school by the flag pool. Thank you for ensuring that your children arrive before 8:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE – FULL DAY OF SCHOOL on Tuesday, September 27th

The scheduled Archdiocesan teacher conference day on Tuesday, September 27 has been CANCELLED due to unforeseen circumstances. Tuesday will be a regular day of school for students. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Hot Lunch will be served on Tuesday. Menu: hotdogs, carrots, fruit and milk.

Classroom Activity Fee - Due Friday, October 7th

SDSC will be collecting a \$25 Classroom Activity Fee for each student. Please send the fee to the School Office by Friday, October 7th. 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.

SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon – Wednesday, October 5th

Lace up those walking shoes! The SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon returns on **Wednesday, October 5th**. The Walk-a-thon will take place after lunch and will follow a route on the school campus. After a morning of learning, students will have a fun school-spirit-filled afternoon walking for their school! After the Walk-a-thon students will enjoy a treat together to celebrate. *(There will be a rain date in case of inclement weather.)* The Walk-a-thon is meant to promote community and school spirit and it's a fundraiser that involves direct student participation. If we raise an average of \$50 per student, we will reach our overall school goal of \$12,500. Once we reach our goal, we will celebrate our success with five school-wide NUT (No Uniform Today) Days and an ice cream sundae party!



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!

Look for your children's Sponsor forms that will be sent home with each student this week. Parents, siblings and relatives are also welcome to walk with the students!

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ASBESTOS

The Building Commission of the Archdiocese of New York will complete its annual inspection at St. Denis-St. Columba School. Please know that ALL asbestos is intact in accessible areas, thus providing a safe environment for all who are in the school building.

SDSC Annual Gala – Saturday, November 5th



Tickets are now on sale for the 2022 SDSC Annual Gala! The fundraising event will return on Saturday, November 5th 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 using the attached flyer or online at www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22.

We are in need of donations and sponsorships to make our event a success. We are seeking gift cards, bottles of wine and items for our silent auction. If you are able to contribute an item, would like to learn more about sponsorships or are able to hit the streets in search of donations, please contact Ms. Schifini or Mr. Krebs at the school. Thank you for helping us make our event a huge success!

St. Columba CYO Basketball Registration

All students in Grades 1-8 are invited to register for the St. Columba CYO basketball program. More information and registration forms can be found at www.stcolumbabasketball.net



Important: Health Reminders

Now that we are all back to school in a “normal fashion” we need to work together to keep everyone healthy. Therefore, your cooperation with the following school rules found in the Parent-Student Handbook is required:

- You must notify the school *whenever* your child is absent with a contagious illness, including Covid.
- A child who is ill cannot function in class and should not be in school to pass on their illness to other children. If your child has symptoms of an illness in the morning (e.g. fever, diarrhea, etc.) DO NOT medicate and send to school! Your child may have a contagious illness and their symptoms will inevitably return during the school day. This jeopardizes the health of other students and teachers.
- A child must be free from vomiting, diarrhea or a fever for a period of at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Students are **required to bring a note of excuse to school when they have been absent**. If a child is absent for three or more days, **a note from the doctor is required upon return** stating the nature of the illness and certifying that the student is able to return to school.

Important: Protocol for Covid Infections

ADNY Schools follow the CDC’s Isolation Guidance for students who test positive or who are symptomatic and are awaiting test results. A more detailed explanation may be found in *Rising Above* under the “For Parents” tab on the school website. Here are some important facts to know:

- If your child tests positive for Covid and has been in school at any time within 5 days prior to the positive test, you **must** notify the school. This enables the school to alert close contacts and monitor whether the illness is spreading within a classroom.
- A person who tests positive may not return school until after 5 days have passed AND they have been fever free for more than 24 hours.
- Upon returning to school, the student must wear a mask until the 10th day after the positive test. If the student test negative on days 6 and 8, the student may discontinue wearing a mask.
- SDSC has been supplied with ample free at-home Covid test kits. You may obtain them at any time upon request from Ms. Schifini or Ms. Scampoli.

Save the Date! Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 21st

SDSC will hold a “Trunk or Treat” on Friday, October 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in 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. Be on the lookout for a sign-up to host a trunk and/or to donate treats!



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 DIE: Jean Tocco (*great aunt of Danica, Gr. 2*)

A TIME TO HEAL: Aliya Strauss (*daughter of Mrs. Strauss*)



Gala

2022

ST. DENIS-ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL

"The brightest stars shine for the benefit of others."

November 5, 2022

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The Villa Borghese - Wappingers Falls, NY

\$100 per person

Open Bar, Hors D'oeuvres, Small Plates & Desserts

Raffles, Silent Auction, Gift Card Grab

Music & Dancing

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Number of Tickets: _____ x \$100 Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Seating Requests: _____

Please make checks payable to: St. Denis-St. Columba School. Drop off at School Office or mail to SDSC GALA P.O. Box 368, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Credit Cards accepted online: www.bidpal.net/sdscgala22