



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



**Week of February 26-March 2, 2018**

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### Lenten Liturgy on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

This Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating as a faith community our Lenten school liturgy. During Lent, we reflect on how we can grow closer to God. We will gather for mass at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. All are welcome to join us! Thank you, Mrs. Waters and the Fourth Grade Class for preparing this celebration for us.

### First Communion Meeting

There will be a St. Columba First Communion Parent meeting this Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria for parents of children making their First Communion this year. Parents need to attend only one of these meetings.

### SDSC Lenten Service Project – “All For Good” – February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### What It Is

As part of our commitment to “Nourish” the hearts, minds, bodies, souls and spirits of our students and those in our community, SDSC will be supporting the St. Columba Parish Midnight Run with a special Lenten Outreach Service Project. This is also an “All for Good” Project by which Walt Disney Parks and Resorts rewards eligible charitable organizations for community service.

#### Our Project

We are collecting items to help the homeless in the New York City Metro area in support of St. Columba Parish's "Midnight Run." Needed items include: new white socks, new underwear (*boxers or briefs*) and new white tee shirts (*sizes L and XL, please*), travel size hand sanitizer, travel size hand wipes, new washcloths. We will need volunteers to help students sort and package the donations. Students will also write notes of love, support, and encouragement for the recipients of the donations. Please sign up to donate here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e44aca929a0ff2-allfor>

#### How It Works

Disney rewards SDSC with Park Hopper Passes to use for fundraising purposes (specifically an auction item at the annual Gala). The more people who donate items for our project or who help the students prepare the care packages, the more tickets they will donate! *We can earn up to 20 park tickets!* In order to qualify, you must register your family as participants on the All For Good website: <https://www.allforgood.org/projects/9kDzmX8q>

Thank you for helping us help those who are less fortunate!

### Student Safety at SDSC

At SDSC we take the safety and security of our students very seriously. To that end, we will always have personnel at the entrance in the morning during student drop off and during dismissal in the afternoon to prevent unauthorized access while students are leaving. Parents and Guardians who choose to pick up their children at dismissal must remain outside until the students are dismissed. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but this measure is for the safety of your children.

In order to maintain building security during the day, we ask that when you come to the school to volunteer or visit for any reason you utilize the Main Entrance as our only point of entry. As usual, during the school day, all doors remained locked at all times. Please NEVER ask or permit a student to open any exterior door. We ask, too, that you NEVER open an exterior school door to permit another person to gain access into the school, *even if you know the other person*, unless directed by a member of the faculty or staff.



We would like to remind you that we are fortunate to have on staff an ADAPP counselor, Alexa Accardi, who is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays to speak to students affected by news of the recent school tragedy, as well as any other emotional issues that a student would like to speak about. Again, as a community of faith, we keep all those who have been hurt by the recent terrible tragedies in our prayers.



**Save the Date!** Tickets will be on sale soon!

Saturday, April 28, 2017 at Dutchess Manor 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Desserts and Open Bar  
Silent and Live Auctions, Raffles and Prizes

### **Raffle and Auction Items Needed!**

Our SDSC Gala Committee is seeking donations. Donations of all types and categories are gratefully appreciated (e.g., gift cards, electronics, wine, travel opportunities, services, etc.). If you or someone you know would like to make a donation or help with our prizes, please contact Robert Krebs (845-227-7777) or email him at [rtkrebs@stcolumba.net](mailto:rtkrebs@stcolumba.net). All donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

### **2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Registrations completed on or before March 31, 2018 receive a 50% discount off the \$150 registration fee (\$75 per student).** Registrations completed on or after April 1, 2017, pay the standard registration fee of \$150.

**Financial Assistance for Returning Students** In order to be considered for financial aid, you must 1) enroll for the 2018-19 school year, 2) complete the requalifying application on-line through link provided in e-mail; 3) pay a \$35 application fee and 4) submit all required documents in a timely manner. We encourage families to complete the process quickly because all **financial aid is awarded on a "first-come, first-served" basis**. Families who received other forms of tuition assistance, or **who have had a change of circumstances impacting their ability to pay tuition for 2018-19** should contact the school office directly.

**Transportation Forms** If you haven't done so already, please return your child's transportation form to the school office ASAP. We need to send these to the districts before Easter break this year so that your children will get the busing you deserve for next year. *If you have any questions about the financial assistance, enrollment or transportation for 2018-19 please contact the School Office. Thank you for entrusting the growth and education of your children to SDSC!*

### **Kindergarten Discovery Day – Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a second Kindergarten Discovery Day on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. for students unable to attend last Friday's event. Join our current Kindergarten class and discover all the great opportunities SDSC offers to our Kindergarten students. Activities include science lab, Storytime, learning centers and snack time! Pre-register at [www.stcolumba.net](http://www.stcolumba.net) or by clicking [HERE](#). Invite a friend for an opportunity to receive a tuition credit through the new Enrollment Referral Incentive Program!



### **Storytime – Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs. Fisher and the SDSC Storytellers will present Storytime to children in Pre-K through Grade 2 on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. here at SDSC. Storytime features puppet shows, storytelling, interactive music, singing and dancing. Storytime is free and is open to all, so bring a friend!

### **Mid-Hudson Valley Honor Band Concert**

We are very proud of Diana Allgaier, Aiden DiPalermo, Benjamin Laski, and Owen Walker, who will be participating in this year's in the 2018 Mid-Hudson Valley Honors Band Concert at Our Lady of Lourdes High School on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. These students represent the "best of the best" musicians from our area schools. They rehearse for over 12 hours and perform an amazing concert. Congratulations on a job well done and thank you for representing SDSC so proudly!

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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**

Kelsey B. (6-year old cousin of Winogradoff children who has leukemia and a very rare brain tumor), Mrs. Fazi (our PE teacher), Marcus Franklin (uncle of the O'Connor children), Ronald Graves (grandfather of Graves children), George Leggio (grandfather of Minotti children recently diagnosed with cancer), Maureen O'Connor (Grandmother of the O'Connor Children), Martin Craig (stepfather of Jillian Beresford), Shirley Mauro (grandmother of Sean Guaman), and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
CLOSER TO JESUS

