



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



Week of January 8, 2018



### A Message from Sr. Kathleen

I hope your Christmas and New Year Celebrations were filled with much peace, joy and relaxation. You were in my special thoughts and prayers on Christmas day and will continue to be during this New Year. Once again I want to thank each of you for your most thoughtful and generous Christmas wishes and gifts. Your kindness to me is deeply appreciated. Thank you, most of all, for your constant love and support.

### A Message from Mrs. Marrero and Mr. Krebs

We would like to thank all of our SDSC families for their kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity this Christmas Season. All of your cards and gifts are so appreciated. The best gift of all is being a daily part of your children's lives as they grow and learn every day at SDSC! We are blessed to be able to minister to such loving families. Thank You!

### Half Day – Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

There will be a half day of school this Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will be at 12:00 p.m. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 p.m. If your child(ren) are staying, please be sure they have a lunch.

### Graduation Pictures – Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

Life Touch will be here on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to take 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation pictures. Students will be provided with a cap and gown for the photographs.



### Uniform Swap and Exchange – Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>



There will be a special uniform **Swap and Exchange** this Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (*after half day dismissal*).

Parents can swap – at no charge – gently used skirts, jumpers and pants for another size. Also, clothing items will be available for purchase at greatly reduced winter clearance prices. "You can't stop them from growing up!" Parents of

students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are strongly encouraged to use this opportunity to be sure that your children are in compliance with the uniform guidelines with little or no financial impact.

### Reminder: Personal Appearance and Uniform Guidelines

Students are expected to dress in a neat, clean, modest and safe manner at all times. ***The length of the girl's skirts/dresses must always be modest in every position. Skirts should be no higher than 2 inches above the knees.*** Shirts and blouses are to be tucked into pants and skirts at all times, so that the waistband and belt is visible.

All hair (boys and girls alike) should be neat, clean and appropriately styled, **above the collar (for boys), and off the face.** **Trendy fad-like hair styles are not permitted. These often cause students to compare, ridicule, and even ostracize one another** because they may not have the same cool "trendy" hair style. Make-up, false nails and fingernail polish are also not permitted.

### **Snow Ball Dance – Thank You!**

Thank You to Coleen Murray for organizing a fun “Snow Ball” for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Mrs. Murray did an exceptional job creating a new tradition at SDSC of having the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class organize the dance for our graduating class. Thanks also to the following parents for decorating, donating food and being chaperones: Dawn Colabatistto, Lori Craft, Jeanne and Justin Darrow, Lisa DeMelo, Mrs. Galletti, Tara Gliotti, Janet Graves and Erin Lakatosh.

### **Breakfast with Santa – Thank You!**

Thank you again to our Grade 8 Class for hosting a wonderful Breakfast with Santa for the children in our school, parish and community. There was 100% participation from all the 8th grade parents and students this year. We also thank the DeFrancesco family for donating all of the pancakes, bacon and syrup. Breakfast with Santa has been a long standing tradition of service at SDSC. We applaud our first “single” Grade 8 Class for working twice as hard for keeping the tradition alive!



### **“Parent-Parishioner Brigade” – Thank You**

Very heartfelt thanks to all those parents, grandparents, and parishioners who answered the “S.O.S” call for lunchroom help at the end of Mass last Friday! Your dedication and willingness to “jump in” to help us in a moment’s notice are a big part of what makes our school community so special. THANK YOU!

### **IRIS Alerts – Is Your Information Current?**

With the arrival of winter and the uncertainty of snow and icy conditions, please be sure that your contact information is current. Don’t miss important announcements about school delays, closings or early dismissals. Please call the school office at 845-227-7777 or e-mail Mrs. Marrero at [bmarrero@stcolumba.net](mailto:bmarrero@stcolumba.net) with your updated information.

### **Drama Club**

We are excited to announce that our Drama Club production for this Spring will be “Dear Edwina, Jr,” a heartwarming musical about the joys of growing up. *Dear Edwina Jr.* follows the adventures of spirited advice-giver, Edwina Spoonapple, as she directs the neighborhood kids in a series of performances for the latest edition of her weekly “Advice-a-Palooza.”



Parents can access scripts, permission forms and rehearsal calendars in the “Drama Club” tab under the “Staff Directory” menu choice on the school website. The rehearsal calendar is also easily accessed by selecting the “Drama Club” icon on the SDSC School App. If you have any questions, you may also contact our director, Ms. Christine Manning, at [scenequeen4@gmail.com](mailto:scenequeen4@gmail.com).

### **NEW Student Applications**

We are now accepting applications for NEW students for the 2018-2019 school year. Families with siblings entering school next year must submit an application – *but only for the new student*. Follow the “Apply Now” link on the school website. There is no cost to submitting an application. Thank you for choosing SDSC for the growth and development of your children!

### **Lunch Room News**

The Hot Lunch Program has a few Kitchen Volunteer openings. Do you have a flexible schedule with three hours to spare each month? Join one of our four teams one day per month, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and prepare and serve our students their lunch. For more information, please contact Judy Boulton via email [lunchprogram@stcolumba.net](mailto:lunchprogram@stcolumba.net) or text [914-474-3035](tel:914-474-3035). Thank you for supporting our Hot Lunch Program which is 100% run by volunteers.

## Looking Ahead

### No School – Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

There will be no school on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### Midterm Exams on January 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

The students in Grades 3-8 will be taking midterm exams between January 16<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup>. Each exam will be a short cumulative test that will take about 45-60 minutes. The teachers have provided the students with study guides and information regarding these exams. The schedule for midterm exams is posted on the website school calendar and will be as follows:

DATE	MIDTERM EXAM
Tuesday, January 16, 2018	ELA Reading, Grammar and Writing 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 17,	Math 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 18, 2018	Religion 8:30 a.m.
Friday, January 19, 2018	Make-up Exams and Science/ Social Studies Assessment Projects/Labs

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be participating in a Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> here at St. Columba.

**SAVE the Date:** Catholic Schools Week Open House on January 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00-1:30

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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), Eileen Rubin (friend of Sr. Kathleen's sister who has a very large inoperable tumor pressing on her kidneys), Ronald Graves (grandfather of Graves children), Martin Craig (stepfather of Jillian Beresford), and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this new year.

### A TIME TO DIE

Joseph Bellino (grandfather of alumna Jennifer Bellino), Nancy Denman (Godmother of Christopher Kish), John Sullivan (grandfather of Sullivan children), and for all those faithfully departed who have died.

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O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to thee.  
Holy Mary, pray for us!  
Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
pray for us now and at the hour of our death.  
Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation!  
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!