



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of October 30, 2017

SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon



Thanks to each of our families for supporting our annual Walk-a-thon financially. **We have almost reached our goal!** So far you have raised over \$11,500 for our school. Remember if we reach our goal of \$15,000, the entire school will receive a week's worth of NUT Awards!

No matter the size of the contribution we appreciate your support of SDSC. Each class that has 100% participation will participate in the legendary SDSC Summer Ice Cream Party! **Be sure to send in any remaining sponsor money soon in order to receive prizes.** Once all the money is collected, the students will receive their individual NUT Awards, and they will be able to choose the day they want to use them. THANK YOU!

Feast of All Saints - Wednesday, November 1



We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints as a School community with a special Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1. Remember this is a holy day of obligation. All are welcome! Thank you Mrs. Sheridan and the seventh grade class for coordinating the Liturgy.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Educational Field Trip on Wednesday, November 1st

Our Kindergarten and First Grade Classes will be attending a performance of the popular children's book "See How Much I Love You" at the Bardavon Theater in Poughkeepsie on Wednesday. If you haven't done so already, be sure that you have turned in your permission slip and program fee to your teacher. Enjoy!



Grade 8 TACHS Exam –Friday, November 3rd

Our Grade 8 students will be out this Friday for the Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools ("TACHS"). 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! All students *who take the exam* are to meet at Lourdes High School in full school uniform.

Grades 4 and 6 "Meet the Author Event" on Friday, November 3rd

Students in Grades 4 and 6 will travel to St. Peter's School in Hyde Park to meet Joseph Bruchac, author of the books the students are reading in their classes through the "Little Read" Program. This is an exciting opportunity for the students to meet an author and learn about the creative process of writing. If you haven't done so already, be sure that you have turned in your permission slip and program fee to your teacher. Enjoy!

Box Tops for Education Contest – Grade 4 takes the Lead!



Mrs. Waters' Grade 4 Class has taken the lead in the Fall Box Tops contest! Grade 4 is now ahead of Grade 7 by nearly **100** Box Tops. Grade 3 is in a very close third place! Who will win extra recess? Remember, the class that submits the most Box Tops by December 15th wins. Please note: Box Tops must be **unexpired** to qualify. Good luck!

Looking Ahead

No Busing next Tuesday, November 7th

There will be **NO BUSING** for students next Tuesday, November 7th. Please use the bus lane and pull forward to the Religious Education entrance to drop off students. *If you would like to get out of the car to assist your children with back packs, etc., please park your car in the parking lot so that traffic is not held up in the drop off lane.* Carpooling is also encouraged to reduce traffic congestion.



Lifetouch Class Pictures

Representatives from Life Touch School Pictures will be here next Thursday, November 9th to take individual and group pictures of the students in Grades K-8. **ALL students must wear their complete winter school uniform for both their individual and group pictures.** They will have an opportunity to dress in other clothes for Spring Pictures.



Thanksgiving Food Drive; November 6 - 17

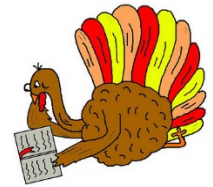
The SDSC PSA Outreach Committee will again host the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. In addition to food, the Pantry always needs toiletries and personal care items. The PSA will distribute a list of the items most in advance of the Food Drive, which will begin on Monday, November 6th.

No School; November 10

There will be no school next Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day. Please remember in your prayers all those who have served our country.

Storytime – November 11

Mrs. Fisher and the SDSC Storytellers will present a Thanksgiving edition of Storytime to children in Pre-K through Grade 2 on Saturday, November 11 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!



Thank YOU!

SDSC is blessed with a very active, involved and supportive community of parents, guardians, friends and relatives! We are grateful to each and every one for making our school a great “family” for our students.

Doll's Tea Party

Thank you to the following parents, who organized, decorated, cooked and worked the annual Doll's Tea Party. The event sold out and was a huge success! Chairpersons: Fiona Murray and Libby Kish. Committee Members: Yashira Cabral, Lori Craft, Andrea Drag, Cheryl Irwin, Pam Winogradoff. Day of Event Helpers: Mr. Krebs, Christina Carozza, Mr. Irwin and Don Murray and Brendan O'Brien.

We would like to give a very special thank you to Fiona Murray's mother, Maureen Burke. She came all the way from Ireland just to help with the Doll's Tea Party! THANK YOU!!!

It also very special when our alumni return to help the younger SDSC students! We are grateful to Abby Graves (2016), Kiley Irwin (2016) and Katie Kish for their assistance.

Thank you to the following Upper Hall students for their hours in service of the Doll's Tea Party: Taylor Craft, Emma Drumm, Lilly Graves, Kiley Irwin, Brooke Pirozek and Elise Winogradoff.

Hot Lunch Program

Our Hot lunch Program is completely staffed by volunteers. We would like to introduce the lunch teams and thank them!

Meet Team 4!

Josephine and Frank Sardo (Grandparents of Josephine, Grade 1)

Their Specialty: Bagels

Fun Fact: The Sardos spread butter and cream cheese by hand on at least 7 dozen bagels each lunch service. In addition, both Frank and Josephine each volunteer on another lunch team!

