



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

*A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning*

## Family Newsletter

**Back to School Edition**

**September 4, 2017**

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### **Welcome Back!**

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year! Thank you for trusting your children to SDSC for their growth and education. We are grateful for your commitment to Catholic Education and to St. Denis-St. Columba School! The faculty and staff are committed to YOU and YOUR CHILDREN as well – and to ensuring that SDSC will be a Holy Ground of Loving and Learning for your children!

### **The Sunflower - Our Symbol for the New School Year**

The Sunflower is a powerful symbol and reminder of our need to trust in God. Just as the Sunflower gently turns toward the light of the SUN for its source of nourishment, we too are spiritually nourished when we keep our focus on Jesus, the SON of God as our ultimate source of grace, strength and nourishment. If we continue to keep our eyes fixed on the SON, we will flourish in the rich soil of loving and learning here at SDSC! And your children, the precious seedlings we are called to nurture and grow, will become the persons God desires them to be. As we journey with one another this year, we pray that we will continue to grow like these Sunflowers and strive to be “Christ” for one another so that we may truly yield an abundant harvest of Loving and Learning!



### **Back to School Night – Thursday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.**

Back to School Night is this Thursday evening. We are excited to share with you some of the exciting new initiatives that will enhance student learning. The teachers will outline student expectations and answer questions. Parents will also have an opportunity to select dates and times for the first quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences in November.

### **Mass of the Holy Spirit – Friday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.**

**ALL** are welcome to attend the first school Mass of the year this Friday. We are privileged to be able to pray together as a school community. It’s an opportunity not available to our friends in public schools. So, come and pray with our children for God’s blessings for the new school year! Special thanks to Mrs. Forlenza and our 8th Grade Class will be coordinating the Mass.



### **Back to School Barbeque – Friday, September 8, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m**



Parents, students, grandparents, alumni, teachers and staff . . . all are welcome to grab a bite and welcome in the new year! Join us Friday, September 8th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the school yard for burgers, dogs, watermelon, chips, ice pops and more. There is no charge but we ask that you kindly RSVP so we have enough for everyone to share! You can RSVP on the SDSC School APP, on our website under the “PSA” tab or by [clicking HERE](#).

## Hot Lunch Program

Our Hot Lunch Program begins Thursday. The menu is posted on our website and is always available on the School APP. Lunch tickets are \$2.50 each and are available for purchase in the Front Office. Parents are encouraged to purchase lunch tickets in strips of 10 or greater to limit the amount of money carried into school by students.

We are grateful to Mrs. Judy Boulton for coordinating our Hot Lunch Program again this year. Mrs. Boulton has added new menu items from local vendors and restaurants this year. In addition she has made adjustments to the lunch menu based on feedback from the end of year surveys.



### *Hot Lunch Volunteers Still Needed*

Our kitchen is staffed and run 100% by volunteers. Our Hot Lunch Program only succeeds with the help of our volunteers! We have openings in September. If you can volunteer on any of the following dates from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., or have any questions, please contact Judy Boulton via text/phone at 914-474-3035 or by e-mail at [lunchprogram@stcolumba.net](mailto:lunchprogram@stcolumba.net)

### *September Openings*

09/07 Thursday	09/11 Monday	09/12 Tuesday	09/15 Friday
09/20 Wednesday	09/21 Thursday	09/25 Monday	09/28 Thursday

## Special Milk Program Begins Monday, September 11

Through the Archdiocese of New York Special Milk Program, we are able to provide 1% white milk and chocolate milk to our students each day school is in session, including half-days. The cost of the program is \$55 for the year. If you wish your child to be served milk each day, please complete and return the attached form to the school office by Friday, September 8. We will begin distributing milk on Monday, September 11. This year, students will be able to select either white or chocolate milk each day unless you indicate on the form that you do not want your child to have chocolate milk.



## Safer Spaces & Background Checks

For the safety of the entire school community, all volunteers are required to submit a Background Check and complete on-line Safer Spaces Training. This is required for **all** interaction with students, including class trips and room parents. If you need to complete the training or submit an authorization for a background check, please contact Mrs. Marrero in the Front Office at 845-227-7777 or [bmarrero@stcolumba.net](mailto:bmarrero@stcolumba.net).

## PSA Board Member Corresponding Secretary Needed!

The PSA Board has an Open Position for our Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary is primarily responsible for sending out PSA Emails, helping Chairpersons with flyers, sending out cards and any other correspondence related tasks. We meet once a month, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Please contact Janet Graves at 845-494-9166 or [psa@stcolumba.net](mailto:psa@stcolumba.net) if you have any questions or are interested in this position!

## 2017-2018 Room Parent Volunteers

SDSC is proud to have a vibrant and supportive school community. Please consider volunteering as a room parent for the 2017-2018 school year. Two volunteers per class are needed to be room parents. The room parents help coordinate the parties for the class, special activities that the teacher requests, the year-end picnic and with anything else the teacher and/or PSA might need assistance. If you are interested in being a room parent, please complete the Room Parent form available on our website under the "PSA" tab. All forms are due by Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> to: Lauren Schifini, Kindness of the Main Office. *If more than two parents volunteer for a classroom, room parents are selected by random.*



## East Fishkill Community Day – Saturday, September 16

Our school proudly marches in the East Fishkill Community Day parade each year, and a great day is had by all! Join us on Saturday, September 16th at 1:00 p.m. on Trink Lane near Hopewell Hot Bagels. The parade begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. All parents and siblings are welcome to march with the School! Children will be given green and yellow "flare" to show our school spirit. Any SDSC student wearing an SDSC shirt (white collared or gym t-shirt) will receive a N.U.T. (no uniform today) Award from Sister Kathleen to be used on Monday, September 18.

## FREE Tickets: Danone Nations Cup World Soccer Final – Sunday, September 24

The Danone Nations Cup is largest GLOBAL soccer tournament for kids ages 10-12. The tournament takes places across 33 countries and engages 2.5 million children worldwide in the values of teamwork, cultural sharing, good nutrition and healthy lifestyles and most importantly for kids to believe in their dreams. This year, the Danone Nation Cup is hosting the World Final at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, NJ.

The World Final on September 24th has something for fans of all ages: cheer on the soccer matches as the teams from 33 countries compete for the championship, swing by the Family Activity Village with games for all ages, win prizes like a chance to meet our USA Ambassador Abby Wambach and more. The day will end with a live concert by the band DNCE with front man Joe Jonas!

Mrs. Peggy Krebs and our PSA have teamed up to provide **FREE TICKETS** to SDSC families and friends! Tickets can be reserved through the "Nations Cup" link on the School APP, under the PSA tab on the school website or by clicking [HERE](#)! See the attached sheet for event details.

Like a sunflower  
that follows  
every movement  
of the sun,  
so I turn to You,  
to follow You,  
my God.

Carey Landry



Bonnie V. Barry



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# Saint Denis-Saint Columba School

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August 30, 2017

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God bless you!

Sister Kathleen Marie, C.R.  
Principal

**Please detach below and return the form below with payment to the school office by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Student Information		Chocolate Opt-Out
Child Name	Grade	Please Check
		<input type="checkbox"/> No Chocolate Milk
		<input type="checkbox"/> No Chocolate Milk
		<input type="checkbox"/> No Chocolate Milk
		<input type="checkbox"/> No Chocolate Milk
# of Children: _____		x \$55 Total:

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2017-2018 School Year

We take pride in the fact that SDSC does not have mandatory volunteer hours because of the generous gift of time our parents graciously give to our school community! Please help us keep that tradition and consider volunteering for one or more of these much needed requests:

### **LUNCHROOM AIDE:** (11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Lunchroom aides distribute milk, help wipe up spills, clean tables and assist younger students with opening packages and carrying lunches. PLEASE NOTE: Upper Hall students will be able to assist with the final wipe down of tables and lifting chairs at the end of the lunch period.

( ) I am available for lunch supervision on the following days: **M T W TH F**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEER**

This year the Library will be open on Monday – Friday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Library volunteers help Sr. Lucia as needed with operating our school Library.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

The hot lunch program begins on **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**, and we are looking for volunteers, moms, dads, grandmothers and grandfathers to prepare and serve the food to the children (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.).

For anyone new to the school, this is volunteering in the kitchen, NOT the lunchroom. Our kitchen is staffed and run 100% by volunteers. This is a once or twice a month commitment for the school year. Please consider volunteering to keep our hot lunch program running 5 days a week. We can use additional people on almost every day, especially on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Correspondence, including schedules and instructions are posted on our school website and/or emailed to you. If you have any questions after you review the schedule, please feel free to call/text Judy Boulton at 914-474-3035 or email her at [lunchprogram@stcolumba.net](mailto:lunchprogram@stcolumba.net).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I am available to prepare lunch in the kitchen on the following days: **M T W TH F**

( ) I am available to work in the kitchen more than once a month. # of days per month available: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2017 WORLD FINAL



Join an unforgettable day at Red Bull arena with 25,000 fans at the Danone Nations Cup World Final!

BOYS/GIRLS - AGES 10-12

## COME SPEND A FEW HOURS OR THE WHOLE DAY AT THE DNC WORLD FINAL!

**Watch & Cheer:** Soccer matches throughout the day - teams from 33 countries!

**Participate:** Family Activity Village at the arena with fun games and prizes for the fans of all ages! Food trucks, contests, arts & crafts, dancing and more!

Follow us on social media for sneak peeks!



## EXCITING PRIZES TO WIN!

- Chance to meet our Ambassador Abby Wambach
- Chance to meet DNCE before their live concert!
- Signed gear by soccer ambassadors
- SKYBOX tickets to future NY Red Bulls games and much more!

## WORLD FINAL SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT RED BULL ARENA

*Times subject to change*

10:00 am	The Games Begin! 33 countries play in 20 minute matches	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
2:30 pm	Host Country Game	Family Activity Village <u>open for all</u>
3:00 pm	Exhibition Game - 4 local soccer clubs will be drawn to play	
3:30 pm	Girls Finale Game	Come by in between matches.
3:50 pm	Boys Finale Game	
4:40 pm	Live Concert with DNCE	
5:00 pm	Award Ceremony	

Prizes announced throughout the World Final Day, between 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Special Musical Performance

**DNCE**



Visit our website  
[www.danonenationscup.com](http://www.danonenationscup.com)  
for prize info and rules.



USA Ambassador

**ABBY  
WAMBACH**