



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Shine Like the Stars

Week of December 9-13, 2019

LifeTouch Pictures – Monday, December 9th



LifeTouch Pictures will be here on Monday, December 9th to take Grade 8 Pictures, Faculty and Class Pictures, Yearbook Activities, and Make-Up pictures. ALL Students are to be in full winter school uniform today. Please remind your child(ren) that **NO NUT** Awards are to be used on this picture day.

IMPORTANT: Siblings Entering Kindergarten!

We have begun accepting Admissions and Financial Assistance Applications for our 2020-21 Kindergarten Class. If you have a child entering Kindergarten next year, it is urgent that you submit an application for admission as soon as possible. **Only a few spaces remain in the 2020-21 Kindergarten Class!** Siblings of currently enrolled students receive priority placement in the class, but submitting an application is essential so that we can allocate a place for them. ***At the rate we are receiving applications, there will be a waitlist for Kindergarten again this year, so don't delay!*** Submit an application by going to "Apply Now" on the SDSC website or by clicking [HERE](#).



SDSC Outreach Advent Gift-Giving Project

Each year our SDSC students share in the joy of giving when they join together to choose, donate, and wrap Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in our area. These children live in difficult, heartbreaking situations. For many Christmas gifts are beyond their means. **There are still 10 children in need of a gift. Can you help?** Sign-ups can be found [HERE](#) and under the PSA tab on the school website. Please deliver the gifts *labeled and unwrapped* to School by Tuesday, December 10th. *Wrapping Day will be Monday, December 16th. If you want to the students wrap the gifts, please sign up [HERE](#).* Thank you for helping give Christmas joy to children in need!



Don't Forget the Animals!

Mrs. Spera's Grade 7 Class is collecting food, blankets, paper towels, toys and allergy free detergent for the Dutchess County SPCA. Help the animals who are waiting to find their "forever homes" this Christmas.



Christmas Pageant – Thursday, December 12th

Our annual Christmas Pageant, including our Advanced Band, will take place this year this Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Columba Church. All students in Grades K-8 are to be in their homerooms by 6:10 p.m. Anyone arriving after 6:10 p.m., should enter through the ACME parking lot rather than the entrance by the church for the safety of our children as they will be crossing the parking lot to enter into the church.

Girls' Dress Code

- ✓ Holiday-colored dresses, or skirts and blouses. *(be sure they are appropriate for Church)*

Boys' Dress Code

- ✓ Black pants and a white shirt with a red or green tie.

Shoes, Jewelry and Hair

- ✓ Closed-toe black/dark shoes. **No sneakers.** Girls may wear shoes with a small heel, but must be able to walk in them comfortably.
- ✓ Students are permitted to wear simple jewelry of their choosing, but should be tasteful and not distracting.
- ✓ All hair for both girls and boys should be pulled back or styled away from the face.



Grandparent-Senior Luncheon – Thursday, December 12th

The Annual Grandparent - Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 12th beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the school. Grandparents of our students and local senior citizens will be treated to a delicious turkey lunch while enjoying a preview of the Christmas Concert. Thanks to Fr. Michael and St. Columba Church for providing lunch for our guests! Please RSVP to the School Office by calling 845-227-7777 or email Mrs. Graves at jgraves@stcolumba.net.

FIRST School-Wide NUT Day from 2019 Walk-a-thon this Friday, December 13th

This Friday, December 13th the students will be able to use their first school-wide NUT Award. Parents and Students are reminded to wear appropriate clothes. No ripped jeans or shirts with open shoulders are permitted. Girls wearing leggings/tights must wear a thigh or knee length sweater, shirt or dress over them. *Because all classes will be having PE class on Friday, we ask that students wear sneakers (any color for the NUT Day is permissible).*

Breakfast with Santa – Sunday, December 15th

The SDSC Class of 2020 will be hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 15th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Stop by for a delicious buffet breakfast and time with Santa Claus! Make your reservation with the ticket form below!



Christmas Shoppe – Monday, December 16th

The PSA Annual Christmas Shoppe will be held on Monday, December 17th from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Our children will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends and share in the joy of giving this Christmas season. If you prefer to not send cash with your child, you may buy gift certificates at www.holidayshop.org/giftcert Change will be given for the balance of any unspent gift certificates.

Christmas Shoppe Elves Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist with setting up the Christmas Shoppe and to assist with student purchases. If you are able to help, please e-mail psa@stcolumba.net.



PLEASE NOTE: After Care Closings

Our After Care Program will close at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17th. There will be **no** After Care available on Friday, December 20th. The School will close for Christmas Break after dismissal.

LOST AND FOUND

Did you or your child misplace an article of clothing, lunch box, pencil bag, etc.? Please check our SDSC Lost and Found box in the kitchen. **Any unclaimed items without a name tag will be donated or discarded on December 19th.**

Classroom Christmas Celebrations

The Classroom Christmas Celebrations will take place on Friday, December 20th from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. This annual kick-off of the Christmas break will be coordinated by each teacher and her class parents.

Turn Your Christmas Shopping into Big Bucks for SDSC!

Did you know you can raise money for SDSC every time you shop at Amazon? **Use the Amazon link on the school website or SDSC App every time you shop.** If you are an Amazon Prime Member, all of your Prime benefits still apply! SDSC receives up to 10% of every purchase you make! Please remember to use the SDSC link as you begin your Christmas Shopping. SDSC does not receive your individual purchase data, just bonuses for your purchases.



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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: Karen Moretti (*Great Aunt-VonBurg children*); Owen Peterson (*Grandfather-Winogradoff children*)

A TIME TO DIE: Mary Massaro (*Mother of Mrs. Muranelli*)

SDSC Class of 2020 Breakfast with Santa

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

\$7 PER PERSON (CHILDREN UNDER 3 ARE FREE)

Family Name: _____

Number of adults/children over 4: _____

Number of children under 3: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Make checks payable to SDSC School)

Please return to the School Office