



Saint Denis – Saint Columba School

... A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

TO: PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
FROM: SR. KATHLEEN MARIE, CR
SUBJECT: WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
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*Jesus, I Trust in You
Make our Hearts like Yours!*

Go Green for Sparrow's Nest NUT AWARD DAY

This Friday, March 17th is *Go Green for Sparrow's Nest*, declared in Dutchess County by Marc Molinaro. Anyone, teachers included, who would like to participate in this **Dress in "GREEN" NUT AWARD DAY** with all our Dutchess Regional Catholic Schools may do so by bringing in a \$2.00 (*or more*) donation for Sparrow's Nest. This great organization's mission is to cook and deliver homemade meals to moms and caregivers diagnosed with cancer. They have fed so many families in Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, and Putnam.

ST. DENIS - ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL
ANNIVERSARY *Gala* Celebrating **50** 1966-2016
April 22nd ₂₀₁₇ **DUTCHESS MANOR**
at seven in the evening 263 ROUTE 9D | BEACON | NEW YORK
\$75/PER PERSON | \$700 FOR A TABLE OF 10 {PRICE INCLUDES OPEN BAR, 21+ PLEASE}
ORDER TICKETS BY VISITING: WWW.STCOLUMBA.NET OR MAIL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
ST. DENIS-ST. COLUMBA, PO BOX 368, HOPEWELL JCT, NEW YORK 12533

Please join us for an elegant evening of dinner, dancing, raffles and auctions as we celebrate 50 years of friendship and memories!

Contact 845. 227.7777 or GALA@STCOLUMBA.NET for more information

PLEASE ALSO JOIN US FOR A... *Mass of Thanksgiving* SUNDAY, APRIL 23, AT NOON
ST. COLUMBA CHURCH

50th Anniversary Gala Prize Sneak Peak!

Get a sneak peak of some of the packages that will be available at our 50th Anniversary Gala by visiting the link on the school homepage, stcolumba.net. Some of our packages include a party for 20 at Monster **Mini-Golf in Danbury CT**, a brand new **Lenovo N23 Chromebook** and our **Graduation VIP Package** which includes seating at Graduation in the best seat (pew) in the house and reserved seating at the Graduation reception that follows. Keeping checking back for our prize updates and information on when bidding will begin.

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Lenten Parish Mission at St. Columba

This week from Tuesday, March 14th - Thursday, March 16th Monsignor Thompson will be preaching a Lenten Parish retreat at St. Columba Church. Each evening will begin with the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Reflection on Prayer. On Thursday evening there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



Third Marking Period --- Cornerstone, Report Cards, Tuition, and After School Payments

We are now at the midpoint of the 3rd marking period. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to review your children's progress on Cornerstone (www.adnysis.org/cornerstone). Review the information with your children. There are about four weeks left, and the students have an opportunity to improve their grades if needed.

The Parent Component of Cornerstone will be opened until Friday March 31st, after which it will closed until the week of April 17th when it will be reopened for you to view your children's Third Quarter report cards. Remember that all tuition payments, including April, After School Program and any other school fees must be up to date before you will have access to your children's report cards.

TICKETS AVAILABLE for our SDSC Drama Production of "HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL"



St. Denis-St. Columba School Drama Club will proudly present "HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL" on Friday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are available online at <https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/webstore.html?d=1&domain=stcolumba>. Tickets are \$10 per person. It's a show you do not want to miss and it's great for young children! The students have been working very hard to prepare for it. Get your tickets now!

Transportation Forms for 2017-2018 School Year DUE NOW

Have you returned your Transportation forms? If not, please do so ASAP! We need to prepare them for submission to the school districts to ensure that your children have busing available to them next year.

Upcoming NYS ELA and Math Tests

As it is stated in our school handbook, our students "take part in the Archdiocesan testing program, which includes the Archdiocesan Religion test, Annual Standardized Tests, and New York State Education Department assessments. These tests measure academic growth over a period of time." Our Archdiocesan Catholic Schools have always aligned our curriculum with *national standards* and not just the recent transition to *Common Core*.

On Tuesday, March 28th to Thursday, March 30th our students in Grades 3-8 will be taking the NYS ELA Tests. These assessments provide us with valuable information to help us to continue to meet the learning needs of our students. *Please be sure that your children are in school on time on these days.* The tests will take place in the morning. PLEASE NOTE that the Archdiocese and SDSC **will not** be honoring an OPT OUT option for these tests this year. Included below are some important points about test-taking:

- Test-taking helps build mental stamina in children, preparing them for higher education.
- Data gleaned from state exams helps teachers create individualized instruction and provide support in specific areas as needed.
- State exam scores do not determine promotion or retention.
- Elementary-level state exams prepare students for future "standardized testing" such as the high school TACHS exam, SATs, ACTs, driver's licenses, GREs, Bar exams and more.
- To ensure exams contain relevant and constructive content, teachers have vetted and edited this year's questions.
- Performance and personal data is carefully protected by the school and state, and is not shared with outside vendors or organizations.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Eighth Grade students are diligently preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. On Friday, March 31, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. the St. Columba students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred by Bishop Lagonegro at St. Columba Church. *Confirmation Rehearsal is Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.* Special thanks to Mrs. Forlenza and Mrs. Galletti for preparing these students to continue their faith journey as full members of the church! We congratulate each of them.



We are excited to launch our beautiful new School and Church Garden in 2017! We are looking for people interested in planning, planting, weeding, harvesting or donating materials and supplies. Our garden will be used as an educational resource for our students and as a source of fresh produce for the parish St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. If you are interested in helping, please contact the school at 845-227-7777 or rtkrebs@stcolumba.net.

SAVE THE DATE: Home Run for Catholic Schools - Renegades Game on June 22nd

Home Run for Catholic Schools is a partnership between the Hudson Valley Renegades, a Minor League Baseball affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays, and Catholic Schools. Now in our 7th year, this is an opportunity for Catholic school students and their families to come together for a night of baseball and fun! Last year we sold close to 1,000 tickets! The date is Tuesday, June 22, 2015 at 6:35 p.m. The Renegades will play the Staten Island Yankees, an affiliate of the New York Yankees. The Renegades play Minor League Class A Baseball in the New York-Penn League. Students and families can begin purchasing tickets on line soon. For Saint Denis-Saint Columba School – go to <http://www.gadesgroups.com/> and enter “deniscolumba” as the password. Each school will receive \$3.00 per ticket sold. Each ticket holder will receive a free Renegades cap. The school that sells the most tickets (*remember, use the code*) will be invited to have a pre-game catch on the field and will receive a visit at their school from Rascal, the team mascot. Rascal loves to visit Field Day!

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

Anne Culkin (*mother of Cathy Martin and great grandmother of Michael O’Hearn*), Geri DiNoti (*parishioner*), Janice Prostack (*sister of Sr. Kathleen*), Kelsey Berger (*cousin of Winogradoff children*), Loretta DelliCarpini, Louis Pissani, Chelsea Grace (*daughter of Spanish teacher, Mrs. Lyons*), Paulo Ampil (*Kyle Silverio’s grandfather*), and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit at this time

A TIME TO DIE

Carmella Ficarò, (*great grandmother to Isabella and Ava Breining*)

Saint Edith Stein



Virtue of HUMILITY: Accepting our Limitations and God-given talents

“I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry.” 1Timothy 1:12

How do other Virtues help you to understand Humility?

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***Doing Good Deeds for
Jesus***