



Saint Denis – Saint Columba School

... A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

TO: PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
FROM: SR. KATHLEEN MARIE, CR
SUBJECT: WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
DATE: MAY 8-19, 2017



*Jesus, I Trust in You
Make our Hearts like Yours!*

PLEASE NOTE:

There are **NO** Physical Education Classes for Grades K-2, 6-7 this MONDAY.

The students in Grades K-2, 6-7 will have Physical Education (Gym) on Friday, May 12th this week.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week

This week we celebrate Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week! What a blessing our faculty and staff are to our children here at St. Denis-St. Columba! We recognize them for their dedication and for all that they do for our children. I encourage each family to take some time this week to let your children's teachers know the great job they are doing. Wouldn't it be nice if each family took a few moments to send in a note to their children's teachers expressing the gratitude and appreciation they have for all that they do for our children. Let us take a moment to recognize, acknowledge and rejoice in the gifts and blessings among us!

Honoring Mary, Our Blessed Mother

During the month of May we also encourage our students to bring in flowers to honor our Blessed Mother. These flowers will be placed by the Marian shrine in the school's center hallway. The schedule is:

May 8th – May 12th Grades 2, 7 May 15th – May 19th Grades 3, 5 May 22nd – May 26th Grades 4, 6

Graduation Reception Hosted by Seventh Grade

Attention Grade 7 Parents! It's time to start planning our reception for the Grade 8 graduates. For many years, it has been an SDSC tradition for Grade 7 parents and students to host our graduation reception. If you are interested in chairing/co-chairing the reception, please contact Sr. Kathleen. An informational meeting for all 7th Grade parents will be held this **Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria. All 7th Grade parents are encouraged to attend.

Spring Spirit Wear Order

Our Spring Spirit Wear order of t-shirts and mesh shorts will hopefully be in by the end of this week and sent home Friday or early the following week. Please contact Libby Kish with any questions regarding your order at Libbyk@us.ibm.com.

Penny Challenge for Playground Equipment

Are you ready for an exciting school-wide challenge? From May 8th -12th the PSA we will be hosting the SDSC Penny Challenge! Each class room will have a bin in the school lobby to collect pennies. The class that collects the most pennies will earn extra recess time! But there is a twist, silver coins (dimes, nickels, quarters) will take away from the amount earned in pennies. So if a class collects 100 pennies, but has a quarter in their bin, they only get credit for 75 pennies. You want to put the pennies in your classrooms bin and the silver in your challengers bins! The winning class will receive an extended recess period and all proceeds will go toward additional playground equipment; it's a WIN-WIN! **Which class is going to win this challenge?**

Appreciation Station

All next week is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week and we want to celebrate those who make SDSC a Holy Place of Loving and Learning day in and day out! We will have an **Appreciation Station** set up in the cafeteria Monday-Wednesday mornings where children and parents can write a little note of gratitude for a teacher or staff member that we will display later in the week. If you are unable to make it in, or would like your child to complete it at home, please print the attached pendant, write your sentiment and sent it in with your child. Let's show classroom teachers, specials teachers and staff, janitorial staff, office staff and religious that we truly appreciate them!

School Supply Stock Up

As part of our Teacher Appreciation Week celebrations, we will be hosting a "School Supply Stock Up" for the teachers. Teachers are running low on post it notes, highlighters, tissues, bandaids and many other items that they can use refreshed at this time of the year. Please consider donating items for our Stock Up by Tuesday, May 9th. All items may be sent in with your child to PSA - Kindness of the Main Office. Your donations are much appreciated!

PSA Board Open Position

The Corresponding Secretary Position on the PSA Board is open for the 2017-2019 school. The Corresponding Secretary is generally responsible for disseminating correspondence through school wide emails and PSA Newsletters. Additional duties may include sending bereavement letters, creating flyers and more. As a board member you would be required to attend monthly board meetings and all Community Meetings. If you are interested in this position or have questions, please contact Janet Graves at [845-494-9166](tel:845-494-9166) or PSA@stcolumba.net or speak with Sister Kathleen at [845-227-7777](tel:845-227-7777).

Spring Concert on Thursday, May 18th

Our Spring Concert will take place **on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.** in St. Columba Church. It will include our Honor and Beginner Bands under the direction of Mr. Paul Bellino, as well as songs from *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* performed by our students in Grades K-7 under the direction of Mrs. Sandy Fisher. The students have been working very hard to prepare for this event and are excited to share their musical gifts and talents as they sing pieces of this beloved bible story for you.

The concert attire for all students in **Grades K-7** consists of BRIGHT COLORED SPRING outfits. Jeans and sneakers are NOT permitted. *Girls may wear a spring dress, or skirt and blouse and boys are to wear nice pants (no jeans), a COLORFUL button down shirt and a tie or polo shirt (no T-shirts). Skirts and dresses should be an appropriate length and not too short, too tight or low cut. Shoes may be light or dark in color. No sneakers.*

All students in Grades K-7 are to meet in their homerooms by 6:00 p.m. before the concert. If you have family members arriving after 6:15 p.m. we ask that they enter through the ACME parking lot because the students will be walking from the school to the church for the pageant. To ensure the safety of the students the entrance of the school will be coned-off so no one will be able to drive into the church parking lot.

After the concert, the students will walk back to their classrooms where they can be picked up. ***Cookies and punch will be available in the lunchroom. Hope to see you then.*** Thank you.

Summer Uniforms

The official Summer Uniform will go into effect on Monday, May 15th. Because the school boilers have been turned off in the building for the season, please be sure your children have a sweater with them for those chilly days. As we anticipate the summer uniform, please be sure your child has the green shorts with a belt, the white school polo shirt, white socks that reach the ankle, and supportive shoes (sneakers on gym days). Remember that ***all school polo shirts are to be neatly tucked (not folded under) into their shorts/pants at all times. White socks are to be to the ankle.*** Please be sure to label your children's uniforms.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Half Day of School on Friday, May 19th

Next Friday, May 19th will be a half day for students. Dismissal will take place after prayers at 11:50 a.m. If your child is staying in the after school program, please be sure they have a lunch with them.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT THE RENEGADES

Think spring! Think baseball! We have 100 tickets available at the church office for Catholic Schools Night at the Renegades. The Gades will take on the Staten Island Yankees at 7:00 p.m. on June 22, 2017. Ticket Cost - \$11.00 includes free Renegades Cap. Renegades will make a \$3.00 donation to our school for each ticket sold. \$5.00 Special for Altar Servers and Children's Choir Members INCLUDING A FREE \$8.00 FOOD VOUCHER. This is our PARISH THANK YOU to our young people! Purchase your tickets now! Only 40 Food Vouchers available – first come, first served. No bus this year. See you at the game!!!

St. Mary's Columbiettes SPRING SOCIALS

When: Grade 5-6 on May 12th and Grade 7-8 on May 19th

Where: St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Hall Rt. 82 West of All Angels Rd

Time: 7:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12

DJ Music by Brett Lobdell -- Soda and Snacks provided.

Every child must pre-register by calling Kathy at 845-227-5015 or Maggie at 845- 896-1708.

Please leave the child's name, grade level and a phone number where a parent can be reached during the event.

Special Prayer for all our Mothers on Mother's Day!

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb. You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them. Amen.



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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

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

A TIME TO DIE

Mary Beresford (*grandmother of Tyler and Jillian*), Claire Odell (*grandmother of John Mauceri*)



Saint Angela Merici

Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand.



Virtue of KINDNESS Being sensitive to the needs of others

"A Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them." Luke 10:33-34

How have you found Kindness to also be an Experience of Happiness and Fulfillment?