



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of September 11, 2017

Your Children Are Gifts

God puts people in our lives as gifts to us. YOUR CHILDREN are some of God's gifts to us. We promise to treat each one as a gift from God. **Every single one.** Please reach out to Sr. Kathleen, the faculty or staff if you have any questions, suggestions, concerns, or observations about any aspect of the school. Nurturing your children in a Holy Ground of loving and learning is our primary ministry.



IMPORTANT: IRIS INSTANT ALERT and EMERGENCY CARD

A packet of information, including a family Emergency Contact Card and IRIS Alert Sheet was sent home with your child(ren) last week. If you have not done so already, please complete each of the forms and return them to school. It is critical that we have your accurate contact information in the case of an emergency, or if your child is sick. *Please be sure to keep the school office informed of any changes in your telephone numbers (cell, business or personal), home address or e-mail addresses during the school year so that our records may be kept current.*

Shoes Reminder



Please remember that all students are to wear sturdy, supportive BLACK or BROWN shoes with shoe laces, Velcro, or Straps. **NO Slip on shoes, moccasins, UGGs, or ballet type shoes!** Sperry shoes are permitted only if they have tied laces. This policy is in place for the safety and well-being of the students. Sneakers for gym are to be either black or white— No colors are permitted!

Safe Environment Lessons

Our Catholic tradition has always affirmed the dignity of the human person as created to the image and likeness of God. Every person with whom we come in contact deserves to be seen by us with the eyes of God. We know that ministry with children and youth, in particular, is a sacred trust. We, at St. Denis-St. Columba School, are committed to preserve, at all times and in all places, this sacred trust which is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

In 2002, the United States Bishops approved “The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” in an effort to protect children and youth from sexual abuse at all levels of church life and to restore trust in a Church scarred by the scandal of clergy sexual abuse. Article 12 of the charter directs all dioceses to create programs and processes to teach children and youth about sexual abuse and its prevention. In the Archdiocese of New York, this training is integrated into the religious education program each year in all schools and parishes.

On Friday, September 15th our students will be engaged in Safe Environment lessons with their homeroom teachers. In Grades K-3 the objectives taught include helping our students distinguish the difference between good and bad touch and affirming their right to say no to an adult who makes them feel uncomfortable. In Grades 4-6 the objectives include helping our students recognize the lures used by those who sexually victimize children and giving them strategies to keep them from being tricked into uncomfortable and dangerous situations. In Grades 7-8 the objectives include helping our students recognize lures used by those who sexually victimize others via the anonymity of the Internet and giving them skills to avoid being victimized by Internet sexual predators.

We thank you for your support and interest as we partner to give our children the safest possible environment to grow in faith, in our parish, school and in our homes.

Our Student-Parent Handbook is posted [HERE](#) and on our website under the Parent Tab. Please take some time to read through the handbook. After reviewing its contents, please [COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORMS](#) for the school handbook agreement and textbook form. These forms can be found [HERE](#), on the school website under the Parent Tab and on the School App. Please complete them ASAP. They are not optional. Legally, we are required to keep all of these agreements on file. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Back to School BBQ last Friday night. What a great way to begin our new school year! It was an enjoyable evening of food, fun and fellowship with friends and family. Special thanks to our PSA Board, who has organized this special evening for four years! Special thanks also to Janet Graves and all those who helped in any way to make the barbeque a very positive, community-building event!

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 the form found [HERE](#) or in the “Hot Lunch Program” Folder under the “For Parents” Tab on the school website ASAP. We will begin distributing milk on Monday, September 11th. 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.



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 Trinka 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 a SDSC shirt (white collared or gym t-shirt) who marches in the parade will receive a N.U.T. (no uniform today) Award from Sister Kathleen to be used on Monday, September 18th!**



Grab a knife, fork and spoon and bring your appetite to the 7th Annual Top Tastes of the Town on Tuesday, September 27th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.! This “All You Care to Sample” features a mouth-watering array of savory food brought to you by our area’s best eateries. Of course, you will want to pair your tastings with a carefully selected and curated selection of wines from Hopewell Junction’s own MDJ Wine & Liquor. Tickets are limited! Only \$40 per person. Order forms and Sponsorship Opportunities are available [HERE](#) and on the school website.

PSA Volunteer Form

Thank you to all who already completed the PSA Volunteer Form for the 2017-2018 school year! We have great events planned and many parents who have already volunteered. Please complete the PSA Volunteer Form attached or you may print it from the PSA tab at www.stcolumba.net. **THANK YOU to all!**

Box Tops for Education



Don't forget to clip those Box Tops! You can find box tops on everything from cereal, to school supplies, socks packaging to snack boxes! Each year we earn a significant amount from the Box Tops Program to help support our school! Clip those little squares and send them into the school with your child. Keep a look out for new incentives and contests!

Amazon Associates

Did you know you can raise money for SDSC every time you shop at www.Amazon.com? Simply use the Amazon link on the school website or SDSC App every time you shop. All of the Prime Membership benefits apply!



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. The room parents help coordinate the parties for the class, special activities, 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 15th to: Lauren Schifini, Kindness of the Main Office. *If more than two parents volunteer for a classroom, room parents are selected by random.*

Lunch Room News

Our lunch menu on Tuesday, September 12th will feature **SDSC's own organically grown garden green beans** along with Tiramisu's Ravioli and Tomato Sauce!

Do you have a few hours to spare once a month? Please consider donating your time and talents to the SDSC Hot Lunch Program. Our kitchen is run 100% with volunteers. Additional volunteers are needed in order to keep our Hot Lunch Program running five days per week. Kitchen Volunteers are especially needed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have any questions, and/or would like to volunteer please contact Judy Boulton ASAP at lunchprogram@stcolumba.net or text her at 914-474-3035.



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.

2017 WORLD FINAL



BOYS/GIRLS - AGES 10-12

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

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

WORLD FINAL SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH AT RED BULL ARENA

Times subject to change

10:00 am The Games Begin! 33 countries play in 20 minute matches

2:30 pm Host Country Game

3:00 pm Exhibition Game - 4 local soccer clubs will be drawn to play

3:30 pm Girls Finale Game

3:50 pm Boys Finale Game

4:40 pm Live Concert with DNCE

5:00 pm Award Ceremony

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Family Activity Village
open for all

Come by in between
matches.

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

Special Musical Performance

DNCE



Visit our website
www.danonenationscup.com
for prize info and rules.



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