

St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of September 25, 2017

Please Pray for Our Friends in Need



Please remember in your prayers all those affected by the recent natural disasters that have occurred in our world. Please especially remember **Douglas and Marikay McHoul and Jake Wiegard** who were on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico during Hurricane Maria. May God hold them and keep them safe!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Building Commission of the Archdiocese of New York will complete its annual asbestos inspection at Saint Denis-Saint Columba School soon. Please know that ALL asbestos is intact in accessible areas, thus providing a safe environment for all who are in the school building.

URGENT: Hot Lunch Volunteers Still Needed

SDSC Hot Lunch Program is completely run by volunteers. In order to keep the Hot Lunch Program running every school day, additional Kitchen Volunteers are needed. The Kitchen Volunteers prepare and serve the food to the students (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) This is a once or twice a month commitment for the school year. Even just helping a couple of times during the school year makes a difference. We have an immediate need to fill the following openings:

09/25 Monday
09/28 Thursday
10/03 Tuesday
10/05 Thursday



If you're available for one of these openings, one day monthly during the school year, and/or have any questions, please contact Judy Boulton via text at 914-474-3035 or by e-mail at lunchprogram@stcolumba.net. Thank you for your support.

Top Tastes of the Town – Tuesday, September 26



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 and only \$40 per person. Order forms and Sponsorship Opportunities are available [HERE](#) and on the school website.

Top Splash of the Town! - Splashdown Family Pack Raffle

The Top Tastes Committee is raffling a Family Four Pack to Splashdown just for students of SDSC. Tickets may be purchased at the school or you may purchase tickets using the attached flyer. Please send in your raffles and money to school in an envelope labeled “Splashdown Raffle” Kindness of the Main Office. Good luck to all! Thanks to The Top Taste of the Town Committee for their generous donation.



Paul Effman Music Program

Students again have the opportunity to participate in our school band program provided by Paul Effman Music Service. Your child has received a registration form for the Program, and extra forms are available in the School Office. If your child is interested in participating, please return the registration form ASAP. Band lessons are held after school on Tuesdays. The first lesson will be on Tuesday, October 3rd.



Magazine Drive Ends on Friday!

Last year our Magazine Drive was a great success, raising over \$2,000 for the school. This year's magazine drive ends on September 29th. Any family who sells 4 or more magazines will receive an Ice Cream Party, and families who sell 10 or more will receive a NUT award for each child in the family. Plus, don't forget to complete and return the "Reach Out Booklet" to receive a prize. Remember that electronic publications are available too! Although the official "drive" ends on Friday, you can purchase or renew publications anytime on our website at www.stcolumba.net under "Magazine renewals and Sales." SDSC receives funds for every publication!

Box Tops for Education – Classroom Contest!



We want to make the 2017-2018 School Year our most successful year for our Box Tops for Education Program! Our goal is \$1,000. To reach that goal we will need to collect **10,000 Box Tops**. You might think it's impossible but our SDSC Community can do it!

A flyer will be attached to the Family Newsletter once a month. Attach an unexpired Box Top to each space on the flyer and return the flyer to your class. Be sure to put your child's name and class on the back of the flyer! Each class's submissions will be tallied on a quarterly basis and **a prize will be awarded to the class collecting the most Box Tops**. This quarter will end on Friday December 15. **The prize for the class with the most box tops will be extra recess for an entire week!** To track our progress, look for the thermometers in the hallway.

Dolls Tea Party – Raffle Items Needed



The SDSC Dolls Tea Party Committee is looking for donations or raffle items. Suggested items include doll clothes/accessories, games, books, toys and anything else "sugar and spice and everything nice." Items can be dropped off at the School Office. For information or questions contact Fiona Murray at psa@stcolumba.net or 845-264-0952.

PSA Community Blog

The PSA is Blogging! Go to www.stcolumba.net, and the PSA Community Blog will be under the PSA tab! We will post more detailed information on upcoming events and anything you need to know to be an informed parent. Our Blog posts will be authored by Committee Chairpersons, Executive Board Members and guest bloggers. Subscribe to our Blog to make sure you get updates sent to you directly.



Uniform Exchange

Join us on Friday, October 6th from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. for our Fall Uniform Exchange. You may purchase gently used winter uniform pieces for very discounted prices. If you have any items that you would like to drop off for the Uniform Exchange please do so ASAP. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Tuesday Chip Sales

Tuesday Chip Day is back! Every Tuesday students are permitted to purchase a variety of salted snacks for 50 cents in the cafeteria. Tuesday Chip day is a fundraiser that supports SDSC and enables us to host a graduation party each year for our 8th Grade Graduating Class. Our first Tuesday Chip Day will be October 3rd.



SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon



Lace up those walking shoes! The SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon for Technology returns on Friday, October 13th with a twist. This year, the Walk-a-thon will take place after lunch and will follow a new route on the school campus. After a morning of learning, students will have a fun school-spirit-filled afternoon walking for their school! After the walk-a-thon students will enjoy a treat together to celebrate. Pray for good weather this year!

Sponsor forms will be sent home with students on Monday. Parents, siblings and relatives are also welcome to walk with the students. We are in need of volunteers for stamping and refreshment stations. If interested, please contact Mrs. Marrero at 845-227-7777 or bmarrero@stcolumba.net

Fall Harvest Dance – Grades 5-8



The SDSC PSA Fall Harvest Dance will be Friday, October 13th (!!) from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the school gym. Students in Grades 5 –8 are invited to put on their costumes and come enjoy treats, dancing and fun with friends. The cost of the dance is \$10 per student. Please RSVP on at www.stcolumba.net under the PSA “Sign Me Up” or click [HERE](#).

A Doll’s Troll’s Tea Party – Saturday, October 21

The SDSC Annual Doll’s Tea Party has been taken over by Trolls! It’s OK because Trolls are small creatures who live in a constant state of happiness, singing, dancing and hugging ALL DAY LONG! So grab your favorite doll and a special adult and join in the fun of the Troll’s Tea Party on Saturday, October 21st from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Troll Village at SDSC. Special pre-sale price: \$20 per girl and \$10 per adult (includes lunch and activities). Please see attached flyer.



Spooktacular Fall Fest

Join us on Saturday, October 28th from 2:00pm-4:00pm for an afternoon of Spooktacular fun! Children from Pre-K through Grade 4 can enjoy our costumed Halloween themed party. Enjoy an afternoon of trick or treating, contests, games and more! Admission is \$10 per child or \$25 per family (household). There will be raffles and photos to purchase once inside. This is going to be a Halloween party to remember! All are welcome, please go to www.stcolumba.net for more information or see the attached flyer.



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!

Notes from the Health Office



Head Lice

With the continual fluctuation of the weather it is important that we once again take all the preventative measures necessary regarding lice. Wherever large groups of people are gathered, there is the potential for the spread of head lice. The best way to prevent the spread of head lice, especially among girls, is to wear their hair tied back in a ponytail or braids. In addition, hats and scarves, combs and hairpieces should never be shared.

Head lice are not the result of poor hygiene. In fact, lice prefer clean hair. Symptoms of head lice include tickling feeling in the hair, frequent itching and difficulty sleeping. Head lice are most active in the dark. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse O’Connor at 845-226-8470.

Fevers

Please do not send your child to school if he/she has a fever, or has had one within 24 hours before the start of school. It may seem harmless enough, but assume any fever is a symptom of a contagious condition. Children sent to school with fevers, even those treated with fever reducing medicines, can easily spread illnesses to other children.

EXCLUSIVE RAFFLE

FOR STUDENTS OF ST. DENIS – ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL ONLY
FOUR 2018 SEASON PASSES!



TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20 AND WILL BE SOLD
AT SCHOOL UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

STUDENTS – REMIND YOUR PARENTS TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL
TOP TASTES OF THE TOWN WHICH IS BEING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
FROM 6:30-8:30 PM AT THE SCHOOL. TICKETS ARE \$40 PER PERSON.

TOP TASTES OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE:

THE CRAFT FAMILY, THE D'ALESSANDRO FAMILY, THE DELICARPINI FAMILY, THE DEVITO FAMILY, THE
KISH FAMILY, THE MENUAU FAMILY, THE METZGER FAMILY, THE MURRAY FAMILY, THE SULCA FAMILY

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

OF TICKETS: _____

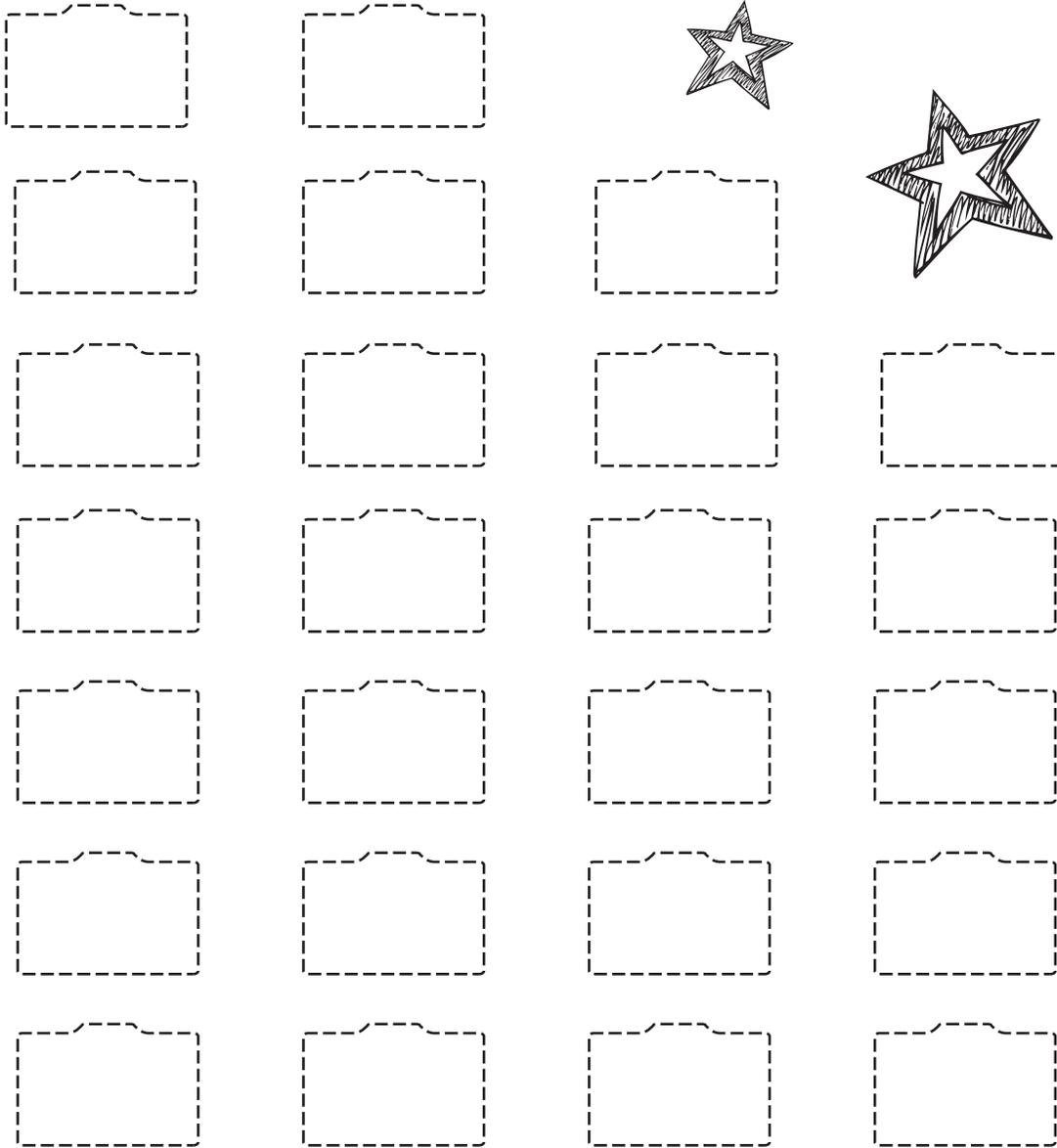
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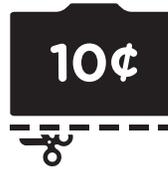
CLIP IT, EARN IT!

Earn cash for your school with Box Tops.



BUY

Buy Box Tops products. You can find pink Box Tops on hundreds of items. Each Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your child's school.



CLIP

Clip the Box Tops from the packages. Make sure they're not expired!



SEND

Send the Box Tops to school on collection sheets like this one.



EARN

Earn cash for your school: Your school's Box Tops Coordinator will submit the Box Tops and your school will receive a check to use for whatever it needs.

Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, including a complete list of participating products, go to BTFE.com.



Food
Games
Prizes
Raffles



Join us for a
SPOOKTACULAR EVENT!

St. Denis - St. Columba School
October 28, 2:00-4:00 PM

\$10 PER CHILD Max \$25
per family
PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 4

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME!

BRING YOUR CARVED PUMPKIN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE

REGISTER AT: www.stcolumba.net

