



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of November 27, 2017

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have a strong volunteer community at SDSC and we love that so many take an active role in the daily lives of our students! When you are in the school building, it is important to NEVER open the school doors for any other adult wishing to enter the building – even for other parents/volunteers – unless directed/authorized by a member of the school staff. For the safety of everyone, the staff/administration must always be aware of - and authorize - the adults who enter the school building. **This includes admitting other parents into the building who are waiting for dismissal of their children at the end of the school day.** This policy has been made on the advice of the New York State Police and is for the safety of all those who are in the school building. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Half-Day – December 1st

Please note that Friday is a half day, and the students will be dismissed after prayers at 11:55 a.m. Bus transportation to and from school will be available as usual. The After School Program will be available until 6:00 p.m. Please be sure your children have a lunch with them.

Thanksgiving Food Drive CHALLENGE: LOWER HALL WINS!



Through the generosity of our school families, SDSC collected nearly **800 items** for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry! The students in the Lower Hall (K-3) won the challenge to see who could share the most with our neighbors in need and will be treated to extra recess. It was a close contest. The difference between Upper Hall and Lower Hall was less than 30 items! **Thanks to all for your generosity!**

IMMEDIATE NEED: Cafeteria and Recess Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to help the teachers with the supervision of our students during recess and in the cafeteria each day (*between 12:05 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.*), especially on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. We gratefully accept all assistance no matter how frequently you can help. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs. Marrero at 845-227-7777 or bamarrero@stcolumba.net

Box Tops for Education Contest

Remember that the class who submits the most Box Tops by December 15th wins extra recess! Grade 4 is still in the lead! Please note: Box Tops must be **unexpired** to qualify. Good luck!



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. If your family would like to share a gift with a child, wish lists are posted on the school website under the PSA Tab or by clicking [HERE](#). Wrapping Day will be Friday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m.



Storytime – December 9th



Mrs. Fisher and the SDSC Storytellers will present a Christmas edition of Storytime to children in Pre-K through Grade 2 on Saturday, December 11th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. here at SDSC. Storytime features puppet shows, storytelling, interactive music, singing and dancing. Storytime is free and is open to all, so bring a friend!

Grandparent/Senior Citizen Luncheon and Concert

Students' grandparents and local senior citizens are invited to enjoy a delicious free turkey lunch with all the trimmings on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:15 a.m. The meal will be cooked by a volunteer kitchen staff of school parents and St. Columba parishioners and will be served by our 7th Grade students. After lunch, our guests will be treated to a performance of our school Christmas Concert.

Grandparents and seniors interested in joining us for this event please RSVP to Mary Ann Menuau at 914.299.3077 or at maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com. Also, volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up - Please contact Mary Ann if you are interested.

Many thanks to Fr. Michael and St. Columba Church for providing lunch to our guests!

Private Screening – STAR WARS: The Last Jedi

Once again the SDSC PSA has arranged for a **private screening** of the newest STAR WARS Film! The screening will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16th at the Carmel Cinema 8. Tickets will be on sale soon and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see attached flyer.



Breakfast with Santa – December 18th

SAVE THE DATE! Our SDSC Class of 2018 will be hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 18th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$7 per person (ages 3 and up). Breakfast includes pancakes, bacon, yogurt, fresh fruit, muffins, coffee, tea, orange juice and apple juice. Please see attached flyer and make your reservations soon!



Earn Money for SDSC WHILE YOU SHOP!

Now that the holidays are approaching, don't forget to use the AMAZON LINK on our School Website and School APP to earn money for our school. SDSC earns up to 10% of each purchase that you make. If you are an Amazon Prime Member, you enjoy all of your membership benefits AND earn money for SDSC! Bookmark the link in your favorites to make accessing the site easier!



SDSC ANNUAL GALA - Save the Date!

The SDSC Annual GALA will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Dutchess Manor. The funds raised from this event will be used for the support of our newly-launched academic intervention program and for the acquisition of library resource materials to enrich our educational programs. Plan on an elegant evening with great food and drinks and fabulous prizes!

Wine and Gift Card/Certificate Donations Needed

The SDSC GALA Committee is seeking donations of gift cards/certificates to local businesses as well as bottles of wine. A small donation can help us raise \$75,000 for our children. Donations can be sent to the School Office. Thank you for helping us provide the very best to our students!

Upcoming Events

Christmas Pageant – Thursday, December 14th

The Annual SDSC Christmas pageant will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Columba Church.

Christmas Shoppe – Friday, December 15th

The PSA annual Christmas Shoppe will be held on Friday, December 15th. Volunteers will be needed to assist with student purchases and wrapping. Details will be forthcoming.



“No. *I* am your father.” — Darth Vader

St. Denis – St. Columba School has 250 tickets to see STAR WARS, THE LAST JEDI !
This viewing will be the day after the movie opens nationwide,
December 16, 2017

HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- ★ Complete the form below and return it to the main office
Attention: **STAR WARS**
- ★ Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis, and available to families & friends of SDSC
- ★ Include \$15 per person attending, make checks payable to St. Denis –St. Columba School; we will email you a confirmation
 - ★ The deadline for this event is December 7th
 - ★ This is not a “drop off” event
 - ★ No refunds

*****This movie is rated PG13, please use your discretion when determining if this movie is appropriate for your child***

Show up on Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at the Carmel Cinema 8 located at,
150 NY-52, Carmel, NY 10512

Arrive between 9:15am – 9:30am
The movie starts promptly at 10:00am

Your ticket includes yummy popcorn and a small fountain drink
(Water and lemonade will be available)

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Attending: _____

Email address: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



Class of 2018 Presents



Breakfast with Santa

St. Denis - St. Columba
Cafeteria
Sunday, December 17th
8:00am - 12:00pm

Breakfast Menu:
Pancakes, Bacon, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit,
Mini-Muffins, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice,
and Apple Juice

Cost: \$7 per person
Under 3 free

To help the 8th grade Elves prepare, please
turn money into the main office by
Wednesday, December 13th



Any questions, feel free to contact: Trisha DeFrancesco, (845) 527-1233, jdtad@optonline.net or
Tara Gigliotti (914) 552-5988, jgtg9@aol.com

Family name: _____

Number of adults (4 and older): _____ Number of children (Under 3): _____ Amount enclosed: _____