



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of February 5-9, 2018

Second Quarter Report Cards

The Parent Component of Cornerstone will open this Monday evening, February 5th so that all families will be able to review their children's report cards. **Remember that all financial requirements, including tuition payments and all school fees for lunch, the after school program, etc. must be met before your children can receive their second quarter report card.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Congratulations to our Half-Year "TOP Growers"

Recently all students throughout the Archdiocese took a MAP (*Measure of Academic Growth*) diagnostic assessment which measures their growth since the first time they took it in September. Like "little seedlings" in a garden of learning these students, **our TOP Growers**, grew between 25 and 72 points overall in the areas of Math, Reading and Language. They have worked diligently with their teachers toward their individual academic potential. We encourage them to keep up the great work! In our Spring MAP diagnostic assessment we anticipate the significant growth of all our other "little seedlings." Special thanks to our hardworking teachers and you, their parents, who continue to help each of our students achieve their potential.

Jonathan Endrizzi	Adriana DeGelormo	Ryleigh Donovan	Matthew DeVito	James McNamara
Joseph Reilly	Madison Horboyчук	Lillianne O'Brien	Caiden Kelly	Kylie Horboyчук
Sebastian Rodriguez	Ethan Laski	Gabriel Rodriguez	Nathan Lesko	Ariela Leviness
Alice Bauer	Grayson Maggio	Gianna Flory	Kathryn O'Rourke	Jesse Bleakley
Julianna Enny	Annabella Mauti	Elizabeth Kallmeyer	Matthew Napolitano	Gina Borrell
Jackson Reis	Philip McArdle	Catherine Drag	Devin Zerbo	Conor McGovern
Anthony Criscuola	Emma Ziermann	Jack Marinucci	Jack Metzger	James Lakatos
Alexander Abreu	Jack Zingaro	Chiara Winogradoff	Sophia Femia	Karl Menuau
				Abigail DeFrancesco

2018-19 Enrollment NOW OPEN for Returning Students

Online Enrollment for Returning Students

Families with students eligible to return to SDSC for Grades 1-8 next year should have received an e-mail invitation on Friday, January 19th to register for the 2018-19 School Year. In order to secure your child's seat, you must complete this process, which includes payment of the registration fee. **Registrations completed on or before March 31, 2018 receive a 50% discount off the \$150 registration fee (\$75 per student).** Registrations completed on or after April 1, 2017, pay the standard registration fee of \$150 per student. The non-refundable registration fee is required for all students, regardless of financial assistance award status. *Save money and secure your child's seat by registering early!*

Financial Assistance for Returning Students

Families who received financial assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2017-18 school year should have received an e-mail inviting them to apply for aid for the 2018-19 school year. In order to be considered for financial aid, you must 1) enroll for the 2018-19 school year, 2) complete the requalifying application on-line through link provided in e-mail; 3) pay a \$35 application fee and 4) submit all required documents in a timely manner. We encourage families to complete the process as quickly as feasible. Remember: financial aid is awarded on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Families who received other forms of tuition assistance, or **who have had a change of circumstances impacting their ability to pay tuition for 2018-19** should contact the school office directly. We pledge to help find solutions for families who want Catholic education for the children.

If you have any questions about the application process, financial assistance, or enrollment for 2018-19 please contact Mr. Krebs at 845-227-7777 or rtkrebs@stcolumba.net.

Tuition for 2018-2019 School Year

Tuition and Fees	Tuition Costs 2017-2018	Tuition Costs 2018-2019	There have been some questions/concerns regarding the increase in school tuition for next year. It appears to have increased significantly. However, if you look at the chart, you will see that it has only increased by \$135, (3%) that is, about \$12/month over 11 months. If you have any further questions or financial concerns, please be sure to speak with Sr. Kathleen at the school.
Base Tuition / student (without financial aid)	\$4,950	\$5,450	
General Fee	\$300	Included in tuition	
Technology Fee	\$65	Included in tuition	
Total cost for year	\$5,315	\$5,450	3% increase which is, \$135 increase/year
		No additional fees	\$12.27 increase /month over 11 months

School Spirit Bursting at St. Denis-St. Columba - Special Thank You to All!

We are definitely blessed here at SDSC. We are so very grateful to the MANY parents and grandparents who generously gave of their time, talent, and so much more to help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week! This Catholic Schools Week was truly a celebration of our school community and the generosity and support of our families. What a wonderful reminder of how special we are!

Sunday Open House

Thank you to Aliceann O'Brien, Judy and Nick D'Alessandro, Peggy Krebs, and Amery Bernhardt who spoke beautifully at our St. Columba masses last weekend about why they chose Catholic Education at SDSC for their children. What a great tribute!

Special thanks to Nick and Judy D'Alessandro, Aliceann and Brendan O'Brien, Fiona Murray, Yashira Cabral, Kira Gorman, Louise DiPalermo, Marge Schifini, Lauren Schifini, and Larissa DeVito who helped to make our Open House last Sunday a positively energizing and enjoyable experience for all. Whether you greeted our guests, organized students, prepared refreshments, or simply walked around with your children to see the great work they do at SDSC – you had a key role in helping to showcase the great school that we truly are! We are also most grateful to our faculty, who so beautifully prepared their classrooms, hallway displays, and other valuable resources to showcase the amazing work they do with the students!

Scholastic Book Fair

We are very grateful to Coleen Murray for planning, organizing, and directing our annual Scholastic Book Fair this year, as well as our Books, Buddies, and Bagels. We also thank those many volunteers who assisted her with the project: Lisa DeMelo, Dawn Colabatistto, Laurette Basciano, Josephine Sardo, Jill Maggio, Ester Napolitano, Margot Schinella, Lauren Schifini and Marge Schifini. The students were excited about getting new books and being able to read them at our "DEAR: Gathering of Bookworms!"

Taste of Summer: Ice Cream Social

*We are grateful to Christa Kennedy, who coordinated our students' most favorite event, **Taste of Summer Ice Cream Social** with the help of her team, Yashira Cabral and Josephine Sardo, Pam Winogradoff, Ann O'Rourke, Janet Graves, Mary Ann Servidio, and Alexandra Sullivan. The students and teachers delighted in this sweet treat!*

OutReach: Food Drive and Making Bagel lunches for our Neighbors

Our Outreach chairpersons, Louise DiPalermo and Debbie Laski, with the help of Lisa Schulhoff, Yashira Cabral, Pam Winogradoff, MaryAnn Servidio, Stacey Reis, and Christa Kennedy, did a phenomenal job at organizing and executing our Feeding our Neighbors Food Drive and Buddies Bagel Lunches for our Neighbors. Thank you for providing our students with an opportunity to share with those less fortunate.

Family Pasta Dinner and Bingo

*Our Catholic Schools Week celebration concluded Friday evening with our **Family Pasta Dinner and Bingo**. We are most grateful to Yashira Cabral and Lisa Schulhoff for coordinating and making this delightful evening possible. We also thank Artie and Christina Carozza, Mary Ann Servidio, Larissa DeVito, Fiona Murray, Cheryl Irwin, Heather Sulca, Louise DiPalermo, Debbie Laski, Brendan O'Brien, Benros family, and all the many hands who helped with set-up, clean-up, etc. Great teamwork! Lots of positive energy and excitement evident throughout the evening both among the adults and the children! ☺*

To ALL of you (if I missed anyone, please forgive me- it is not on purpose)
who in anyway helped to make our Catholic Schools Week Special
*** * * THANK YOU SO MUCH * * ***

Transportation Forms

Recently you received information regarding your children's re-registration and enrollment for next year. Included in that packet was a transportation form. If you have not already returned it to the school office, please do so as soon as possible. We need to send these to the districts before Easter break this year.



Storytime – Saturday, February 10th

Mrs. Fisher and the SDSC Storytellers will present Storytime to children in Pre-K through Grade 2 on Saturday, February 10th 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!

Adult Education Church History Series



Since its founding by Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church has borne witness to the truth of the gospel. Its rich history is filled with saints and sinners, triumph and tragedy, and continuity and renewal. Please join Monsignor Thompson on the second part of his guided tour of 2000 years of Christians searching to know, love and serve God. All are welcome, even if you were not able to attend the first part. For your convenience each session will be offered twice on Mondays beginning February 5th, once at 10:00 am in the convent library and again at 7:30 p.m. in the school.

Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

Next **Wednesday, February 14th** we begin the Holy Season of Lent, which is a time of prayer, fasting (*sacrifice*), and alms-giving (*acts of charity*). During this season, we are strongly urged to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion daily, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to attend Lenten Devotions and the Stations of the Cross, to read the Scriptures prayerfully, to perform acts of self-denial and works of mercy. All are welcome to attend the **Ash Wednesday Prayer Service for the school community at 9:15 a.m. next Wednesday, February 14th.**

The specific discipline of the Church in the United States regarding penitential days is as follows:



- The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- The other Fridays of Lent are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE (no meat)
- The Fridays of the year, outside Lent, are designated as DAYS OF PENANCE, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. This may be physical mortification or acts of religion, charity or Christian witness.

SPRING Box Tops Contest

Our new SPRING Box Tops for Education Challenge for the Second Half of the school year has begun. We hope to foster a spirit of friendly competition among the classes and reward the students' hard work with the collecting the box tops while we raise money for programs in our school. Each prize will be awarded as it is earned, and the posters are updated.



# Box Tops	Class Prizes
150	Lollipops
300	Cookies
450	"Candy Surprise"
600	10 minutes EXTRA Recess

# Box Tops	Class Prizes
700	Chips
800	Cupcakes
900	20 minutes EXTRA Recess
1000	Ice Cream Party

# Box Tops	Class Prizes
1000	Ice Cream Party
1100	Ice Pop Party
1300	30 minutes EXTRA Recess
1500	Class Nut Award

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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

Kelsey B. (6-year old cousin of Winogradoff children who has leukemia and a very rare brain tumor), Jean ORourke (grandmother of Lauren and Katie O'Rourke), Mrs. Fazi (our PE teacher), Marcus Franklin (uncle of the O'Connor children), Ronald Graves (grandfather of Graves children), George Leggio (grandfather of Minotti children recently diagnosed with cancer), Maureen O'Connor (Grandmother of the O'Connor Children), Michael Reilly (nephew of Deacon John), Martin Craig (stepfather of Jillian Beresford), Shirley Mauro (grandmother of Sean Guaman), Thea Dimin (17-year old grandniece of Sr. Lucia Marie), and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.



SAINT DENIS-SAINC COLUMBA SCHOOL

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As a means of promoting continued increases in enrollment at St. Denis-St. Columba School, and to reward existing families for their efforts in promoting our school, an Enrollment Referral Incentive Program will be offered for the 2018-2019 school year.

The incentive program:

- Any current student's family whose outreach and referral efforts result in a new family registering their child (ren) at St. Denis-St. Columba School for the 2018-2019 school year will receive a one-time tuition credit in April 2019 of \$250 for each new family registered, up to a maximum of \$750.

Program conditions:

- A parent/guardian from the referring family must
 - Accompany the prospective family to St. Denis-St. Columba School for a meeting with the school principal, or her designee, and
 - Complete and sign a referral form at the time of the meeting with the principal to initiate the referral process; and as such, retroactive referrals will not be accepted.
- The prospective family must have had no previous contact with the school regarding enrollment prior to this meeting.
- The referral credit for the referring family will be applied to their tuition bill in April 2019 if:
 - The new family's child has continued to be enrolled in the school through February 2019, and
 - The referring family has remained current on their tuition payments. If the referring family's tuition is fully paid, the credit will roll forward to the following year's tuition.

ENROLLMENT REFERRAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Referring Family Info	
Referring Family Name:	
Name of Current Student(s):	
Phone:	
Email:	

Prospect Family Info	
New Family Name:	
Name of New Student(s):	
New Family Address:	
New Family Email:	

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Submitted	Date New Family Enrolled



CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGION
DUTCHESS
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St. Denis-St. Columba School

presents

Storytime



Puppet Shows Storytelling
Interactive Music Singing Dancing

Pre-K through 2nd Grade

Saturday, February 10th 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Continuous Program: *"Come when you can; leave when you must."*

Open to all local children!

**St. Denis-St. Columba School
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Free!

