



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



Week of March 5- March 9, 2018

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### SDSC Lenten Service Project – “All For Good” – Extended to this Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

#### What It Is

As part of our commitment to “Nourish” the hearts, minds, bodies, souls and spirits of our students and those in our community, SDSC will be supporting the St. Columba Parish Midnight Run with a special Lenten Outreach Service Project. This is also an “All for Good” Project by which Walt Disney Parks and Resorts rewards eligible charitable organizations for community service.

#### Our Project

We are collecting items to help the homeless in the New York City Metro area in support of St. Columba Parish's "Midnight Run." Needed items include new white socks, new underwear (*boxers or briefs*) and new white tee shirts (*sizes L and XL, please*), travel size hand sanitizer, travel size hand wipes, new washcloths. We will need volunteers to help students sort and package the donations. Students will also write notes of love, support, and encouragement for the recipients. Please sign up here to donate: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e44aca929a0ff2-allfor>

#### How It Works

Disney rewards SDSC with Park Hopper Passes to use for fundraising purposes (specifically an auction item at the annual Gala). The more people who donate items for our project or who help the students prepare the care packages, the more tickets they will donate! *We can earn up to 20 park tickets!* In order to qualify, you must register your family as participants on the All For Good website: <https://www.allforgood.org/projects/9kDzmX8q>  
Thank you for helping us help those who are less fortunate!

*“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me.”*

### NO BUSING for Wappingers Students – Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

There will be No Busing for students in the Wappinger Central School District this Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please pull your car forward to the end of the driveway to drop off students. Parents are encouraged to carpool and not get out of the car when dropping off to eliminate congestion at the school.



### Storytime – Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

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

### No School for Students – Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> because of a Regional Archdiocesan Faculty Professional Development Day. Enjoy the extended weekend!

### Kindergarten Discovery Day – Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

There will be a second Kindergarten Discovery Day on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Join our current Kindergarten class and discover all the great opportunities SDSC offers to our Kindergarten students. Activities include science lab, Storytime, learning centers and snack time! Pre-register at [www.stcolumba.net](http://www.stcolumba.net) or by clicking [HERE](#). Invite a friend for an opportunity to receive a tuition credit through the new Enrollment Referral Incentive Program!

### St. Patrick’s Day Dance – Friday, March 16

Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to the SDSC St. Patrick’s Day Dance. The dance will take place on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the SDSC gym. The cost of the dance is \$10 per student, payable at the door. Music will be provided by DJ Ming. Wear green!



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**LOOKING AHEAD: No School for Students – Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> so that the faculty and staff may participate in school safety and security training.

**Student Safety at SDSC – Faculty/Staff Safety and Security Training**

As part our unwavering commitment to the safety of our students, the faculty and staff will be participating in a full day of security training. The Office of the Superintendent has partnered local law enforcement and Fire/EMS agencies, including the NYPD and FDNY, and private security professionals to develop a comprehensive Safety & Security Training Program for the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New York. This program will help ensure that our school is prepared to respond to the ever evolving security challenges facing schools across the nation. We ask our parents – who are our partners in education – to assist us with keeping our students safe by continuing to cooperate with our security procedures (e.g. NEVER open an exterior school door to permit another person to gain access into the school, *even if you know the other person*, unless directed by a member of the faculty or staff).

**Transportation Forms**

If you haven't done so already, please return your child's transportation form to the school office. We need to send these to the districts before Easter break this year so that your children will get the busing you deserve for next year. Please submit a transportation form to the School Office *even if your child does not take the bus to/from school.*



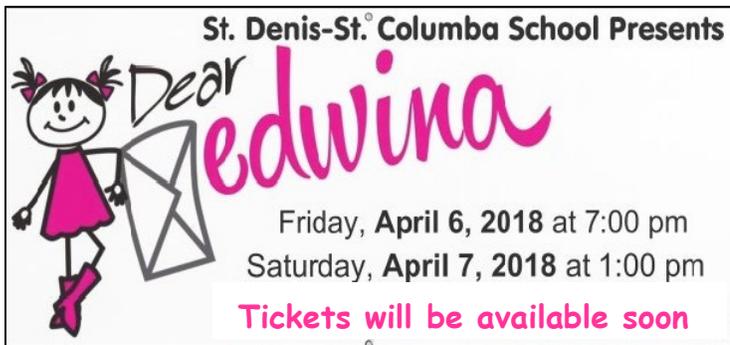
**2018 Gala Donations Needed**

The 2018 Gala Committee is need of the following:

- Bottles of wine – Any kind!
- Gift cards or certificates of any type.

Your donations help us raise needed funds to support and expand our Academic Intervention Initiative.

**Save The Dates!**



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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), 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), Martin Craig (stepfather of Jillian Beresford), Shirley Mauro (grandmother of Sean Guaman), and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.

