



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of APRIL 30 - May 4, 2018



ST. DENIS - ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL

Gala

April 28, 2018

Special THANK YOU for 2018 Gala

What an absolutely beautiful and spirited SDSC Gala celebration we had this past Saturday evening at the Dutchess Manor! It was truly a celebration of St. Denis-St. Columba School, of the GIFT of Catholic Education, of our COMMITMENT to student growth and development, of the GROWTH of our students as a result of our newly implemented Academic Intervention Initiative, and of the PRICELESS LEGACY of Doug, Marikay, and the McHoul family and their ongoing commitment to, and generous support of, their church, school, and community.

Words cannot even begin to express my gratitude to our 2018 Gala Committee - *Robert Krebs, John and Alexandra Sullivan, Lauren and Marge Schifini, Brendan O'Brien, Christina Bleakley, and Judy Borrell* – and all those who assisted in anyway with soliciting, preparing gift baskets and the reception, decorating, ticket and raffle sales, creating the video, etc. - for making our 2018 Gala celebration such a beautiful and enjoyable experience for all! I pray that God will bless each of you abundantly for your love, support, service, and dedication to SDSC! You are AMAZING and the BEST!

May Crowning on Friday, May 4th

We at SDSC continue the tradition of honoring our Blessed Mother during the month of May. We will have our annual May Crowning celebration this Friday, May 4th at 9:15 a.m. in St. Columba Church. We thank the students and teachers in the first grade and eighth grade for preparing this celebration for us. All are welcome to join us for this moving and prayerful celebration.

During the month of May we also encourage our students to bring in flowers to honor our Blessed Mother. These flowers are placed by the Marian shrine in the school's center hallway. The schedule is:

May 1st – May 4^h	<i>Grades 1, 8</i>	May 7th – May 11th	<i>Grades 2, 7</i>
May 14th – May 18th	<i>Grades K, 5</i>	May 21st – May 25th	<i>Grades 3, 4, 6</i>

Uniform Exchange on Thursday, May 3rd

Come and join us this Thursday, May 3rd from 7:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the lunchroom for our last Uniform Exchange sale of the year! Gently-used winter and summer uniforms will be available for purchase at great discounted prices. Please drop off in the lunchroom any clean gently-used uniforms you would like to donate marked "Uniform Exchange." Remember all monies raised during this sale benefit our school and your children. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 845-227-7777.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Half Day of School on Friday, May 4th

This Friday, May 4th will be a half day for students. Dismissal will take place after prayers at 11:55 a.m. If your child is staying in the after school program, please be sure they have a lunch with them.

First Communion

This Saturday, May 5th our second graders will be making their First Holy Communion! We celebrate with them as they receive our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to each of them! We pray that they may continue to experience God's love for them as they encounter Him in the Eucharist! Special thanks to Mrs. Senno and the parents/guardians who have prepared these little ones for this beautiful sacrament of initiation.

Summer Uniforms

In the next couple of weeks the official Summer Uniform will go into effect. Because the school boilers have been turned off in the building for the season, please be sure your children have a sweater with them for those chilly days. As we anticipate the summer uniform, please be sure your child has the green shorts with a belt, the white school polo shirt, white socks that reach the ankle, and supportive shoes (sneakers on gym days). Remember that ***all school polo shirts are to be neatly tucked (not folded under) into their shorts/pants at all times. White socks are to be to the ankle.*** Please be sure to label your children's uniforms.

SAVE THE DATES

Family Bingo on Friday, May 11th

Touch a Truck on Saturday, May 19th

Spring Concert on Thursday, May 17th

Our Spring Concert will take place **on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.** in the school gym. It will include our Honor and Beginner Band under the direction of Mr. Paul Bellino, as well as the songs from the various Broadway musicals performed by our students in Grades K-8 under the direction of Mrs. Fisher. The students have been working very hard to prepare for this event and are excited to share their musical gifts and talents with you.

The **CONCERT ATTIRE** for the students in Grades K-8 will be as follows:

Kindergarten: Short sleeve shirts and pants/sweat pants. Masks will be provided.

First Grade:

Girls: Bright colored dresses with shorts or leggings under the dresses

Boys: Pants and brightly colored shirts

Second Grade: White shirts and overalls or blue jeans (no holes). Suspenders will be provided.

Third Grade:

Girls: (Fairies) - Pretty colorful dresses. Fairy wings will be provided.

Boys: (Lost Boys from Peter Pan) - Tan or brown shorts (no military style) and white short sleeve shirts.

Fourth Grade: Blue jeans or jean shorts (no short shorts). Shirts will be provided (*please indicate sizes*)

Fifth Grade:

Girls: Pretty dresses

Boys: Dress pants and colorful shirts

Sixth Grade: Tan pants and plain shirts, sneakers. Vests will be provided.

Seventh Grade:

Girls: Colorful capris, colorful shirts

Boys: Black t-shirts, blue jeans, and sneakers

Eighth Grade: Red, White, and Blue (any combination)

All students will meet in their homerooms by 6:00 p.m. before the concert. Parents will proceed directly to the gym to be seated. After the concert, cookies and punch will be available in the lunchroom. Hope to see you then.



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

Mrs. Fazi (*our PE teacher*), Marcus Franklin (*uncle of the O'Connor children*), Ronald Graves (*grandfather of Lilly Graves*), 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.

A TIME TO BE BORN

Bernadette Fernandez (*granddaughter of Mrs. O'Connor*)