



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Weeks of October 12 - 23, 2020

No School – Monday, October 12th

This is a reminder that there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

No School for Students – Friday, October 16th

There will be NO SCHOOL next Friday, October 16th because of a Regional Teachers Professional Development Day. The School Office will be open.

Winter Uniform Exchange Sidewalk Sale – Friday, October 16th

Mrs. O'Connor and the SDSC PSA will open the Uniform Exchange next Friday from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Gently used winter uniforms will be available for purchase at a discount. Pick up some extra items to supplement your new ones.



First Communion – Saturday, October 17th



On Saturday, October 17th our Third Grade Class will be making their First Holy Communion! They have been waiting patiently since May to complete this part of their Faith journey. 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" during their Second Grade year for this beautiful sacrament of initiation.

Winter Uniform Begins Monday, October 19th

The last day for summer uniforms will be this Thursday, October 15th. All students are to wear their winter uniforms beginning Monday, October 15th. Please refer to the attached diagram for guidance regarding proper uniform clothing.

- The gym uniform must be worn on gym days. In addition to the green gym clothes, gray "spirit wear" is acceptable and is available for purchase at Lil' Darlings. Also, Grade 8 students may wear their class t-shirts and sweatshirts.
- Students may continue to wear black supportive shoes, including black sneakers as part of the uniform.
- Be sure that your child has a school sweater or sweatshirt for chilly mornings. They are not permitted to wear non-uniform items in the classroom.



Uniform and Student Appearance Rules

As we have adjusted to the unique circumstances of returning to school, we have been more lenient regarding some of the school uniform and appearance policies while our students made the transition to the new normal. Now that we have been in school for over a month and are transitioning to winter uniforms, we are expecting students to follow the handbook rules regarding uniform and appearance. Thank you for your cooperation in this!

- Proper Headbands: Headbands for girls must be unobtrusive (i.e. small) and either black, green or plaid (matching uniform). The following are not permitted: colors other than black or green, "dri-fit" sports/exercise bands, embellished bands, bands with sayings, logos or sporting team mascots, and "animal ears."
- Boy's Hair: Boy's hair *must* be above the collar and off the face. Trendy fad-like hair styles, etc. are not permitted.
- Boys' Ties: Ties need to be in proper position and not hanging below the neck line.
- Girls' Skirt Length: The length of the girl's skirts must always be modest-**no more than 1-2 inches** above the knees.
- Shirts and Blouses: These are to be tucked into pants/skirts at all times so that the waistband and belt is visible.
- Make-up, Nail Polish and Earrings: Make-up, false nails and fingernail polish are not permitted. Girls who have pierced ears may not have hoops or dangling earrings since these can be a safety hazard.

IMPORTANT: STUDENT ATTENDANCE

During the time that we are governed under the ***Moving Forward Together*** document and schools are participating in remote learning, students who are absent due to illness may participate in the entire school day via remote learning. If a student remains home due to illness and is able to participate via remote learning for the entire school day, parents must write to the school informing the principal/teacher that the student is ill but will be participating remotely. The note from the parent must be sent prior to the start of the school day or the student will be considered absent.

IMPORTANT: New Guidelines for Student Illness

The NYS Department of Health has issued revised guidelines regarding procedures for student illnesses. The attached flowchart can be used as guidance. A student may not attend school if any of the following symptoms are present:

A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F	Sore throat
Feel feverish or have chills	Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
Cough	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
Loss of taste or smell	Muscle pain or body aches
Fatigue/feeling of tiredness	Headaches
Nasal congestion	Runny nose

If a student is absent or sent home with any of these symptoms, you **MUST** visit a healthcare provider and obtain a return to school note WITH A DIAGNOSIS. Your healthcare provider may provide a “blanket note” to cover multiple anticipated absences if your child suffers from a chronic condition such as seasonal allergies or asthma. If you have any questions about the NYSDOH guidelines, please contact the School Nurse, Mrs. O’Connor at 845-226-5440.

Safe Environment Lessons

Our Catholic tradition has always affirmed the dignity of the human person as created to the image and likeness of God. Every person with whom we come in contact deserves to be seen by us with the eyes of God. We know that ministry with children and youth, in particular, is a sacred trust. We, at St. Denis-St. Columba School, are committed to preserve, at all times and in all places, this sacred trust which is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ. In 2002, the United States Bishops approved “The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” in an effort to protect children and youth from sexual abuse at all levels of church life and to restore trust in a Church scarred by the scandal of clergy sexual abuse. Article 12 of the charter directs all dioceses to create programs and processes to teach children and youth about sexual abuse and its prevention. In the Archdiocese of New York, this training is integrated into the religious education program each year in all schools and parishes.

Our students have participated in Safe Environment lessons with their homeroom teachers. In Grades K-3 the objectives taught include helping our students distinguish the difference between good and bad touch and affirming their right to say no to an adult who makes them feel uncomfortable. In Grades 4-6 the objectives include helping our students recognize the lures used by those who sexually victimize children and giving them strategies to keep them from being tricked into uncomfortable and dangerous situations. In Grades 7-8 the objectives include helping our students recognize lures used by those who sexually victimize others via the anonymity of the Internet and giving them skills to avoid being victimized by Internet sexual predators. We thank you for your support and interest as we partner to give our children the safest possible environment to grow in faith, in our parish, school and in our homes.

Last Chance for 2019-20 Yearbooks!

If you did not order a 2019-20 yearbook and would like to have a copy, a limited supply is available for purchase at \$35 each. Please send money to school in an envelope marked “yearbook” or contact the main office to arrange for purchase and pickup.

Support SDSC on Amazon Prime Day!

Amazon Prime Day begins Tuesday, October 13th and runs through Wednesday, October 14th. If you are planning on taking advantage of the Prime Day Deals don’t forget to use Amazon Smile! Amazon will donate a portion of every purchase you make to SDSC! [Click HERE to sign up for Amazon Smile.](#)



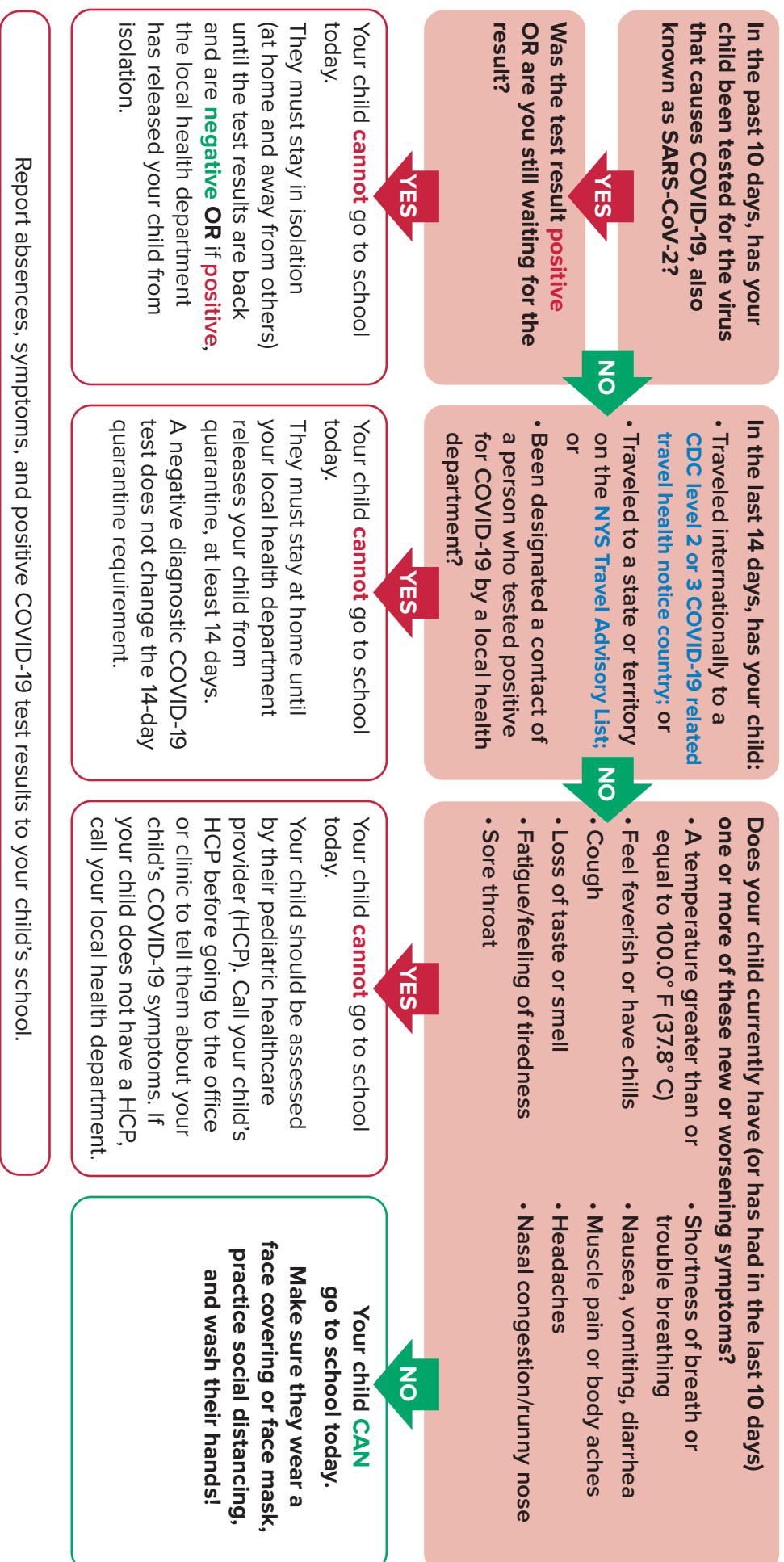
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To Everything there is a Season and a Time for Every Purpose under Heaven
Let us continue to keep in our prayers the many among us who are sick and suffering.

A TIME TO HEAL: Mrs. Dillon, Mrs. Senno, Bashira Hashim (grandfather of Nahla Basciano) and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.

NYSDOH COVID-19 In-Person Decision Making Flowchart for Student Attendance

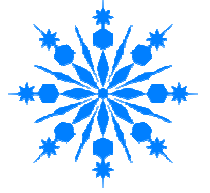
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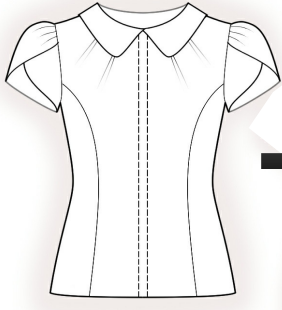
SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

- Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
- Prolonged fever
- Is too sick to drink fluids
- Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
- Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
- Racing heart or chest pain
- Decreased urine output
- Lethargy, irritability, or confusion

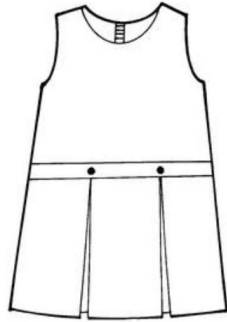
Winter Uniform Guide



Girls : K-4



Round Collar
White Blouse



Plaid Jumper



Green Button Down
Sweater (Optional)

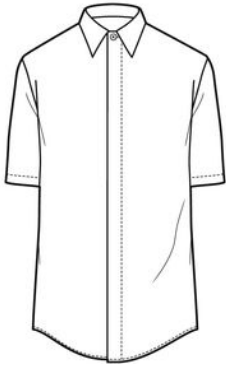


Green or Black
Knee Highs **or**
Tights

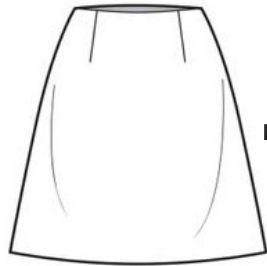


Black or Brown
Supportive Shoes

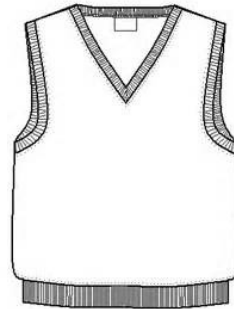
Girls : 5-8



Long **or** Short Sleeve
White Blouse



Plaid Skirt



Green Embroidered
Sweater Vest **or**
Long Sleeve Sweater

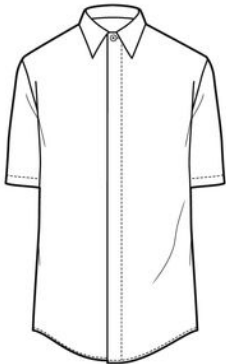


Green or Black
Knee Highs



Black or Brown
Supportive Shoes

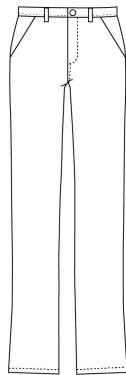
Boys : K-8



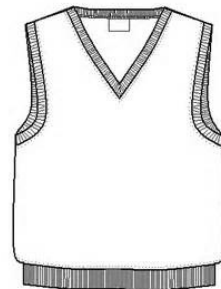
Long **or** Short Sleeve
White Dress Shirt



Plaid Tie
Belt



Green Dress
Slacks



Green Embroidered
Sweater Vest

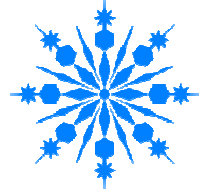


Green **or**
Black Socks



Black or Brown
Supportive Shoes

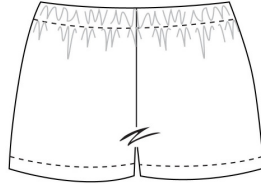
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Gym Days



or



Green Sweat Pants

PSA Spirit Wear Green Shorts

(no more than 1" above knee)

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Green T-Shirt

or



PSA Spirit Wear Grey T-Shirt

or



Green Sweatshirt

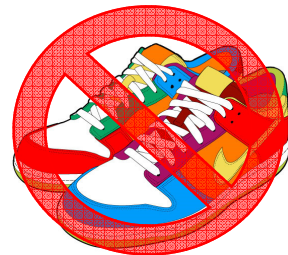
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White Socks (Over Ankle)

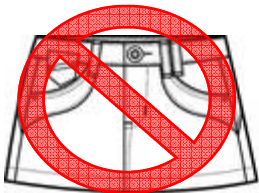


Black or White Athletic Shoes

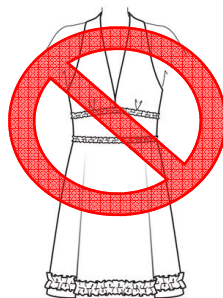


Colored or Lighted Athletic Shoes

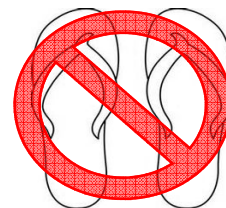
N.U.T. Day Reminders



Mini-skirts or "Short" Shorts



Revealing or Suggestive Items



Sandals or Open Toe Shoes