



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Shine Like the Stars

Weeks of November 16 – 20, 2020

Stay Vigilant – Keep In-Person Learning at SDSC!

Covid-19 cases are increasing again in Dutchess County! Many Dutchess County schools have already had shutdowns due to positive cases. Your diligence and cooperation following the SDSC safety protocol has kept SDSC free of suspected or positive cases since the first day of school. With the cold and flu season quickly approaching and rising Covid cases, we need to be extra careful in the coming weeks if we want to keep uninterrupted in-person learning at SDSC. You can help by observing the following protocols and reminding your child to do the same:



- Do not send a child to school who is not feeling well.
- **Masks MUST be worn at school and MUST BE WORN over both the NOSE and MOUTH.**
- **Students MUST remain socially distanced at all times in the classrooms, hallways and outside.**
- More than ever students must “keep their hands to themselves!”
- Reinforce proper handwashing techniques and personal hygiene.
- Make sure your family wears masks when out in public.
- Please don’t take unnecessary risks of exposure when not at school.

A student who willfully fails to comply with the in-school safety rules will not be permitted to learn in-person on campus. Please review these guidelines with your children so that we can ensure the safety and well-being of all.

TADS Parent Portal will open on evening of November 19th



TADS Parent Portal will open this Thursday evening, November 19th so that you can review your children’s report cards. Report cards are only available electronically. **Hard copies of them will not be sent home.** Please note that ALL TUITION and fees must be current in order to receive your children’s report cards and to participate in parent-teacher conferences. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Half-Days on November 23rd and 24th

Please note that Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th are half days due to the scheduled **Parent-Teacher Conferences**. All students will be dismissed after prayers at 11:45 a.m. Bus transportation to and from school will be available as usual.



Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 23rd-24th

The SDSC Faculty will be conducting Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th. All conferences will be conducted via Zoom. You should have already received an email from your children’s teachers with a conference **Zoom link and a schedule of times.** Please check your emails and be attentive to your scheduled time. Reach out to the teachers immediately if you have a serious conflict.

SDSC Advent Outreach Project

Each year our SDSC students and families share in the joy of giving by coming together to give and wrap presents for needy children in our area through our Advent Outreach Project. However, the Covid health and safety restrictions prevent us to gather and share in this wonderful SDSC tradition.



These children still face difficult heartbreaking situations in their lives. For many, Christmas gifts are beyond their means. Although we cannot conduct our Advent Outreach Project as we have in the past, SDSC would like to continue to help our local children in need.

As we enter the Holy Season of Advent, we hope you will consider supporting one or more needy children by donating a gift card. Gift cards that we collect will be sent directly to our community partners and a team member will purchase gifts for the children in need. To sign up to donate, click “Advent Outreach” under the PSA Tab on the school website, [or simply CLICK HERE.](#)

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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. Boulton, Mrs. Dillon, Mrs. Senno, Tonja Minotti (*Mother of Robbie, Grade 4*), Christian Dill (*Grand-nephew of Sr. Cherree*) and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.

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LAST WEEK! Students Can Win BIG Raffles Prizes!

There are 15 different exciting prizes available to win. There's something for every age group. Prizes are valued up to \$300! [Students can preview the prizes up close by clicking HERE or the link in their Google Classroom.](#) Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. (Online payment available under "Raffles" at www.bidpal.net/sdsc20. **The drawing will be held this Friday, November 20th after morning prayers.** All proceeds benefit the students.



Maskerade Silent Auction

The SDSC 2020 Maskerade Silent Auction has been UNMASKED! We have gathered over 100 extraordinary packages and prizes worth thousands of dollars just waiting to be won! Categories include dining, travel, beauty, shopping, and more. Bid online at www.bidpal.net/sdsc20. Anyone can participate, so share the auction site with friends and family. Auction closes at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22nd. All prizes will be held for pickup at SDSC.

Get Your Raffle Tickets!

Raffle tickets are still available for our Maskerade Luxury Raffles and 2020 Class Baskets! [Click Here for a LUXURY Raffle Ticket Form](#), [Click Here for a CLASS BASKET Raffle Form](#), or buy tickets online at www.bidpal.net/sdsc20. Winners drawn Sunday, November 22nd.

Hidden behind their masks is so much potential for loving and learning!



You can help unlock that potential!