



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Weeks of November 23 – December 4, 2020

Car Riders – BIG SIGN NEEDED!

We again that you please put a LARGE sign in your **PASSENGER SIDE car window** with your child(ren's) LAST NAME and GRADE legibly written in BIG BOLD letters. The signs will help our staff more safely and efficiently direct students to their respective vehicles. As winter and cold weather approaches we want pickup to be as efficient as possible.

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. **When you sign into Zoom, please use your family name so that the teachers can identify and admit you to the conference at your scheduled time.**

Thanksgiving Vacation: Wednesday, November 25 – Sunday, November 29

Thanksgiving Vacation will begin at our 11:45 a.m. dismissal on Tuesday, November 26th. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Celebrations with your families! I pray that you and your family remain safe and healthy. Thank you for your love, support and commitment to Catholic Education during these difficult times. Together we provide our children with the education they deserve.



NEW Student Applications for the 2021-22 School Year! – Tuesday, December 1st



New Student Registration

Admissions and Financial Assistance Applications for **ALL incoming Kindergartners and NEW Students** opens on December 1st! We are expecting to again have a waitlist for Kindergarten. Siblings of currently enrolled students receive priority placement in the class, but submitting an early application is essential so that we can allocate a place for them. *This year's Kindergarten Class had a wait list before the end of January, so don't delay!* Submit an application beginning December 1st by going to "Apply Now" on the

SDSC website. Also, we are accepting applications for NEW students in all other grades. Currently enrolled families who refer a new family who enrolls at SDSC can earn a \$250 tuition credit!

2020-21 Room Parent Volunteers



The SDSC PSA is looking for room parents for the 2020-21 School Year. Even though many traditional activities coordinated by room parents are currently not permitted, we would like to focus on new ways to bring a little extra joy to our children in their classrooms during these difficult times! Please consider volunteering as a room parent for the 2020-21 school year. Two volunteers per class are needed. If you are interested in being a room parent, please complete the attached room parent form. Return to: Lauren Schifini, Kindness of the Main Office or psa@stcolumba.net. *If more than two parents volunteer for a classroom, room parents are selected by random.*

Enrollment Fee Rebate!

As a token of appreciation for placing your trust in SDSC for the education of your children during the Covid-19 epidemic, the Archdiocesan Office of Tuition Management has credited your enrollment fee on your December tuition statement! We hope that the rebate provides you some financial relief this Christmas Season.



A Message of Gratitude from Sr. Kathleen

During this season of Thanksgiving I would like to thank each of you for your generosity and your commitment to SDSC! Thank you for being the wonderful people you are. I never cease to be amazed and overwhelmed by your love and support! Words cannot even begin to express my gratitude. We are so blessed that you are a part of Saint Denis-Saint Columba School!



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 child(ren) 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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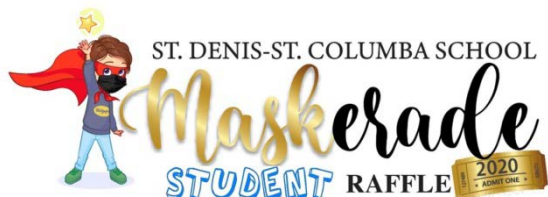
To Everything there is a Season and a Time for Every Purpose under Heaven

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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Congratulations to Our Student Raffle Winners!



Thank you to all who participated in the Maskerade student raffle. The students had so much fun taking chances on the exciting prizes. It was so delightful to see them cheer and congratulate their classmates who won! Again we thank Mrs. Natalie Reilly and Mrs. Tracy Zingaro for coordinating the raffles and for their generosity in donating the Nintendo Switch, Apple AirPods and other prizes. Thank You!

#1 Nintendo Switch	Aiden DiPalermo	#9 “Crafterpiece”	Audrey Kermel
#2 Big Apple	Joey O’Connor	#10 “Let’s Go Eevee”	Joseph Reilly
#3 “Nice Ride” Razor Scooter	Mae Scampoli	#11 Teenage Dream	Mikaela Gertner
#4 “Let’s Go Pikachu”	Nicholas Gorski	#12 Gamers Guide to Success	Hayley Rea
#5 “Little Lady Shopping Spree”	Lily Dineen	#13 Candy Tower of Power	Emely Arpi
#6 “Connect the Dots”	Tristan Albra	#14 Tween Fantasy	Milania Dickel
#7 L.O.L. Amazing Surprise	Adriana Dusaj	#15 “Sports of All Sorts”	Ben Laski
#8 “May the Force Be With You”	Joshua Rosa		



Maskerade Silent Auction –LAST WEEKEND!

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! Buy tickets online at www.bidpal.net/sdsc20. Winners will be drawn on Sunday, November 22nd.



St. Denis – St. Columba School Parent School Association

Room Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue to navigate through these uncertain times, we appreciate your understanding and patience as we are adjusting to doing things differently this year. We would like to ask for volunteers for our Room Parents. SDSC is proud to have a vibrant and supportive school community. So much of our success is the result of generous donations of time from our parents. Please consider volunteering as a room parent for the 2020-2021 school year. Given the circumstances of the challenges we are facing daily, Room Parents will look and feel very differently this year. It will still be a great way to form new friendships with other parents and get to know each other. Two volunteers per class are needed to be room parents. The room parents help coordinate the parties for the class, special activities that the teacher requests, and more. Room Parents will have to coordinate everything remotely until such time volunteers are permitted to enter the school again.

Please note: you must have completed Safer Spaces Training in order to be a room parent.

If you are interested in being a room parent, please complete and submit this form by **Tuesday, November 24** to: Lauren Schifini, Kindness of the Main Office. Please remember this is an interest form. There is a selection process to determining the room parents. **An interest form MUST be filled out and submitted by November 24 in order to be considered for Room Parent.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Lauren Schifini at psa@stcolumba.net

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PLEASE PRINT -

Name: _____ Email: _____@_____.

Home Phone: _____-_____-_____ Cell Phone: _____-_____-_____

[] Yes, I completed the Archdiocese of New York Safer Spaces Training and had background check.

[] No, I have not had Safer Spaces Training, but will complete training & background check by 12/1/2020

I would like to be the room parent for:

Grade:	Child's Name in Grade:	Teacher's Name:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I have previously been a room parent for:

Grade:	Child's Name in Grade:	School Year:
_____	_____	_____
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