



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



Week of January 11-15, 2021

### Thank You From Your Administrative Staff!



Happy New Year! Sr. Kathleen, Mr. Krebs and Sr. Cherree would like to thank all of our SDSC families for their kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity this Christmas Season. All of your cards, treats, and gifts are so appreciated. The best gift of all is being a daily part of your children's lives as they grow and learn every day at SDSC! We are blessed to be able to work for such loving families. **Thank You!**

### MAP Assessments Begin Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

Beginning this week SDSC students will take the electronic NWEA MAP Growth assessments. MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students. Students in Grade K-2 will take assessments in Reading and Math while students in Grades 3-8 grades will participate in Reading, Math and Language Usage. Each test is untimed and takes less than one hour. Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly. We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement.

### Things to Know About MAP Assessments

- Please be sure that your child is on-time and fully rested so that they are able to concentrate and do their best.
- **HYBRID students will take assessments on days when they are at school in person.** Students who are absent for any reason will make up any missed assessment upon returning to school in person.
- **FULLY REMOTE Students** (i.e. students not on a hybrid schedule) will meet with Sr. Kathleen on Zoom using the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/98627201648?pwd=QXBlc1lpMFpHekdVNDIqNk9kTFpUdz09>
  - **Fully Remote Students** will need TWO DEVICES: a device for taking the assessment (e.g. laptop, desktop or Chromebook) AND a Zoom capable device (e.g. phone, tablet, additional laptop or Chromebook)
  - **FULLY REMOTE students in Grades 6-8 will meet with Sr. Kathleen on ZOOM this Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. and those in Grades 3-4 at 10:15 a.m. Please have your children log in at least 5 minutes earlier so we can troubleshoot any issues before testing begins.**
  - A parent/adult must be available to support as needed during designated testing times.
- Following the testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of both the November and January assessments so that you can observe how your child is performing academically.

### No School – Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

There will be NO School on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### Please be sure your Tuition and Lunch fees are up to date!

The second quarter ends next Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. As we anticipate the release of the second quarter report cards, we would like to remind you that all financial requirements, including tuition payments, lunch tickets, and all school fees must be made current before student report cards are released.

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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 BE BORN:** Ava Charlotte Schneggenburger and Parker Joy Maggio

**A TIME TO HEAL:** John Baker (Father of Mrs. Santiago), Mrs. Boulton, Christian Dill (Grand-nephew of Sr. Cherree), Mrs. Dillon, , Tonjia Minotti (Mother of Robbie, Gr 4), Mrs. Senno, Brenda VonBurg (Grandmother of Hudson, Gr 7) and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.

**A TIME TO DIE:** Jim Keenan (Brother of Mrs. Kish), and for the repose of the souls of all our faithful departed.