



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of February 15-19, 2021

Shine Like the Stars

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE – Friday, February 26th is a SCHOOL DAY!

The Archdiocesan inservice day originally scheduled for Friday, February 26th has been cancelled. Students will now have a full day school with the GOLD COHORT reporting for in-person instruction. The school calendar has updated to reflect the change. **Lunch Menu for Friday, February 26th will include South Brooklyn Boys Pizza, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk**

Congratulations Second Grade!

Our second grade students will be celebrating for the first time this Saturday, February 20th at 10:45 a.m. the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We congratulate them and wish them God's many graces and blessings as they experience God's loving mercy and forgiveness in this sacrament of healing. Thank you to Mrs. Senno and all who have prepared and supported these little ones in this important milestone in their faith lives.

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT ENDS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

There are two steps that families **MUST** complete to re-enroll all returning students.

- ① Complete the re-enrollment verification through TADS and pay the \$100 priority registration fee for each child.
- ② Complete and return to school district transportation forms *even if your child never takes the bus*, which was emailed to each family on Monday, February 8th!

Both steps must be completed no later than Friday, February 26th in order to receive priority enrollment. Less than two weeks remain! *Once the priority period for re-enrollment ends, available spaces will be offered to new applicants.*

Transportation Forms

All families who are eligible for bus transportation SDSC have been emailed public school district transportation forms. ***These forms must be completed and returned to the office even if your child never takes the bus!*** Every student must be assigned to a bus route for emergency purposes. Forms can be returned to the school office with your child or scanned to Mr. Krebs at rtkrebs@stcolumba.net or faxed to 845-226-8470.

IMPORTANT REMINDER about REMOTE LEARNING and IN-SCHOOL LEARNING

If your child is scheduled to be in-school on a particular day, they should be present that day (unless, of course, there is an unexpected emergency). **The classroom teacher should receive an email at least 12-24 hours PRIOR to the student becoming remote on their in-school learning day due to sickness, etc.** Your children's teachers plan their in-school learning activities according to student needs. Unless there is an emergency or an illness, **hybrid students should be in-school on their designated days.** Students cannot just choose the days they want to come to school or stay remote. The remote learning option is not meant to be used whenever a child wants to stay home, sleep in, etc. Students also should be attending Morning Prayers with Sr. Kathleen at 8:10 a.m. each day. The teachers are trying to meet the needs of all their students and often plan their accommodations and activities, according to when students are in-school because of the remote learning challenges at times. **Please have your children remain faithful to their designated in-school days and remote learning days.** If your child is having any difficulty or challenges with coming to school for any reason, please feel free to reach out to me.

Ash Wednesday – February 17th

This Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Our in-school students will have an opportunity to participate by cohorts in an Ash Wednesday Prayer Service with distribution of ashes at St. Columba Church (STUDENTS ONLY)! For those students who are remote, check the local parish schedules for times they will be Distributing Ashes on Wednesday, February 17th (*St. Columba has Distribution of Ashes at the 7:00 am Mass, 12:00 pm Mass, and prayer services at 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:00 pm, and 7:00 pm.*)

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting (sacrifice), and alms-giving (acts of charity). During this season, we are strongly urged to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion daily, to receive the

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Sacrament of Reconciliation, to attend Lenten Devotions and the Stations of the Cross, to read the Scriptures prayerfully, and to perform acts of self-denial and works of mercy.

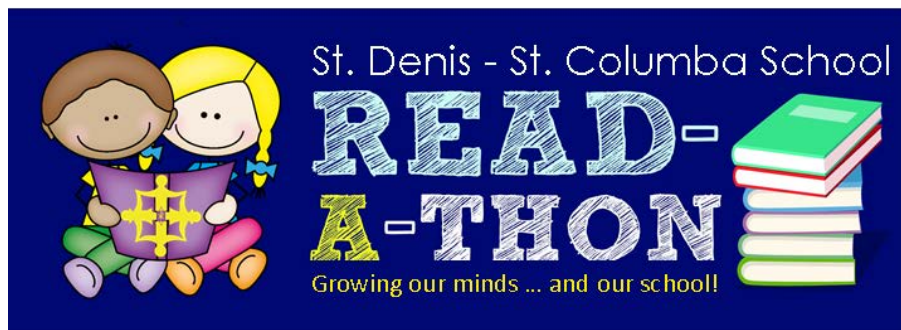
The specific discipline of the Church in the United States regarding penitential days is as follows:

- The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- The other Fridays of Lent are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE (no meat)
- The Fridays of the year, outside Lent, are designated as DAYS OF PENANCE, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. This may be physical mortification or acts of religion, charity or Christian witness.

COOKIE TIME! Support the SDSC Grade 2 Girl Scout Brownies!



Troop 10282 is St. Denis-St. Columba School's second grade Brownies. Girl Scout cookie sales teach us about the use and value of money in safe and responsible way. Our troop plans to use the money they earn selling cookies to do something adventurous like indoor rock climbing and to help the community! We truly appreciate your support! You can purchase cookies online at: <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop10282-155>. (Shipping charges apply, but cookies will arrive in 2-15 business days.) You can also order by email at girlscouts@stcolumba.net for free in-person delivery in April or May. Last year our troop sold over 1000 boxes, and the girls are excited to do it again!



SDSC's First Read-a-thon! *More details will be forthcoming!*

SDSC is about to embark on our first ever Read-a-thon! Did you know that just 20 minutes of reading a day can have a lifetime of benefits for your child? It aids in language development, teaches children about empathy, promotes brain development, and so much more! This year, we will hold a Read-a-thon to raise money to support the SDSC programs that support your children each day and provide them with the growth and education that lasts a lifetime. The Read-a-thon is not just a fundraiser; it's a two week adventure at SDSC with fun-filled activities that promote reading!

Read-a-thon Prize Wish List

The SDSC Read-a-thon team is assembling reading-themed prize baskets for our students. If you would like to donate a basket, or one of our wish list items below, it will be much appreciated. Your donations both assist with fundraising, as well as getting our students excited and motivated to READ! Donations can be sent to school with students or dropped off at the school. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact our Read-a-thon chairperson, Charis Courtemanche at mrsCourtemanche@yahoo.com.

New Books – Fiction and Non-Fiction	"Wemberly's Ice Cream Star"	LEGO Sets
LEGO Books	"Where does Joe Go?"	Fuzzy Blanket
Dr. Seuss Books	"Derek Jeter: The Contract"	Dr. Seuss Items
Mo Willem Books	"Mia Hamm (Go for the Goal)"	Playdoh & Play-Doh Tools
Pete the Cat Books	"Rosie Revere Engineer"	Kid Friendly \$10 Gift cards
Baking Book	"Iggy Peck Architect"	Barnes & Noble (\$10)
Naruto or other Graphic Novels	1 Pound Hershey Kisses	Dominos Gift (\$10)
Pizza Cookbook	1 Large Hershey Bar	Joe's Dairy Gift Card (\$10)
Art Instructional Books	Crayons/Colored Pencils	Five Below (\$10)
"The Keeping Quilt"	Art Sketchbook	Stewarts (\$10)
"Who Was Milton Hershey?"	Baseball Seeds	Dunkin' (\$10)
"The Perfect Pizza Party"	Baseball Sleeve	Kid Friendly \$10 Gift cards
"Misty Copeland: Life in Motion"	Soccer Ball	Any reading related item!

Let us continue to keep in our prayers the many among us who are sick and suffering.