



# Saint Denis – Saint Columba School

... A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

**TO:** PARENTS AND GUARDIANS  
**FROM:** SR. KATHLEEN MARIE, CR  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY HAPPENINGS  
**DATE:** NOVEMBER 28 -DECEMBER 2, 2016



*Jesus, I Trust in You  
Make our Hearts like Yours!*

**December Virtue:** **PRAYERFULNESS: Desiring to be in Relationship with God**  
**December Saint:** **SAINT JOACHIM AND SAINT ANNE**  
**December Reflection:** *“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Luke 2-19*  
**How do you speak and share your life with Christ?**

## Welcome Mrs. Nydia Cardona and Mrs. Claudia Lyons - NEW Spanish Teachers

After many months of searching for a Spanish teacher, I am happy to announce that we have finally hired two part-time people. Mrs. Nydia Cardona, who has had much experience teaching middle school students, will teach Grades 6-8, and Mrs. Claudia Lyons, who is eager to share the Spanish language and culture, will teach Grades K-5. Both bring with them an enthusiasm for learning and a desire to support us in providing our students with a Catholic education. We wish both of them God's many graces and blessings here with us at SDSC.!

## Welcome Mr. Robert Parlapiano – NEW Maintenance Personnel

After a couple of weeks with no daytime maintenance person, I am happy to announce that we have hired Mr. Robert Parlapiano for this position. He has experience in maintenance and is dedicated to providing our students here at SDSC with a clean, safe and comfortable learning environment. Robert will begin his tenure with us this week, and we wish him God's many graces and blessings in his time with us.

We are especially grateful to Mr. Gary Bartilucci who so willingly “stepped in,” taking on the *extra* responsibility to ensure that all was in good working order each day at SDSC. Thank you, Gary!



*O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to you!*

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Next Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On this day we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception – that is, the fact that Mary was conceived without sin! It is a Holy Day of Obligation! We will celebrate this special feast day as a school community with a liturgy at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us in this celebration.

## Life Touch Pictures

Life Touch Studios will be here on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> to take Faculty and Class Pictures, Yearbook Activities, Graduation and Make-Up pictures. *ALL Students are to be in full winter school uniform today.* Please remind your child that no NUT Awards are to be used for these groups photographs.

## Advent Outreach Gift-Giving Project

This Advent our SDSC students will once again partner with the St. Columba School of Religious Education through our Advent Outreach Gift-Giving Project. Students and families share in the joy of giving when they choose, donate, and wrap Christmas presents for less fortunate children in our area. This year, we hope to spread Christmas cheer with over 400 children at the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse, Astor Home, and His Table Ministries. These children live in difficult, heartbreaking situations. For many Christmas gifts are beyond their means. We hope our simple gifts will make a small difference for these children who would otherwise go without. If you would like to pick children in need, please follow the “Sign Me Up” link under the PSA tab on our school website, or click here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4faca82eaa8-sdsc5>

## Share the Warmth: Hat and Mitten Drive

As cold weather arrives, please look out for a friendly Snow Man in the school lobby and Percy the Penguin at the St. Columba Office of Religious Education. They will be happy to accept donations of new hats, mittens, scarves, and warm

socks. As part of our Advent Outreach Project, they will be shared with the children at Center for Prevention of Child Abuse, Astor Home, and His Table Ministries. The children are very grateful for these, as many must walk to school in frigid temperatures. Thank you for helping to warm little hands and hearts this winter!

### **Senior Citizen Luncheon**

Our Annual Senior Citizen-Grandparent Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 15th beginning at 11 am at the school. Grandparents of our students and local senior citizens will be treated to a delicious turkey lunch while enjoying a preview of the Christmas Concert. Please have grandparents RSVP to Mary Ann Menuau at 914-299-3077 or [maryann@mchoufuneralhome.com](mailto:maryann@mchoufuneralhome.com). Volunteers are also needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Please contact Mary Ann if you are interested.

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Our SDSC Class of 2017 will be hosting **Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at St. Denis - St. Columba School. Enjoy hot pancakes fresh off the griddle, sausage, a healthy yogurt granola and fresh fruit toppings bar, delicious muffins, juice, coffee, and tea. Join Santa for breakfast and pictures, and don't forget to tell him what you want for Christmas! The cost will be \$8.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children under 10 years old, and a **\$20.00 Pre-Sale Special** for families of 4 or more. Hope to see you there!

### **Support SDSC While You Shop!**

When you do your Christmas shopping this year, consider using the **Amazon.com** link on our school website. St. Denis-St. Columba School earns up to 10% of every purchase made after clicking the link! If you are an Amazon Prime Member, you still enjoy all of your benefits and raise money for the school.

### **SDSC Private Screening – STAR WARS: Rogue One**

The PSA is presenting a private screening of the newest film in the STAR WARS anthology: Rogue One! The screening is on December 17, 2016 - the morning after the film opens nationwide!

Join your school friends at 10:00 a.m. at Carmel Cinema 8. Tickets are \$15 each and include popcorn and a drink. Tickets are strictly limited for this engagement. Only 300 seats are available. See ticket form attached to the newsletter.

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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**

Anne Culin (*mother of Cathy Martin and great grandmother of Michael O'Hearn*), Janice Prostak (*sister of Sr. Kathleen battling colon cancer*), Nicholas D'Alessandro (*father of Olivia and Nick D'Alessandro*), and Charlie Gray (*son-in-law of a parishioner*), Michael Ferretti (*friend of Mrs. Senno*), Loretta DelliCarpini, Louis Pissani and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit at this time

### **A TIME TO DIE**

Ilona Franklin (*grandmother of O'Connor children*)

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### **A Message from Mrs. Fisher regarding the Christmas Concert**

Our annual Christmas Pageant is rapidly approaching. Please make note of the following Pageant details:

- When and Where: **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in Saint Columba Church
- Students are to be dropped off at the school gym **no later than 5:45 p.m.** wearing their concert attire.
- Concert attire for **Girls in Grades K-7**
  - ✓ **Girls Dress Code**  
**Holiday colored dresses, or skirts and blouses**  
(*be sure they are appropriate for a young lady and not too short or too tight*)
  - ✓ **Boys Dress Code**  
**Black pants and a white shirt with a red or green tie.**
- Closed-toe black/dark shoes. No sneakers. Girls may wear shoes with a small heel, but must be able to walk in them comfortably.
- Students are permitted to wear jewelry of their choosing, but should be tasteful and not distracting.
- Hair (for both girls & boys) should be pulled back or styled away from the face.

# Pancake Breakfast with Santa



Sunday December 11  
St. Denis – St. Columba School  
8 am – 12 noon

The St. Denis – St. Columba Class of 2017 will be serving pancakes hot off the griddle, sausage, yogurt, granola and fresh fruit toppings bar, mini muffins, coffee, juice, and tea.  
*Enjoy breakfast with Santa and don't forget to tell him what you want for Christmas!*

Adults: \$8

Children under 10 years old: \$5

**Pre-sale Special** (send form and money to SDSC Main office before Wed. Dec. 7): **\$20 per family**

Any questions please contact Paula Horton [nikkiph569@yahoo.com](mailto:nikkiph569@yahoo.com)

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **St. Denis – St. Columba School**.  
For Pre-Sale Special, please send form to SDSC Main Office by Wednesday Dec. 7

**HO - HO - Hope to see you there!!**

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St. Denis – St. Columba School has 300 tickets to see STAR WARS, Rogue One!!!!  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Carmel Cinema 8  
150 NY-52, Carmel, NY 10512

## HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- \*Complete the form below and return it to the main office. Attention: **STAR WARS**
- \*Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis and available to families & friends of SDSC
  - \*\$15 per person attending
  - \*Make checks payable to St. Denis –St. Columba School
  - \*The deadline for this event is December 9<sup>th</sup>
  - \*Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. No refunds.
- This movie is rated PG-13. Use your discretion when determining if this movie is appropriate for your child.*

Arrive between 9:15 a.m. – 9:30.a.m. The movie starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.  
This event sold out last year! Please get your money in early!☺

Your ticket includes yummy popcorn and a small fountain drink.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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