



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



April 22-26, 2024



AFTER CARE Reservations - Week of April 22nd

[Click HERE to make a reservation for the week of April 22nd](#). Reservations can also be made by notifying Ms. Schifini at lschifini@stcolumba.net or 845-227-7777.

School Mass – Tuesday, April 23rd

The students in Grades 1, 3, 4, & 5 will attend Mass on Tuesday, April 23rd at 8:15 a.m. in St. Columba Church. Parents and Guardians are welcome to join! Students in Grades 2, 6-8 will visit our Adoration Chapel this week where they will be able to spend some quiet time praying before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

REPORT CARDS, TUITION, LUNCH FEES, and EDUCATE Parent Portal



Report Cards will be released electronically this week of April 22nd. **Please remember that all financial requirements, including tuition payments (paid up through and including March), lunch IOUs, school fees and After Care accounts must be made current before you receive your child's report cards.** An email will be sent out when the Parent Portal is opened and third quarter report cards are available for viewing.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES:

There is **STILL** space for students to enroll in the **STEM Robotics** on **Wednesdays** 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, & 6/12. The cost is \$100.00. There is **STILL** space in the **Legos Tinker Club** on **Thursdays** 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, & 6/6. The cost is \$100.00. Both classes are open to students in Grades K-3. If there are any students interested in the other grades, please reach out to Ms. Schifini.

PLEASE NOTE: Students DO NOT need a change of clothes for any of our After School Enrichment Programs, including soccer, baseball and softball. Please do not send your child in with a change of clothes. Students MAY WEAR SNEAKERS with their winter uniform.



SDSC Tall-Small LUAU THANK YOU!



Thank you so much to everyone who contributed in some way to our recent Family Tall-Smal Luau. These events cannot happen without the help of our school community! We are grateful to all of our parents, grandparents, and volunteers who assisted in so many ways with donations, planning, setup, clean-up, help at the event, etc. Thank you to Amanda Bettino, Larissa DeVito, Pat DiGesù, Cathy DiRienzo, James and Robert Enny, Brienne Freer, Mike Jutt, Mike and Kerry Kirk, Christine Maietta, Lillian Markowitz, Annmarie and Tom Racicot, Mary Russo, Stephanie Santiago, Karla Scocozza, Kara Stancati, Melissa Sullivan, and our 7th grade student volunteers, Liliana Centrone, Gianna Coschignano, Nylah Headley, Emilia Jutt, Grayson Maggio, and Hayley Rea. Special thank you also to Sean McGrath/"A Great Night Out Entertainment" for providing the dance music! We are blessed to have such an amazing SDSC School family! THANK YOU to ALL!

First Communion – Saturday, April 29th at 9:30 a.m.



On Saturday, April 29th our second graders will be making their First Holy Communion! We celebrate with them as they receive our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to each of them! We pray that they may continue to experience God's love for them as they encounter Him in the Eucharist! Special thanks to Mrs. Muranelli and the parents/guardians who have prepared these "little ones" for this beautiful sacrament of initiation.

LOOKING AHEAD

Grade 8 Regional Graduation Mass – Wednesday, May 1st

The SDSC Class of 2024 will join with Grade 8 students from the Dutchess Regional Catholic Schools for a Graduation Mass and lunch celebration at St. Martin dePorres on Wednesday, May 1st. Please join us in praying for our graduating class as they begin their transition from elementary school students to high school students. **ALL 8th graders must wear their full formal winter uniform on Wednesday, May 1st.**

MAY CROWNING – Friday, May 3rd



SDSC continues the tradition of honoring our Blessed Mother during the month of May. We will have our traditional school-wide May Crowning celebration on Friday, May 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in St. Columba Church. All are welcome to attend. We thank the students and teachers in the Second and Eighth Grades for preparing this celebration for us.

FRESH FLOWERS FOR the MONTH OF MAY and MAY CROWNING

In honor of our Blessed Mother we ask that **each student bring in some FRESH FLOWERS during the month of May to honor our Blessed Mother.** By bringing in some fresh flowers each class will be able to present their flowers to our Blessed Mother during this beautiful month of May dedicated to her. The schedule to bring in flowers will be as follows:

Week of May 1st -3rd

Grade 2 and 8

Week of May 6th -10th

Grade 3 and 7

Week of May 13th -17th

Grade 4 and 6

Week of May 20th -24th

Grade K, 1 and 5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

1. **ASCENSION THURSDAY School Mass at 8:15 a.m.**

2. **FAMILY BINGO On Friday, May 10th**

3. **SPRING CONCERT on Thursday, May 16th**

Our Spring Concert will take place on **Monday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.** in St. Columba Church. It will include our Band students under the direction of Mrs. Bellino, as well as many beautiful and inspiring songs sung by our Grades K-8 students under the direction of Ms. Glenn. The students have been working very hard and are looking forward to performing for you on May 16th. See you then. **ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT FOR THE CONCERT!**

Girls' Dress Code

✓ Spring-colored dresses, or skirts and blouses. *(be sure they are appropriate for Church)*

Boys' Dress Code

✓ Black pants and a pastel-colored shirt and optional tie

Shoes and Hair

✓ Closed-toe black/white shoes. **No sneakers.** Girls may wear shoes with a comfortable small heel

✓ All hair for both girls and boys should be pulled back or styled away from the face.

4. **"MEET AND GREET" First Responders Day – Join Us on May 17, 2024!**



St. Denis-St Columba School is having a "Meet and Greet" First Responders Day! It's a great way for the students in Grades K-8 to see First Responders and ask questions about their role in the Community. If you or a member of your family serves in any of these capacities and would like to take part, please contact our event coordinators: Josephine Eagan at 914-329-0941 or Cathy DiRienzo at 914-497-2519.

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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 DIE: Garrey Kanitz (*Grandfather Peter McGrath, Gr. 5*), George Apap (*Grandfather, Gr. 8*), Julio Gordan (*Uncle, Mason Liboa, Gr. 3*)

