



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Shine Like the Stars

Weeks of November 9 – 13, 2020

Stay Vigilant – Keep In-Person Learning at SDSC!

Covid-19 cases are increasing around the country and in our local community. Many Dutchess County schools have already had shutdowns due to positive cases. Your diligence and cooperation following the SDSC safety protocol has kept SDSC free of suspected or positive cases since the first day of school. With the cold and flu season quickly approaching and rising Covid cases, we need to be extra careful in the coming weeks if we want to keep uninterrupted in-person learning at SDSC. You can help by observing the following protocols and reminding your child to do the same:

- Do not send a child to school who is not feeling well.
- **Masks MUST be worn at school and MUST BE WORN over both the NOSE and MOUTH.**
- Students must remain socially distanced at all times in the classrooms, hallways and outside.
- More than ever students must “keep their hands to themselves!”
- Reinforce proper handwashing techniques and personal hygiene.
- Make sure your family wears masks when out in public.
- Please don’t take unnecessary risks of exposure when not at school.



Failure to adhere to the above directives will result in your child becoming an at-home remote learner, and he/she will not be able to learn at school. We ask that you please review these guidelines with your children so that we can ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in the school building.

MAP Assessments November 9th – November 18th

Beginning Monday, November 9th, all students of Saint Denis-Saint Columba School will take the NWEA MAP Growth assessments on a computer or chrome book. 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.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child’s responses to measure your child’s skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level. 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.

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. Following each testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of how your child is performing academically. We are truly excited to focus on your child’s individual growth and achievement. **We request that students are on-time and fully rested to ensure they are able to concentrate at their best. For students testing remotely, we ask that a parent/adult be available to support as needed during designated testing times.** The tentative schedule for MAP assessments will be as follows. You will be informed of any changes by the classroom teacher.

<i>November 9th-10th Reading</i>	9:15-10:15	Grade 4-5	11:00-12:00	Grade 2-3	12:45-1:45	Grade 6-7-8
<i>November 9th or 10th Reading</i>	8:45	Gr 1	10:30	Gr K	<i>November 12th or 13th</i>	8:45 Gr 1 10:30 Gr K

<i>November 12th-13th Math</i>	9:00-10:00	Grade 7-8	10:00-11:00	Grade 4-5-6	11:00-12:00	Grade 2-3
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November 10th Reading
November 12th Math **Remote Students** will meet with Sr. Kathleen via ZOOM using the following link
<https://zoom.us/j/98981364074?pwd=cVFGeTZZTHJYY3Z2am83Tk1NYXZXZz09>
at the grade-level times indicated above.

For your reference, the *Family Guide to MAP Growth* in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) will provide additional detail and understanding of the assessments. If you would like to see a sample of the MAP Assessment, please visit studentresources.nwea.org.

No School – Wednesday, November 11th

There will be no school on Wednesday, November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day. We thank all of our SDSC parents, grandparents and alumni who have served our country!

Green Cohort Day – Friday, November 13th

Please note that the Green Cohort students are scheduled to report to school for in-person learning this Friday, November 13th. This provides a "make-up" in-person day for the Green Cohort due to the Veteran's Day Holiday.

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

As we anticipate the first quarter report card next week, we would like to remind you that all financial requirements, including tuition payments, lunch tickets, and all school fees must be made current before the students can receive their report card. *If your family has recently encountered a change in circumstances due to Covid-19 that impacts your ability to pay tuition, please contact Sr. Kathleen or Mr. Krebs to submit an application for emergency assistance. The Archdiocese has limited relief funding to assist those who have been impacted by Covid-19.*

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 will be receiving an email this week from your children's teachers with a conference **Zoom link and a schedule of times**. **Please check your emails and be attentive to your scheduled time. Reach out to the teachers immediately if you have a serious conflict.**

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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*), and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.

A TIME TO DIE: Trudy Gilroy (*Grandmother of Grace, Grade 7*), Michael Persico (*Father of Mrs. Gilroy; Grandfather of Grace, Grade 7*), Joan Verlander (*Aunt of Sr. Kathleen*)

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2 WEEKS TO GO! Students Can Win BIG Raffles Prizes!

It's time for our Maskerade Student Raffles! There are 15 different exciting prizes available to win. There's something for every age group. Prizes are valued up to \$300! [Students can preview the prizes up close by clicking HERE or the link in their Google Classroom](#). Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. (Online payment available under "Raffles" at www.bidpal.net/sdsc20). The drawing will be held on Friday, November 20th after morning prayers. All proceeds benefit the students. Huge thanks to our Student Raffle Coordinators: Natalie Reilly and Tracy Zingaro.



NEW ITEMS ADDED TO THE SILENT AUCTION!

We are unmasking NEW silent auction Prizes this weekend! Don't miss your chance to bid on the Ultimate Nintendo Switch Lite Package (Donated by the Markowitz Family) or a Genuine Christian Dior Wallet (Donated by the Breining Family and HG Bags Online).

Maskerade Silent Auction

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! [Click Here for a LUXURY Raffle Ticket Form](#), [Click Here for a CLASS BASKET Raffle Form](#), or buy tickets online at www.bidpal.net/sdsc20. Winners drawn Sunday, November 22nd.

Hidden behind their masks is so much potential for loving and learning!



You can help unlock that potential!