



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of February 8-12, 2021

Shine Like the Stars

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT BEGINS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

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 will be 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.

TADS Re-Enrollment Verification

All families with children eligible to re-enroll for the 2021-22 school year will receive an email from TADS with a link to re-enroll. Follow the link, carefully review the information in the re-enrollment module for accuracy and pay the \$100 priority registration fee for each child to complete the first part of the re-enrollment process. If you do not see the email in your inbox, please check your junk/spam folder. If you still cannot locate the email, contact Mr. Krebs for assistance at rtkrebs@stcolumba.net.

Transportation Forms

SDSC will email public school district transportation forms to all families who are eligible for bus transportation. ***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.

Priority Registration ENDS February 26th

Applications for new students have outpaced our current classroom capacities. You must enroll for the 2021-22 School Year **on or before February 26th** in order to have priority placement in the grade level. If financial circumstances prevent you from completing the enrollment by the deadline, please notify the School Office immediately. *Once the priority period for re-enrollment ends, available spaces will be offered to new applicants.*

URGENT: Financial Assistance for the 2021-22 School Year



All families eligible for renewal of financial assistance were sent an email on February 2nd to **reapply for aid for the 2021-22 School Year**. To be considered for a renewal, you must complete the requalifying application online using the link provided in e-mail, pay the financial aid application fee, and submit all required documents. ***Financial aid is awarded on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Awards are already being allocated. Complete your financial aid application immediately.***

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – CONTINUED!

Last week we began our Catholic Schools celebration with back to back snow days so we are going to continue with our activities this week!

Monday-Tuesday (February 8th-9th) LIFT UP the Poor and Dress DOWN!

Let's LIFT UP the needy in our community! Bring in a monetary donation, non-perishable food item or a personal care item for the poor and enjoy a DRESS DOWN NUT Day! Collection bins will be in the school lobby for students to leave their donations upon arrival. All items and donations benefit our on-site St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

One day this week (weather-permitting) each class will have an opportunity for extra recess.) Your child's teacher will let you know. Be sure your child has boots, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. so they can enjoy some play time in the snow!

Wednesday-Thursday (February 3rd-4th) HOW SWEET IT IS!

How Sweet It Is! Celebrate how "sweet it is" to be a Catholic School with a fresh oatmeal raisin cookie and some chocolate ice cream with sprinkles (Ice pops will be provided to students with nut or dairy allergies.)



REPORT CARDS will distributed TUESDAY, February 9th.

Report Cards will be released electronically by Tuesday evening, February 9th. Please be sure that **all your financial requirements, including tuition payments, lunch tickets, and all school fees are current by that time.** If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Half Day of School for Students – Friday, February 12th

There will be a half day of school for students on Friday, February 12th. Students will be dismissed after prayers beginning at 11:45 a.m.

No School for Students – Monday, February 15th

School will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.



UPCOMING FRIDAY COHORT SCHEDULES

Please be aware of the schedule for Fridays in February.

Friday, Feb. 12th	½ Day for Students - Green Cohort	Friday, Feb. 26th	No School for Students
Friday, Feb. 19th	Green Cohort	Friday, March 5th	½ Day for Students – Gold Cohort

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Chromebook Care



We are fortunate as a school to have enough Chromebooks to be able loan them to students who need a device at home. Unfortunately, we are seeing problems with some of the loaned devices due to misuse and improper care. Parents/guardians are responsible for the care of all loaned devices. Charges will be assessed for damaged, dirty or broken devices. In most cases the damage is preventable. Most problems are caused by consumption of food/drinks while using the devices. Help us keep our devices in good working order! No Chromebook should be out during snack or lunch time. The Chromebooks are to be used **ONLY** for learning purposes and not for personal use or entertainment!

Attendance on ZOOM classes in the Afternoon

It has come to my attention that some students are not signing on to ZOOM in the afternoon or are signing on, but are not present or participating. This is a reminder that **all videos must be on during class time**, and all students must be in full view of the camera during class time or they will be considered absent during that time. The entire face of the student must be visible on the ZOOM!

Students with their Chromebooks and Devices

All devices need to be fully charged for class each day whether the student is home or in school. PLEASE NOTE that going forward all students, **must have two fully-charged devices available to them when they are taking a test remotely.** This is so that the teacher can view the students as they are taking the test and can assist them as needed.

You could be eligible for Covid Tuition Assistance!

Has Covid-19 impacted your family financially in anyway? You could be eligible to receive a one-time award from The Inner City Scholarship Fund to assist you with tuition. The criteria for an award is fairly broad and includes items such as increased childcare expenses, reduction in income (reduced hours, furlough, etc.), expenses for internet access/technology, Covid related medical expenses, costs associated with caring for an infected or quarantined person, etc. Awards will be made to eligible families until the funds are depleted.

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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: Kathleen Alvarez (*Grandmother of Tristan Alvarez-Vasquez*), Mrs. Boulton, Colleen Carey (*aunt of Landon and Braeden Tompkins, Joseph Troy*), Christian Dill (*Grand-nephew of Sr. Cherree*), Mrs. Dillon, Tonjia Minotti (*Mother of Robbie, Gr. 4*), Debbie Sauerhoff (*Mrs. Spera's sister-in-law*), 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: Tinamarie Griggs (*Former SDSC Parent*, Claire Novack (*Family friend of Mrs. Sheridan*)