



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



Week of March 1-5, 2021

Shine Like the Stars





### SDSC Read-a-thon Begins this WEEK!

The SDSC first ever Read-a-thon begins this week! Be sure your child has a book with them to read every day. Books may be fiction or non-fiction, but should have lots of TEXT to read! A goal of the Read-a-thon is to sharpen our students literacy skills and to excite them about reading. Time will be set aside each school day to read. Please read with your child at home and/or encourage your child to read independently at home!

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### SPONSORS AND READING GOALS

-  All students received sponsor sheets from their teachers. Additional sponsor sheets will be emailed.
-  Students are to set a goal for the minimum number of minutes that they will endeavor to read over the course of the Read-a-thon. A tracking sheet can be found on the back of the sponsor sheet. Be sure your child records all reading times and the total number of minutes at the end of each day. For our emerging readers, all the time that they are read to or that read with someone counts!
-  Students are encouraged to find sponsors who will pledge a flat rate donation to support their Read-a-thon reading goal! Likely, sponsors could include family, friends and neighbors. For health and safety, door to door solicitation is discouraged.
-  Sponsors can also make an online donation for their children by visiting: [www.bidpal.net/sdscreads21](http://www.bidpal.net/sdscreads21)

### PRIZES AND AWARDS

#### Individual Prizes:

- All students will receive a reading-themed pencil, a Dr. Seuss pencil and bookmark.
- One NUT award for every \$50 total donation.
- For donations of \$100 or greater, students will be entered in a Grand Prize raffle for a new Amazon Kindle.
- The student(s) per grade level with the largest donation will be eligible to win a reading-themed prize basket. (For tie, a winner will be drawn randomly and runners up will choose a book prize.)
- Student(s) per grade level with the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest donation get to choose a book prize.



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#### School Awards

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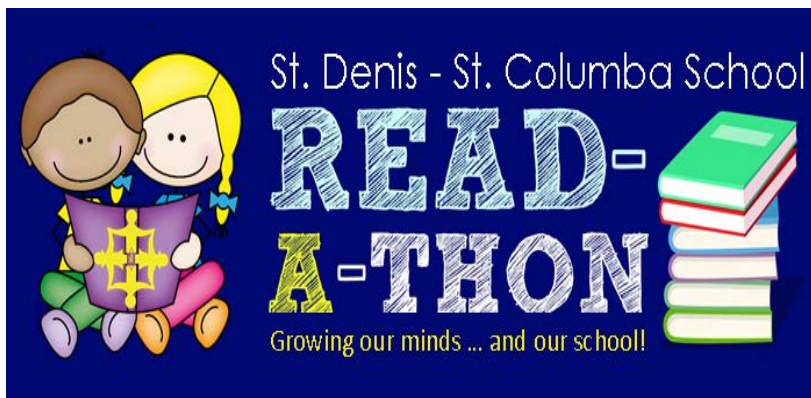
### Half Day of School for Students – Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – and it is a GOLD DAY for students!!!

There will be a half day of school for students on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed beginning at 11:45 a.m.

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**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, Deron Jump (*friend of Mr. Krebs*), Tonjia Minotti (*Mother of Robbie, Gr. 4*), Debbie Sauerhoff (*Mrs. Spera's sister-in-law*), Mrs. Bennett (*mother of Michael, Gr. 2*), and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.





### **What is the Read-a-thon?**

SDSC will hold a Read-a-thon to raise money to support student programs and provide them with the growth and education that lasts a lifetime. The Read-a-thon is not just a fundraiser; it's a multi-week adventure at SDSC with fun-filled activities that promote reading! **The SDSC Read-a-thon runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** The benefits will last a lifetime! Thank you for your support!

## **SCHOOLWIDE READ-A-THON EVENTS**


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 **A Gathering of Bookworms (Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>):** Two days with time set aside to be bookworms! Students can bring in a comfy blanket, stuffed animal and a book to read.

 **Book Alive! (Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>):** Students may dress as an author or character from a book. This is not limited to fiction! A student may dress as a historical or current noteworthy figure about whom a book has been written (e.g. Abraham Lincoln, Mia Hamm, etc.). A student may also dress up in a manner related to a nonfiction book (chef, astronaut, carpenter). Students must prepare a Google Slide or index card with facts about the person, character, subject, etc. with 3-5 facts and the title of a book to recommend to their class. They will make a short presentation to their class.

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My Read-a-thon goal is \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

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# My Personal Reading Tracker

Date	Minute Tracker (Record each time you read!)	Total Minutes
Monday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>		
Tuesday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Wednesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Thursday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>		
Friday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>		
Sunday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>		
Monday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>		
Thursday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Friday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>		
Sunday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>		
Monday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>		
Total Read-a-thon Minutes:		