



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Shine Like the Stars

May 10-14, 2021

NEW Date for Summer Uniforms – Monday, May 17th



The forecasted weather for this week is going to be unseasonably chilly, so we are delaying implementation of summer uniforms until **Monday, May 17th**. Please note that the school boilers have been turned off in the building for the season so please be sure your children have a sweater with them for chilly mornings that are expected this week. Please be sure to label your children's sweaters and jackets. This is the season when sweaters and jackets often get left behind!

Happy Mother's Day! – May 9th

We wish all of our SDSC Mothers and Grandmothers a Happy Mother's Day! We thank God for our mothers to whom He has entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb. We are so grateful to our Mothers who have entrusted the care of their precious children to SDSC to share in their growth and development!



May Crowning – Wednesday, May 12th

SDSC will continue our tradition of honoring our Blessed Mother during the month of May and ask for her intercession as the world continues to suffer from the pandemic. We will have our annual May Crowning celebration this Wednesday, May 12th. The celebration will be on video and feature a combination on in-person and remote participation. We thank Mrs. Sheridan and the Grade 8 Class for leading the May Crowning for the school.

Flowers Requested for May Crowning

In honor of our Blessed Mother we are asking that **each student bring in some fresh flowers to honor our Blessed Mother. During our May Crowning this year we would like to have all the students participate in a special way.** By bringing in some fresh flowers on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, each class will have a full bouquet of flowers ready to present to our Blessed Mother during our May Crowning.



Feast of the Ascension Mass – Thursday, May 13th

We celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, May 13th. Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, where he will come again. Jesus, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.

MAP Assessments Take Place Week of May 10th, 17th and 24th

SDSC students will take their final Spring NWEA MAP Growth assessments in Reading, Language and Math over the next couple of weeks. 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. 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. We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement.

Things to Know About MAP Assessments

- Please be sure that your child is on-time and fully rested so that they are able to concentrate and do their best.
- **HYBRID students will take assessments on days when they are at school in person.**
- **FULLY REMOTE Students** will meet Sr. Kathleen on Zoom using the following link:
 - <https://zoom.us/j/98627201648?pwd=QXBlc1lpMFpHekdVNDIqNk9kTFpUdz09>
- Fully remote students will meet Sr. Kathleen on ZOOM on the following days this week:
 - **Grades 6-8 at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12th**
 - **Grades 3-4 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 13th**
 - **Grades K-2 at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, May 14th**

- **Fully Remote Students** will need TWO DEVICES: a device for taking the assessment (e.g. laptop, desktop or Chromebook) AND a Zoom capable device (e.g. phone, tablet, additional laptop or Chromebook). A parent/adult must be available to support as needed during designated testing times.
- Following the testing period, you will receive a Family Report showing a summary of this year's assessments so that you can observe how your child performed academically this year.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: ART CLASS – Friday, May 14th

Students who are regularly scheduled for Art on Mondays will have Art class this Friday. Be sure that your child brings any necessary art supplies to school today.

NUTTY Fridays – May 14th, 21st and 28th

The remaining Fridays in May are Read-a-thon NUTTY Fridays! (No Uniform Today – Thank You Fridays!) All students at home and in school will be permitted to attend classes without their school uniform on these NUTTY days.

NUT Day Guidelines

NUT DAY clothing must comply with the rules in the SDSC Parent-Student Handbook. As a reminder, the following items are prohibited: ripped or torn clothing, immodest clothing (crop tops, halter tops, etc.), items with inappropriate words/sayings. All shoes must be safe and supportive – no sandals, sliders or ballet shoes.

Teacher Appreciation – THANK YOU



What a tremendous outpouring of appreciation and love our faculty, staff and administration received this past week! Thank you to our PSA and Room Parents for coordinating with our school families to ensure that all were recognized for a job well done! Thank you also to the many families and students who also did something extra on their own.

SDSC Spirit Wear

Are you looking for the SDSC PSA Spirit Wear for your child's summer uniform? The heather gray shirts and green basketball shorts are popular with the students during summer uniform season. We have good news! Spirit Wear is now available for purchase all year long at Lil' Darling! You can purchase these items in store and online at <https://www.lildarlinguniformshoppe.com/>. This enable students to be fitted for the proper size and for parents to get "the next size up" anytime during the year as the children grow. Every purchase supports the SDSC PSA!

Lil' Darling Hours

As we anticipate moving into summer uniforms, please be aware that our uniform supplier Lil' Darling has reduced hours. Currently, they are open Thursday-Saturday. For your convenience you can purchase online anytime. Shipping is free with every purchase over \$75. Lil' Darlings can be reached at 845-298-7300.

SDSC Class of 2021 Graduation – June 11th

The SDSC Class of 2021 will graduate from SDSC on Friday, June 11th at 4:30 p.m. We are fortunate that graduation is able to return indoors to St. Columba Church this year! The state of New York and the ADNY Health and Safety Task force will be promulgating very specific rules and procedures to which we will be required to adhere. As those are finalized we will communicate them to our families. Unfortunately, we do know there will be capacity limits that will determine the number of guests each student may bring. As with last year, the administration and the Grade 7 Class will create special ways to celebrate our graduates within the guidelines we are given. We look forward to celebrating our graduating class!

Bottled Water for Sale

As we move into warmer weather, we will continue to offer water for sale to students. An 8-oz bottle is \$.50 each and a 16-oz bottle is \$1.00. We will always provide water to students upon request, but the bottled water is not free to students as the school must purchase it as well. IOUs will be added to lunch accounts if a student does not have money on hand.



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Let us continue to pray for 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*), Joel D'Ascoli (*grandfather of John and Joseph Reilly*), Mrs. Dillon, Ryan Donovan (*father of Ryleigh, Gr. 4*), Deron Jump (*friend of Mr. Krebs*), , Tonjia Minotti (*Mother of Robbie, Gr. 4*), Debbie Sauerhoff (*Mrs. Spera's sister-in-law*), and for the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit.

A TIME TO DIE: Nelson Christopher Rivera (*Brother of the Rivera Children*)