



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter

Week of October 8-12, 2018



NEWS & NOTES

IMPORTANT: Help SDSC Maintain Accreditation

If you have not completed the Accreditation survey, please do so ASAP! The Archdiocese of New York Catholic School System is working to renew the accreditation all of our schools. Accreditation is the process of certifying that our school is one that provides an excellent Catholic education to all students. As part of this process, the accreditation team would like to know more about your experiences in our school over the past year. To complete the survey please click on this link: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/73158/30530>

IMPORTANT: Student-Parent Handbooks

Our records indicate that some families have not yet completed the Student-Parent Handbook Agreements. Our Student-Parent Handbook is posted [HERE](#) and on our website under the Parent Tab. Please take some time to read through the handbook. After reviewing its contents, please [COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORMS](#) for the school handbook agreement and textbook form. These forms can be found [HERE](#), on the school website under the Parent Tab and on the School App. Please complete them ASAP. They are not optional. Legally, we are required to keep all of these agreements on file. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

EDUCATE Parent Portal

All parents/guardians have been granted access to the EDUCATE Parent Portal. Please take some time on a regular basis to review your child's homework, project and test grades. The portal gives you nearly "real time" view into your child's academic performance at school. The portal can be accessed from the School App or under the "For Parents" Tab on the school website. If you need any assistance accessing EDUCATE, please contact Mrs. Marrero at 845-227-7777 or bmarrero@stcolumba.net.

Winter Uniform Begins Monday, October 15th

The last day for summer uniforms will be this Friday, October 12th. All students are to wear their winter uniforms beginning Monday, October 10th. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for uniform requirements.

SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon



Lace up those walking shoes! The SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon returns on Friday, October 12th. The Walk-a-thon will take place after lunch and will follow a route on the school campus. After a morning of learning, students will have a fun school-spirit-filled afternoon walking for their school! After the walk-a-thon students will enjoy a treat together to celebrate. (In case of inclement weather, a Rain Date will be set.) It's our last Fall fundraiser and the only one that involves direct student participation. If we raise an average of \$50 per student, we will reach our overall school goal of \$10,500. Once we reach our goal, we will celebrate our success with five schoolwide NUT (No Uniform Today) Days and an ice cream sundae party!

Parents, siblings and relatives are also welcome to walk with the students. We are in need of volunteers to stamp student pledge forms at 5 different walk-a-thon checkpoints. If you are interested in helping, please sign up [HERE](#), or contact Mrs. Marrero at 845-227-7777 or bmarrero@stcolumba.net.

Students should wear their gym uniforms and/or PSA Spirit Wear along with sneakers the day of the Walk-A-Thon.

After School Enrichment Programs



There are still just a **few** remaining spaces in Mad Science Super Sampler, Soccer Skills Clinics, Martial Arts, Garden Club, and Improv. The following activities have reached their participation limit and are **full**: Musical Theater, LEGO Club, Crayola Art: World of Design. Registration forms and class descriptions are available at www.stcolumba.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Doll's Tea Party – Saturday, October 13th

“Mermaids and fish under the sea invite you and your doll to come drink some tea!” The 2018 Doll's Tea Party will be on Saturday, October 13th from 11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Little girls can bring their favorite doll and a special adult to join us for lunch, tea, dessert, entertainment and raffles. Limited tickets are still available, but the Tea Party sells out so order tickets early!

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 19th

Children in Grades K-4 are invited to our “Trunk or Treat” on Friday, October 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in SDSC Parking Lot. At the “Trunk or Treat,” the costumed children walk through a coned-off portion of the parking lot, stopping at cars that have decorated trunks to receive candy. The cost of the event is \$2 per student.



Trunk volunteers needed!

Be creative with your trunk decorations, but please nothing very scary or gory. To keep the cost low for students and to help the PSA raise funds for them, we kindly ask that each trunk volunteer, please donate candy. To volunteer or for any questions, e-mail us at: PSA@stcolumba.net.

Fall Harvest Dance – Friday, October 19th

The SDSC PSA Fall Harvest Dance will be Friday, October 19th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the school gym. Students in Grades 5 – 8 are invited to put on their costumes and come enjoy treats, dancing and fun with friends. The cost of the dance is \$10 per student. Please RSVP at www.stcolumba.net under the PSA “Sign Me Up” tab or by clicking [HERE](#).



Storytime – Saturday, October 20th

Students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 2 are invited to a special Halloween Edition of Storytime on Saturday, October 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Storytime features singing, dancing, puppetry, interactive storytelling and music. It's a continuous program, so “come when you like and leave when you must.” Storytime is open to all local children so bring a friend!



Altar Rosary Society Craft Fair – Saturday, November 3rd



The Altar Rosary Society's 45th annual HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR will be held at SDSC on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be over 50 tables of handcrafted items. Also there will be numerous raffles, a baked goods table, a treasure chest table, and much more! The Altar Rosary Society generously supports SDSC every year, so please consider attending the craft fair.



West Point Football Group Outing – November 17th, 2018

Tickets are now on sale for the SDSC PSA Army West Point Football outing! Join your SDSC friends as we watch Army take on Colgate on Saturday, November 17th at 12 noon. Tickets are \$29 each. Click [HERE](#) for order form.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL WHILE YOU SHOP!



Did you know you can raise money for SDSC every time you shop at www.Amazon.com ? Simply use the Amazon link on the school website or SDSC App every time you shop. If you are an Amazon Prime Member, all of your Prime benefits still apply! SDSC receives up to 10% of every purchase you make!

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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: For the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this year.

A TIME TO DIE: Anne Culkin, *great grandmother of Michael O'Hearn*



Grade K - 4

Friday, October 19

5:30 – 7:00 PM

\$2 per child paid at the event

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