



Saint Denis – Saint Columba School

... A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

TO: PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
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*Jesus, I Trust in You
Make our Hearts like Yours!*

February Saint and Virtue



Saint Blaise

Virtue of OBEDIENCE: Saying YES to the Loving Will of God and those He has set over us

Scripture Reflection: “Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God.” *Romans 13:1*

How have you Experienced Freedom by Being Obedient?

NEW ONLINE Re-Registration Process

You will receive an email this week welcoming you to our new online enrollment process which opens this Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Completion of the online enrollment process will secure a seat for your child(ren). This new way of registering your student(s) for 2017-2018 is being administered by the company TADS.

We are now using TADS Admissions, Enrollment (Registration), and Financial Aid (where applicable) in addition to TADS Educate for our student information system. You should know that TADS will not be replacing our current tuition billing system (Smart Tuition) for the 2017-2018 school year. You will continue to pay tuition and other related school fees through Smart Tuition.

You will receive a separate email for each child who will be attending SDSC. This email will be sent from support@tads.com. It will include a brief overview of the registration process and a link that is unique to your child's information for enrollment, including related payment due and grade level for 2017-2018 school year.

Re-Registration fees are applied to each student registered and are due at the time of re-registration. *A reduced Re-Registration fee rate is being offered to those students who are registered by **February 28, 2017**. You must complete this process by this date to receive the reduced re-registration rate.* In addition, we cannot guarantee a seat for your child if you do not complete the process and pay the related charge(s) by that date.

Please note that if you have previously used TADS for Admissions or Financial Aid, you will be asked to log into TADS with the account you created at that time. If not, then you will need to create an account. You must use the link in each email you receive in order to see the correct information for the 2017-2018 school year. Payments will be made per student. Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education for your child(ren).

Second Quarter Report Cards

The Parent Component of Cornerstone will open this Friday evening, February 3rd for all families to review of their children's report cards. **Remember that all financial requirements, including tuition payments and all school fees for lunch, the after school program, etc. must be met before your children can receive their second quarter report card.** All tuition payments must be made directly to SMART and are no longer accepted at the school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

On your children's Second Quarter report cards, you will see both percentages and progress codes. The students in Grades 1-8 will receive percentages (based on 100%) in major subject areas and letter grades in special subjects such as Art, Music, Spanish (<120 minutes per week) and Physical Education. The progress codes will be used to provide more specific information indicating your child's progress on the grade level standards for each quarter. For example, a student may receive a 95% in ELA and a 2 in reading grade level text with fluency. The 2 indicates more practice in this area is needed for the child to meet that standard.

This report card will allow you as a parent to see the specific areas in which your child is doing well, and where he or she needs additional support and practice.

Remember that the Progress Codes are not equivalent to A, B, C, D. They represent:

4 - Exceeding Standards, 3 – Meeting Standards, 2-Approaching Standards, 1- Below Standards

4: Exceeding Standards



Student exceeds requirements for grade-level work and consistently applies and extends learned concepts and skills independently

3: Meeting Standards



Student demonstrates and applies knowledge and understanding of learned concepts and skills, meets requirements for grade-level work, and completes work independently with limited errors.

2: Approaching Standards



Student demonstrates partial understandings and is beginning to meet requirements for grade-level work. Student requires some extra time, instruction, assistance and/or practice.

1: Below Standards



Student demonstrates minimal understandings and seldom meets requirements for grade-level work. Student requires an extended amount of time, instruction, assistance and/or practice.

As I explained during Back to School Night – and as the teachers have explained to the students – we at SDSC are working hard to assist our students in achieving their potential in both Math and Reading. We purchased an online individualized program called *i-Ready* for each student. We need your help as parents!

What is i-Ready?

As you know your child has been utilizing *i-Ready* since September here at SDSC. This is an online program that will help us assess your child's individual needs and monitor their progress throughout the school year. It contains two components, which we presently use:

1. ***i-Ready Diagnostic***, which is an adaptive test that adjusts its questions to suit your child's performance. Its purpose is not to give your child a score or grade but instead to determine where they need the most support.
2. ***i-Ready Instruction***, which provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your child can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive, with games and characters to keep your child engaged.

How will i-Ready help my child?

i-Ready helps us determine how we can best support your child in meeting their learning goals and will provide lessons that fit their individual needs. **Past data shows that students who used *i-Ready* for more than 45 minutes per week grew 44% more in Reading and 65% more in Math** than the average student.

What can you do to help your child?

To further deepen their learning, your child can use *i-Ready* at home. They just need a computer, internet access, Adobe Flash Player, and the login information below. To check if your system meets the *i-Ready* system requirements, please visit www.i-ready.com/support and run the system check.

PLEASE NOTE: Weekly i-Ready Homework

Every student is expected to complete at home each week a minimum of **30 minutes (Gr. K-3)** and **45 minutes (Gr. 4-8)** in both Math and Reading. If for some reason they do not complete this minimum requirement at home, they will be expected to stay after school each week to complete it.

Feeding our Neighbors St. Vincent dePaul Food Drive

St. Denis-St. Columba School will be having our Catholic Schools Week food drive to benefit the families of St. Vincent dePaul. The food pantry swells at Thanksgiving time, but quickly gets depleted due to the overwhelming need of the families in our community. Let's help the SVDP Society stock up on goods in their food pantry. We will be collecting items from January 29th - February 3rd. Send them in with your child or drop them off in the school lobby. Some of the items needed include:

- Cereal
- Tea and coffee
- Spaghetti sauce, tomato puree, crushed tomatoes, tomato paste
- Powdered milk
- Flour, sugar and baking mixes
- Canned and dried fruit
- Tuna fish and canned meats
- Canned or boxed potatoes
- Pasta, spaghetti, macaroni, egg noodles, rice
- Canned vegetables, beans, etc.
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Ketchup and Mayonnaise
- Canned soups
- Fruit juices
- Snack pack desserts
- Personal Care Items

Catholic Schools Week Lunch Menu

This week the students will be able to enjoy daily lunch with an International flare! Students may use their regular lunch tickets or send in \$2.50. *A lunch count for Thursday's Chicken LoMein will be taken on Wednesday.* Please be sure your children let their teachers know if they intend to purchase it.

Monday January 30 th	Tuesday January 31 st	Wednesday February 1 st	Thursday February 2 nd	Friday February 3 rd
Pancakes, Sausages, Fruit 	 Popcorn Chicken, Tater tots, Fruit Bar	Meatball Subs Cupcakes 	 Chicken Lo Mein Egg Roll, Fortune Cookie	Pizza, Cookies 

Dads and Donuts

Dad's and Donuts is a longstanding SDSC Catholic Schools Week tradition and a favorite for all. All dads, grandfathers, uncles or any special man in your child's life are invited to enjoy coffee and donuts with the kids on Tuesday, January 31st from 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. in the SDSC Cafeteria. Pick out books in the Book Fair and enjoy a quick bite with the children to get your day off to a great start! We can't wait to see you there!

Scholastic Book Fair Classroom Visits

Our Annual Catholic Schools Week Scholastic Book Fair begins this Sunday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We are in need of parents to help children pick out books and to help with the register check out! The students will visit the book fair on Monday and Tuesday. Parents are welcome to come during their child's classroom visit and help them pick out the perfect book! Consider coming in to help during the times listed below. *We accept cash, credit cards or checks made out to St. Denis-St. Columba. Please note that we are required to add NYS sales tax of 8.5% to each order.* Please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4baaa92faafd0-catholic> or contact Coleen Murray at ocmurray@optonline.net

	January 30 th	January 31 st		January 30 th	January 31 st
8:30		Grade 8-1	11:30		Grade 3
9:00		Grade 4	1:00	Grade 5	
9:30		Grade 6	1:30	Grade 1	Grade 7 (1:20)
11:00	Kindergarten	Grade 2	2:00		Grade 8-2

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Contributions are needed for our Catholic Schools Week Faculty Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, 2/1. Please sign up at our <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4baaa92faafd0-faculty> or send in your favorite dish. You can drop off items on Tuesday 1/31 or 2/1 before 10am. We can heat up or assemble any dish you contribute! Thank you for making this luncheon special for our Faculty and Staff! Please contact Janet Graves at janetdenisg@gmail.com with any questions.

Cupcakes for Catholic Schools

Help us treat the children to a special Cupcake treat at lunch! Parents are needed to bake 24 cupcakes at home, bring them in on Wednesday, 2/1 at 8:30am. We will decorate them with SDSC flare and create a cupcake display to celebrate this special week! You can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4baaa92faafd0-catholic>.

Mardi Gras Dance

All SDSC 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders are invited to come dance, party and celebrate Mardi Gras with friends and classmates on Friday, February 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the school gym. Music provided by DJ Alex. Tickets are \$8 per student. See Flyer attached, fill out and return RSVP with payment to Main Office by Wednesday, February 8th. Parents are needed to chaperone, 3 parents for each grade. To chaperone or if you have any questions, please contact Paula Horton at nikkiph569@yahoo.com. Hope your child can join the celebration!

SDSC at the Movies!

SDSC is going to the movies....and this time it's a double feature! We have a private theater for both the Batman Lego Movie and Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Please see attached form for more details. *Please note: The Batman Lego Movie is February 11th and the Beauty and the Beast Movie is March 18th. Payment for the Double Feature is due by February 8th.*

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

Anne Culkin (*mother of Cathy Martin and great grandmother of Michael O'Hearn*), Ms. Molinari, Mrs. Dillon, Geri DiNoti (*parishioner*), Janice Prostack (*sister of Sr. Kathleen*), Loretta DelliCarpini, Louis Pissani, Chelsea Grace (*daughter of Spanish teacher, Mrs. Lyons*), Paulo Ampil (*Kyle Silverio's grandfather*), and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit at this time

St. Denis-St. Columba School
at the movies



Come join us on Saturday, February 11th for
The Batman Movie
and Saturday, March 18th for
Disney's Beauty and the Beast



Showtime for both movies is 9:45 at the Carmel Theater on Rte 52 in Carmel, NY
\$25 per person for the the Double Feature
\$15 per person for a single movie

*Prices include popcorn and a drink.
In the event of inclement weather, tickets will be refunded.
Friends and Family are welcome.*

We are going to the movies!

Name: _____

Number of Tickets:

_____ Batman Movie _____ Beauty and the Beast _____ Double Feature

Amount Enclosed (*\$15 per ticket for Single Movie, \$25 per ticket for Double Feature*) _____

Contact Email in case of inclement weather _____

*Please make check payable to SDSC PSA and submit payment and registration to **SDSC at the Movies** Kindness of the Main Office by February 9th for Batman and Double Feature. Single tickets to Beauty and the Beast should be submitted by Monday, March 13th.*