



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of October 2, 2017

Top Tastes of the Town – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who joined us for the 7th Annual Top Tastes of the Town last Tuesday! We are so grateful to the Top Tastes Committee, who not only worked many months organizing the fundraiser, but who also staffed the event and donated raffle items too! The Committee Members are Judy D'Alessandro, Maryann Menuau, Loretta Dellicarpini, Heather Sulca, Libby Kish, Larissa Devito, Coleen Murray, Lori Craft, and Janine Metzger. Thank you, Cynthia O'Connor, Danielle Peratikos and Liz Femia for assisting the night of the event. We are also grateful to the Kohl's Cares Program for the invaluable volunteer help cleaning up after the event. **Top Tastes of the Town raised approximately \$14,000 for SDSC. THANK YOU!**



Columbus Day – No School

Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

Uniform Exchange

Join us on Friday, October 6th from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. for our Fall Uniform Exchange in the school cafeteria. You may purchase gently used winter uniform pieces for discounted prices.

Winter Uniforms

The last day for summer uniforms will be this Friday, October 6th. All students are to wear their winter uniforms beginning Tuesday, October 10th. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for details. All students should also have the required school sweater and/or sweater vest with the school name embroidered on it. This is essential on days when it may be colder than usual or on days when students may have to exit the building for fire or emergencies drills. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

First Friday Liturgy – October 6

This Friday, October 6th we will be celebrating as a faith community our school liturgy in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. During the liturgy our priests will present Bibles to our 6th Grade students. We will gather for mass at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. All are welcome to join us for this celebration!



SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon



Lace up those walking shoes! The SDSC Annual Walk-a-thon returns on Friday, October 13th with a twist. This year the Walk-a-thon will take place after lunch and will follow a new route on the school campus. After a morning of learning, students will have a fun 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.)

Sponsor forms will be sent home with students on Monday. 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 contact Mrs. Marrero at 845-227-7777 or bmarrero@stcolumba.net.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have a strong volunteer community at SDSC and we love that so many take an active role in the daily lives of our students! When you are in the school building, it is important to NEVER open the school doors for any other adult wishing to enter the building – even for other parents/volunteers – unless directed/authorized by a member of the school staff. For the safety of everyone, the staff/administration must always be aware of - and authorize - the adults who enter the school building. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Tuesday Chip Sales

Tuesday Chip Day is back! Every Tuesday students can purchase a variety of salted snacks for 50 cents in the cafeteria. Tuesday Chip day is a fundraiser that supports SDSC and enables us to host a graduation party each year for our 8th Grade Graduating Class. Our first Tuesday Chip Day will be October 3rd.



Magazine Drive Ending!

Our magazine drive is winding down. Please send in final order forms or submit them online. Any family who sells 4 or more magazines will receive an Ice Cream Party, and families who sell 10 or more will receive a NUT award for each child in the family. Although the official “drive” is ending, you can purchase or renew publications anytime on our website at www.stcolumba.net under “Magazine renewals and Sales.” SDSC receives funds for every publication!

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed – October 19



Thank you to all the parents who have taken additional lunch shifts to keep our hot lunch program available every day! We have an immediate need to fill the following opening: October 19th – Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers. Expand your cooking repertoire by mastering the SDSC griddle! If you're available for one of these openings, one day monthly during the school year, and/or have any questions, please contact Judy Boulton via text at 914-474-3035 or by e-mail at lunchprogram@stcolumba.net. Thank you for your support.

PSA Community Meeting: Meet and Greet, October 3rd

All are welcome to our first PSA Community Meeting of the year this Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Come and meet our Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons for a chance to hear about the events and activities planned for this school year. It's a great way relax with a cup of coffee and get to meet fellow parents!



Box Tops for Education – Classroom Contest!



We want to make the 2017-2018 School Year our most successful year for our Box Tops for Education Program! Our goal is \$1,000. To reach that goal we will need to collect **10,000 Box Tops**. You might think it's impossible but our SDSC Community can do it!

A flyer will be attached to the Family Newsletter once a month. Attach an unexpired Box Top to each space on the flyer and return the flyer to your class. Be sure to put your child's name and class on the back of the flyer! Each class's submissions will be tallied on a quarterly basis and **a prize will be awarded to the class collecting the most Box Tops**. This quarter will end on Friday, December 15th. **The prize for the class with the most box tops will be extra recess for an entire week!** To track our progress, look for the thermometers in the hallway.

Dolls Tea Party – Raffle Items Needed



The SDSC Doll's Tea Party Committee is looking for donations or raffle items. Suggested items include doll clothes/accessories, games, books, toys and anything else that is “sugar and spice and everything nice.” Items can be dropped off at the School Office. For information or questions contact Fiona Murray at psa@stcolumba.net or 845-264-0952.

A Doll's Troll's Tea Party – Saturday, October 21

The SDSC Annual Doll's Tea Party has been taken over by Trolls! It's OK because Trolls are small creatures who live in a constant state of happiness, singing, dancing and hugging ALL DAY LONG! So grab your favorite doll and a special adult and join in the fun of the Troll's Tea Party on Saturday, October 21st from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Troll Village at SDSC. Special pre-sale price: \$20 per girl and \$10 per adult (includes lunch and activities). Please see attached flyer. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!



Fall Harvest Dance – Grades 5-8



The SDSC PSA Fall Harvest Dance will be Friday, October 13th (!!) 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](#).

Spooktacular Fall Fest

Join us on Saturday, October 28th from 2:00pm-4:00pm for an afternoon of Spooktacular fun! Children from Pre-K through Grade 4 can enjoy our costumed Halloween themed party. Enjoy an afternoon of trick or treating, contests, games and more! Admission is \$10 per child or \$25 per family (household). There will be raffles and photos to purchase once inside. This is going to be a Halloween party to remember! All are welcome, so invite your friends and neighbors to come experience the fun at SDSC! Please [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#). For more information visit www.stcolumba.net or see the attached flyer.



Community Events

St. Columba CYO Basketball

Students in Grades 1—8 are invited to try out for St. Columba CYO Basketball Teams. For more information, or to sign-up visit www.stcolumbabasketball.net.



Vocations Information Day – Sunday, October 29



Students in Grades 6-8 are invited to attend Vocations Information Day hosted by the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council on Sunday, October 29th from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Students will learn about various vocations in the Catholic Church during an afternoon of fun, prayer, food and fellowship. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact John MCGivney at 845-453-2805 Or GK4065John@gmail.com

St. Columba Boy Scout Troop 40

Boy Scout Troop 40 has been an active part of St. Denis-St. Columba School for many years! All Boys older than 10 years of age are welcome to become part of the troop. Meetings are held at Gayhead Elementary School on Thursday nights at 7:15 p.m. For more information, contact Scoutmaster John Fodera at JJMA2001@msn.com or visit <http://www.troop40hopewell.org/joining>



Like a sunflower
that follows
every movement
of the sun,
so I turn to You,
to follow You,
my God.

Carey Landry



Bonnie T. Barry



St. Denis-St. Columba School

After School Enrichment

Fall Session - 2017

Tennis Lessons

Tennis Pros from Taconic Sport and Racquet (TSR) will teach students the basics of tennis to students right here at SDSC. No need to drive your children to a separate tennis facility! In addition, TSR is discounting the cost from \$30 when held at their facility to \$10 a session here at SDSC. All equipment will be provided. Students should bring sneakers to school and are welcome to bring a racquet if they have one.

Day: Monday

Dates: October 16— December 18 (Ten Classes)

Time: 2:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Grades: 2-4

Cost: \$100



Coding and Robotics

SDSC is going to bring computer coding to life through robotics! Students will gain knowledge in computer science as they use tablets, phones and computers to program robots to solve challenges and complete tasks.

Registration is strictly on a first come, first serve basis. Maximum: 24 students.

Day: Monday

Dates: November 13—May 21

Time: 2:50 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Grades: 5-8

Cost: \$90 (Includes materials/supplies)



Yearbook Club

Students who participate in the Yearbook Club design, produce and publish the annual SDSC Yearbook. Participants learn basic principles of graphic design, storytelling and desktop publishing as they capture a year in the life of SDSC!

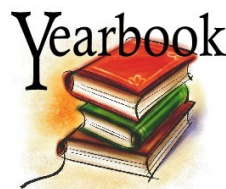
Day: Wednesday

Dates: TBD

Time: 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Grades: 7-8

Cost: \$10



LEGO Club

This is a fun, hands-on, social club where we encourage children to use their imaginations and put their skills to use! Each session will have a theme/free play, and some will have games and group challenges, such as Lego marble maze and of course, the famous end of the year car building and races!

Registration is strictly on a first come, first serve basis. Maximum: 30 students.

Day: Thursday

Dates: October 5, 2016 — May 24

Time: 2:50 – 4:00

Grades: K-4

Cost: \$30



'Tis the Season Art Classes

Taught by an artist from The Artist's Corner, each workshop will feature a different art project using a variety of media. October will be a fall-themed project. November's class will be Thanksgiving, and December will be a gift making workshop. Join for one class or come to all three.

Day: Friday

Dates: October 27, November 17; December 8 (Three Classes)

Time: 2:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Grades: K-4

Cost: \$15 each; All 3 for \$40



Shutterbugs Photography

Professional Photographer Alexandra Sullivan will teach students the basics of creating great photos, including composition, light and point of view. If time allows students will learn about camera settings and their effects. Students may bring their own digital camera (iPhone, iPad, point and shoot, or DSLR). We also will have Nexus tablets available for those who do not have a device.

Day: Friday

Dates: November 3, 17; December 1, 8 (Four Classes)

Time: 2:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Grades: 5-8

Cost: \$20



Registration Form

- All activities are supervised by Safer Spaces qualified adults.
- Students not picked up at the scheduled end time will be dismissed to the After School Program and fees will be charged accordingly.
- Activities are not held when school is dismissed early or not in session. Make-up sessions may be scheduled at the discretion of the activity coordinator.
- Activity fees include necessary supplies and/or equipment.
- *We want all of our students to have the opportunity to participate. If financial difficulty prevents*

Please complete a separate registration form for each student.

☐ Art (All Sessions \$40)

☐ October (\$15)

☐ November (\$15)

☐ December (\$15)

☐ Coding and Robotics (\$90)

☐ Lego Club (\$30)

☐ Shutterbugs Photography (\$20)

☐ Tennis Lessons (\$100)

☐ Yearbook (\$10)

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Is the student registered for the After School Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please make checks payable to "St. Columba School"

Find Your Happy Place!

Dress as pretty as can be...

Bring your Doll and drink some Tea!



Calling all Trolls to the Doll's Tea Party

Saturday, October 21, 2017

11:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Bring your mother, grandmother or other special adult and join us for a brunch, tea, dessert, entertainment and raffles!

Super fun surprises around each corner!

Space is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance.

Advance Purchase Discount: \$20 per girl and \$10 per adult

(Tickets purchased after October 14th are \$25 per girl and \$15 per adult)

Questions? psa@stcolumba.net

Please respond by completing the tear off below:

Name: _____

of Girls _____ # of Adults _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____



Food
Games
Prizes
Raffles



Join us for a
SPOOKTACULAR EVENT!

St. Denis-St. Columba School
October 28, 2:00-4:00 PM

\$10 PER CHILD *Max \$25
per family*

PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 4

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME!

BRING YOUR CARVED PUMPKIN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE

REGISTER AT: www.stcolumba.net

