



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



Week of December 4, 2017

### Welcome Advent!

Advent is the beginning the Church's liturgical year. Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the birth of Jesus on Christmas.



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

This Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On this day we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception – that is, the fact that Mary was conceived without sin! It is a Holy Day of Obligation! We will celebrate this special feast day as a school community with a liturgy at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us in this celebration. Thank you to Mrs. Forlenza's Grade 8 Class and Mrs. Waters' Grade 4 Class for preparing the Liturgy.

### SDSC Outreach Advent Gift-Giving Project – THANK YOU!

Each year our SDSC students share in the joy of giving when they join together to choose, donate, and wrap Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in our area. We are happy to report that all of the children we are hoping to serve have been "adopted" by our SDSC community! If you did not have a chance to adopt a child and would like to contribute a gift, the agencies we are serving will gladly accept it. Simply label your donation "boy" or "girl" as applicable and the age range of the child for whom you would like to receive your gift. Thank you for your generosity!



### Advent Outreach Gift Wrapping – Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

On Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m. the students will wrap the gifts that have been donated through the SDSC Outreach Advent Gift-Giving Project. All family member "elves" who would like to assist our students are welcome! Elves should arrive at school between 12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Please bring scissors.



### Storytime – Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>



Mrs. Fisher and the SDSC Storytellers will present a Christmas edition of Storytime to children in Pre-K through Grade 2 on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. here at SDSC. Storytime features puppet shows, storytelling, interactive music, singing and dancing. Storytime is free and is open to all, so bring a friend!

### Grandparent/Senior Citizen Luncheon and Concert – Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Students' grandparents and local senior citizens are invited to enjoy a delicious free turkey lunch with all the trimmings on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:15 a.m. The meal will be cooked by a volunteer kitchen staff of school parents and St. Columba parishioners and will be served by our 7th Grade students. After lunch, our guests will be treated to a performance of our school Christmas Concert.

Grandparents and seniors interested in joining us for this event please RSVP to Mary Ann Menuau at (914) 299-3077 or at [maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com](mailto:maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com). Also, volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up - Please contact Mary Ann if you are interested. Many thanks to Fr. Michael and St. Columba Church for providing lunch to our guests!

### Life Touch Pictures

LifeTouch Studios will be here on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to take Faculty and Class Pictures, Yearbook Activities, Graduation and Make-Up pictures. ALL Students are to be in full winter school uniform today. Please remind your child that no NUT Awards are to be used for these group photographs.

### **Annual Christmas Concert – Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual Christmas Pageant, including the Band concert, will take place this year on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in St. Columba Church. All students in Grades K-8 are to be in their homerooms by 6:15 p.m. If you have family members arriving after 6:15 p.m., we ask that they enter through the ACME parking lot rather than the entrance by the church for the safety of our children. Students will be crossing the parking lot to enter into the church, and we want to be sure they are safe from moving cars.

#### **Concert attire for Grades K-1**

- ✓ Our Kindergartners and First Graders will be lambs in our pageant. They need to wear a plain white sweatshirt (hooded preferred) with black leggings or pants.

#### **Concert attire for Girls in Grades 2-7**

##### **Girls' Dress Code**

- ✓ Holiday-colored dresses, or skirts and blouses. *(be sure they are appropriate for Church)*

##### **Boys Dress Code**

- ✓ Black pants and a white shirt with a red or green tie.

##### **Shoes, Jewelry and Hair**

- ✓ Closed-toe black/dark shoes. **No sneakers.** Girls may wear shoes with a small heel, but must be able to walk in them comfortably.
- ✓ Students are permitted to wear simple jewelry of their choosing, but should be tasteful and not distracting.
- ✓ For both girls and boys should be pulled back or styled away from the face.

### **Christmas Shoppe – Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

The PSA Annual Christmas Shoppe will be held on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Our children will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends and share in the joy of giving this Christmas season. We are in need of parent volunteers to assist with student purchases and wrapping. If you are able to help, please e-mail Tara Gigliotti at [jgtg9@aol.com](mailto:jgtg9@aol.com).

### **Box Tops for Education Contest - Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Remember that the class who submits the most Box Tops by December 15<sup>th</sup> wins extra recess! Grades 4 and 7 are nearly tied, but Grade 3 is not far behind now! Please note: Box Tops must be **unexpired** to qualify. Good luck!

### **Private Screening – STAR WARS: The Last Jedi**

Once again the SDSC PSA has arranged for a **private screening** of the newest STAR WARS Film! The screening will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Carmel Cinema 8. Tickets will be on sale soon and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see attached flyer.



### **Breakfast with Santa – December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our SDSC Class of 2018 will be hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$7 per person (ages 3 and up). Breakfast includes pancakes, bacon, yogurt, fresh fruit, muffins, coffee, tea, orange juice and apple juice. Please see attached flyer and make your reservations soon!



### **Earn Money for SDSC WHILE YOU SHOP!**

Don't forget to use the AMAZON LINK on our School Website and School APP to earn money for our school. SDSC earns **up to 10% of each purchase** that you make. If you are an Amazon Prime Member, you enjoy all of your membership benefits AND earn money for SDSC! Bookmark the link in your favorites to make accessing the site easier!

### **Drama Club Director Needed**

Do you have a flair for the dramatic? We looking for a Director for our Drama Program. The Director will be responsible for directing and producing two student performances in Spring 2018. The Director will be paid a stipend. Interested persons should contact Sr. Kathleen Marie at [sr.kathleenmarie@gmail.com](mailto:sr.kathleenmarie@gmail.com) or 845-227-7777.


### **IMMEDIATE NEED: Cafeteria and Recess Volunteers**

We are in need of volunteers to help with the supervision of our students during recess and in the cafeteria each day *(between 11:40 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.)*, especially on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. We gratefully accept all assistance no matter how frequently you can help. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs. Marrero at 845-227-7777 or [bamarrero@stcolumba.net](mailto:bamarrero@stcolumba.net)



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## *Class of 2018 Presents*




# Breakfast with Santa

**St. Denis - St. Columba  
Cafeteria  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am - 12:00pm**

**Breakfast Menu:**  
Pancakes, Bacon, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit,  
Mini-Muffins, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice,  
and Apple Juice

**Cost: \$7 per person  
Under 3 free**

**To help the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Elves prepare, please  
turn money into the main office by  
Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**



Any questions, feel free to contact:

Trisha DeFrancesco, (845) 527-1233, [jdtad@optonline.net](mailto:jdtad@optonline.net) or  
Tara Gigliotti (914) 552-5988, [jgtg9@aol.com](mailto:jgtg9@aol.com)

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults (4 and older): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children (Under 3): \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast with Santa - December 13<sup>th</sup> RSVP





## “No. *I* am your father.” — DARTH VADER

St. Denis – St. Columba School has 250 tickets to see STAR WARS, THE LAST JEDI !  
This viewing will be the day after the movie opens nationwide,  
December 16, 2017

### HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- ★ Complete the form below and return it to the main office  
Attention: **STAR WARS**
- ★ Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis, and available to families & friends of SDSC
- ★ Include \$15 per person attending, make checks payable to St. Denis –St. Columba School; we will email you a confirmation
- ★ The deadline for this event is December 7<sup>th</sup>
  - ★ This is not a “drop off” event
  - ★ No refunds

***\*\*This movie is rated PG13, please use your discretion when determining if this movie is appropriate for your child***

Show up on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Carmel Cinema 8 located at,  
150 NY-52, Carmel, NY 10512

Arrive between 9:15am – 9:30am

The movie starts promptly at 10:00am

Your ticket includes yummy popcorn and a small fountain drink  
(Water and lemonade will be available)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



# BUNDLE UP WITH BOX TOPS



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.  
Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately.  
To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).