



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



Week of December 11, 2017

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### 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. Together, we were able to serve over 125 children in our community! Thank you for your generosity! We are also very grateful to those who donated tape and wrapping paper, as well as those who helped the students wrap the gifts.



### Grandparent and 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 for our guests!

### 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 **no later than** 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 are 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. If you prefer to not send cash with your child, you may buy gift certificates at <https://kastlecreations.com/giftcert>. Change will be given for the balance of any unspent gift certificates.



### Christmas Shoppe Elves Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist with setting up the Christmas Shoppe on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We are also 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>**

This is the last week for our Box Tops Contest! The class who submits the most Box Tops by December 15<sup>th</sup> wins extra recess! Please note: Box Tops must be **unexpired** to qualify. The response so far has been overwhelming! Thanks to all who have clipped and saved their Box Tops for SDSC!

### **Snowball Dance – Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

A new year, a new tradition! Both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes are invited to attend the annual semi-formal Snowball Dance. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class and their parents are hosting the dance and the members of the Class of 2018 are the Guests of Honor. The Snowball Dance will be this Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per student. For more information, please contact Coleen Murray at [ocmurray@optonline.net](mailto:ocmurray@optonline.net).

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

Our SDSC Class of 2018 will be hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa next Sunday, December 17<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!

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Did you or your child misplace an article of clothing, lunch box, pencil bag, etc.? Please check the SDSC lost and found box in the kitchen. **Any unclaimed items without a name tag will be donated or discarded on December 21<sup>st</sup>.**



### **Cafeteria and Recess Volunteers**

We are still 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)

### **SNOW Closings/Delays**



As the winter season approaches, so does the snow and ice. All school closings/delays are communicated by the automated IRIS system. If your contact information has changed, please notify Mrs. Marrero at [bamarrero@stcolumba.net](mailto:bamarrero@stcolumba.net) or 845-227-7777 so that we have accurate information to notify you of schedule changes.

### **Hot Lunch Program – THANK YOU!**

Our Hot lunch Program is completely staffed by volunteers. We thank them for making our lunch program possible!

Meet Chris O'Rourke and Michael Houghtaling. You can always count on smiles, wisecracks and jokes from them. They recently tried to convince the students that they had tuna-filled tortellini on the menu. Their specialty is serving pizza or pepperoni rolls as they aren't particularly known for their cooking skills. ☺ We can count on them to fill in whenever we need extra help or a substitute. Thanks Dads!



## **To Everything there is a Season and a Time for Every Purpose under Heaven**

*Let us keep in our prayers the many who are sick and suffering, especially*

### **A TIME TO HEAL**


Kelsey B. (6-year old cousin of Winogradoff children who has leukemia and a very rare brain tumor)

Eileen Rubin (friend of Sr.Kathleen's sister who has a very large inoperable tumor pressing on her kidneys)



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## *Class of 2018 Presents*

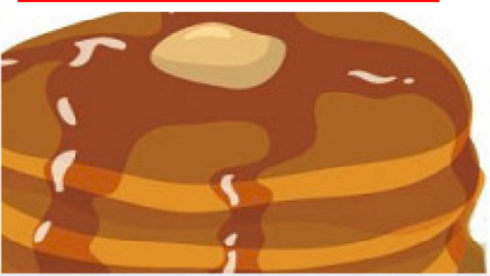


# Breakfast with Santa

**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