



# St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

## Family Newsletter



**Week of January 15, 2018**

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### No School – Monday, January 15

There will be no school on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### A Lesson from Martin Luther King, Jr. and Pope Francis

Did you know that one of the biggest admirers of Martin Luther King, Jr. is Pope Francis? In fact, Pope Francis has quoted speeches made by Dr. King and has identified his life as an example of Christian conduct in the face of adversity. Pope Francis reminds us that when we view every person as made in the image of God as did Dr. King, we will always be able to live by the words of the Lord’s Prayer and “forgive those who trespass against us.”



### Midterm Exams

The students in Grades 3-8 will be taking midterm exams this week, and the schedule will be as follows:

DATE	MIDTERM EXAM
Tuesday, January 16, 2018	ELA Reading, Grammar and Writing 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 17, 2018	Math 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 18, 2018	Religion 8:30 a.m.
Friday, January 19, 2018	Make-ups /Science/ Social Studies Assessment Projects/Labs

### Uniform Swap and Exchange

Many thanks to Mrs. O’Connor for organizing a successful uniform swap and exchange! Thanks also to the many families who donated their gently used uniform pieces for others to use. Hopefully, now all your children’s pants and skirts are the correct length. ☺

### Reminder: Personal Appearance and Uniform Guidelines

Students are expected to dress in a neat, clean, modest and safe manner at all times. ***The length of the girl’s skirts/dresses must always be modest in every position. Skirts should be no higher than 2 inches above the knees.*** Shirts and blouses are to be tucked into pants and skirts at all times, so that the waistband and belt is visible.

All hair (boys and girls alike) should be neat, clean and appropriately styled, **above the collar (for boys), and off the face.** Trendy fad-like hair styles are not permitted. Make-up, false nails and fingernail polish are not permitted.

### 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat is Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in the school. Please remember them in your prayers.

### IRIS Alerts – Is Your Information Current?

With winter and the uncertainty of snow and icy conditions, please be sure that your contact information is current. Don’t miss important announcements about school delays, closings or early dismissals. Please call the school office at 845-227-7777 or e-mail Mrs. Marrero at [bmarrero@stcolumba.net](mailto:bmarrero@stcolumba.net) with your updated information.



## 2018-19 Enrollment Information

### NEW Student Applications

We are now accepting applications for NEW students for the 2018-2019 school year. Families with siblings entering school next year must submit an application – *but only for the new student*. Follow the “Apply Now” link on the school website. There is no cost to submitting an application. Thank you for choosing SDSC for the growth and development of your children!

### Financial Aid for 2018-19

#### **NEW STUDENT/SIBLING**

Families who are requesting financial aid for a NEW student are strongly encouraged to complete the registration/application process by **January 31, 2018**. Doing so gives your application “priority” in the decision process. Complete applications submitted by January 31 will receive a decision by March 15, 2018. Remember: financial aid for new students is awarded on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

#### **RETURNING STUDENTS**

Families who received financial assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2017-18 school year will receive a forthcoming e-mail inviting them to apply for aid for the 2018-19 school year. In order to be considered for financial aid, you must 1) enroll for the 2018-19 school year, 2) complete the requalifying application on-line through link provided in e-mail; 3) pay a \$35 application fee and 4) submit all required documents in a timely manner. We encourage families to complete the process as quickly as feasible. Remember: financial aid is awarded on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

Families who received other forms of tuition assistance, or **who have had a change of circumstances impacting their ability to pay tuition for 2018-19** should contact the school office directly. We pledge to help find solutions for families who want Catholic education for the children.

If you have any questions about the application process, financial assistance, or enrollment for 2018-18 please contact Mr. Krebs at 845-227-7777 or [rtkrebs@stcolumba.net](mailto:rtkrebs@stcolumba.net).

### Catholic Schools Week 2018

Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The SDSC faculty, staff and PSA are preparing a schedule of events to celebrate what makes **our** school community so special. Our school theme this year is “SDSC - where we nourish our mind, heart, body, soul and spirit!” A more complete schedule of activities will be published soon, but here’s a little sneak previews:

Day	Activities
Sunday	Open House: Showcasing SDSC for both our current and prospective families.
All Week	SDSC Hot lunch celebrates diversity with international menu items. Nourish Our Neighbors: Food Drive “Rematch” Upper Hall vs. Lower Hall
Monday	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday	Scholastic Book Fair Books, Buddies and Bagels ( <i>formerly known as “Dads and Donuts”</i> )
Wednesday	“How Sweet It Is” Ice Cream Social “A Taste of Summer in Winter” – Dress in summer colors.
Thursday	Nourish Our Neighbors: Making Bagel Lunches for our Neighbors in Need “How Much We’ve Grown” – Celebrating our Growth!
Friday	CSW Liturgy Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch Family Dinner and Bingo

## A New PSA Board

We take this opportunity to thank Janet Graves for her dedication to SDSC and for her commitment to our PSA Board these last four years. She has served in a variety of capacities, including president. Due to many family commitments that have arisen for her over the last few months, she has asked to step down from her position as president. We know that she has done a phenomenal job as president, and we will miss her leadership, which brought so many great things to SDSC. Thank you, Janet!

After much thought, reflection, and a little re-organization, we are excited to re-introduce our SDSC Parent-School Association Board (PSA). We thank the following parents for their generosity and their commitment to SDSC, and most of all, for their willingness to serve our school community as members of our PSA Board:

**Co-Presidents:** Lauren Schifini and Larissa DeVito  
**Vice-President:** Heather Sulca  
**Treasurer:** Judy Borrell

**Recording Secretary:** Debbie Laski  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Louise DiPalermo  
**Publicity Secretary:** Alexandra Sullivan



## Class Basket Contest

The SDSC Gala Committee is holding the Class Basket Contest again this year. Class parents should select a theme for the class basket on Sign-Up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094fa9af2fa5f49-sdsc> Families are asked to donate items to make their class basket amazing! The minimum recommended value of the basket is \$100, but the maximum value of a class basket should not exceed \$500. Class baskets are due by 3/23/18 to the school main office. They need to be assembled and ready to be raffled. **The class basket that receives the most purchased raffle tickets wins an afternoon pizza and ice cream party with extra recess!** Raffle tickets will be sold at school, after Sunday masses and the night of the Gala.

## Why is the Gala Important?

**All** of the funds raised at the Annual Gala **directly** benefit our students. Specifically, the funds raised this year will continue to finance our innovative Academic Intervention Program.

## Community News

**Start Your Child on the Road to Success with a Catholic Preschool!**

### The Ark and the Dove of St. Denis Church

Open House: Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come find out more about our Toddler 2's program and our 3 hour classes for the Fall. Please call 845-227-8232 for more information.

### St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center

Open House: Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please call (845) 226-1917 or (646) 460-9168 for more information.

**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

Kelsey B. (6-year old cousin of Winogradoff children who has leukemia and a very rare brain tumor), Mrs. Fazi (our PE teacher), Ronald Graves (grandfather of Graves children), George Leggio (grandfather of Minotti children recently diagnosed with cancer), and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit in this new year.