



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of May 21- May 25, 2018

Welcome New Students!

New SDSC students and parents will be visiting our school this week. On Tuesday incoming students in Grades K and 2-7 will have their grade readiness assessments. New parents will participate in an Orientation Session at 9:30 a.m. On Thursday incoming students in Grade 1 will have their grade readiness assessments.



We're Growing!

We are proud that SDSC is only **one of three schools** in the entire Archdiocese of New York to exceed enrollment targets for the 2018-2019! In September we will be welcoming new students in almost every class! We welcome new students and parents alike into our loving SDSC community!

We're Improving! 2018-2019 After School Program Initiative



SDSC is fortunate to be **one of 16 schools** selected by the Archdiocese of New York to receive grant funding for Enhanced After School Programming for the 2018-2019 School Year! In addition to our current after school resources and programs, students will have an opportunity to engage in new activities, to play, to complete homework and to learn in community with their peers.

Programs and activities will be low cost or free, and available every day of the week! We have created a short survey to help us determine student or parent interest in potential clubs and activities. Please take a moment to complete the survey to help us shape the future of After School Enrichment at SDSC! [After School Survey](#)

We're Moving! New Library-Resource Center

We are excited to announce that the SDSC library will be moving back into the main school building beginning this September! Students will soon have more convenient access to books and resource materials. More details to follow!

8th Grade Regional Graduation Mass with Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Every year the 8th Grade students from each of the Dutchess County Catholic Schools gathers as a faith community to celebrate a special graduation mass at one of the school parishes. This year Northern Westchester/Putnam County will join us as we welcome His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan to St. Columba Church for this Special Mass. Let us keep in our prayers our graduates as they embark on a new journey from their elementary school to high school in the Fall.

[Congratulations SDSC News and View Team!](#)

This year our St. Denis-St. Columba **News and Views Team**, under the leadership of Mrs. Debbie Waters and Mrs. Anna Forlenza, brought home **THREE** awards for their performance of their News and Views Program, **"Special Olympics: One Stone can cause many Ripples."**

[1st Place Photo Essay:](#) Elva Jeong and Brooke Pirozek

[1st Place "Feel Good":](#) Rebecca O'Connor and Leanna Mastrorilli

[1st Place Graphics:](#) Abigail DeFrancesco, Elva Jeong, Nikki Galletti, James Lakatos, Leanna Mastrorilli, Rebecca O'Connor, Brandon Pettno, Brooke Pirozek, Ariana Proco, Katarina Renna

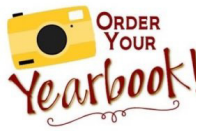
[Special Congratulations to the whole team for an exceptional job once again! We are so proud of you!](#)

Touch-A-Truck - Rescheduled

The first ever SDSC Touch-A-Truck will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The event has been rescheduled due to the predicted inclement weather. We hope everyone will be able to join us at our new date!



Yearbooks-On Sale Now!



Many months of hard work have gone into creating this year's Yearbook highlighting school wide events, classroom specific activities, our students receiving Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation, First Communion, and much more. All grades are represented and every attempt was made to include every student! You can order your copy of the Yearbook now. See attached flyer for more details!

REMINDER: Summer Uniform Requirements

Please be sure your child adheres to the following summer uniform guidelines:

- All shirts must be tucked into shorts, not folded over or worn loose.
- Shoes must be black or brown and tied with laces or secured with Velcro straps. Slip-ons are not permitted.
- Socks must be white and high enough to completely cover the ankle. Black or grey socks are not permitted.

If your child is growing quickly and you wish to swap shorts or shirts for another size **at no cost** to get through the remainder of the year, please contact Uniform Exchange Coordinator, Mrs. O'Connor. Lil' Darlings (phone: 845-298-7300) is open Tuesday – Saturday for those wanting to purchase new uniform items.

IMPORTANT NOTICE about Lunch Tickets

We will be introducing **NEW** lunch tickets for the 2018-2019 School Year. The yellow tickets from this year will **not** be accepted next year. Please use all remaining lunch tickets you have purchased this year. **Do not save unused tickets from this school year as we will not be able to honor them when school resumes in the Fall.** Thank you for cooperation!



MATH SUMMER SOLUTIONS is Back and Required for ALL students!

We expect ALL our students to purchase the Common Core MATH SUMMER SOLUTIONS, a program that helps to reinforce children's math skills over the summer. Ongoing practice ensures retention of all the math skills and concepts learned. The lessons are designed to be completed *three times per week for ten weeks*. Each book contains 30 lessons along with answers designed for self-checking. The cost of each book is \$12.00 and will be shipped directly to the school. ***There will be no shipping/handling fee or sales tax if you order online with the school code before JUNE 1, 2018.*** After that date each book will cost \$14.99. Other resource books are also available if you are interested. **Only the MATH is REQUIRED!** To ORDER, please go to www.summersolutions.net, enter the school code **DCS12533**, and the grade level your child will be completing in June. See the attached flyer for details.

No School - Memorial Day Weekend



There will be **NO SCHOOL on Monday, May 28th**. School will reopen on Tuesday, May 29th! Enjoy your three-day weekend!

Severe Storm Make-Up Day

We know parents are anxious to learn whether - and when - we will be required to make-up the day we missed due to the damage from the severe weather this past Wednesday. A decision has not been made by the Superintendent's Office. As soon as we hear, we will notify our families.

Are Your Tuition Payments Current?

Before students can participate in graduation ceremonies or receive their report cards at the end of the school year every family must have all tuition and fees current for the year. The last payment for the 2017-2018 School Year is due **before** June 15th.

Message from the Library

1. All library books must be returned for the 2017-2018 School Year by Thursday, May 31st. All library books must be returned and library fees paid before students will receive their report cards. If books are lost or damaged, please send in the money for the book so that we can replace it.
2. Sr. Lucia will be having a book sale on Thursday, May 24th – May 31st at the school. All books are \$.25

Grade 3 Students Singing National Anthem at Renegades Game on June 26th

Congratulations to Mrs. Barber's Grade 3 choir students who were chosen to sing our National Anthem at the Hudson Valley Renegades game on June 26, 2018. We are so proud of you!

SAVE THE DATE: Home Run for Catholic Schools - Renegades Game on June 26th

Home Run for Catholic Schools is a partnership between the Hudson Valley Renegades, a Minor League Baseball affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays, and Catholic Schools. Now in our 8th year, this is an opportunity for Catholic school students and their families to come together for a night of baseball and fun! The Renegades will play the Connecticut Tigers, an affiliate of the Detroit Tigers on June 26, 2018 at 6:35 p.m. The Renegades play Minor League Class A Baseball in the New York-Penn League. They won the 2017 League Championship. Students and families



can begin purchasing tickets on line soon. For Saint Denis-Saint Columba School – go to <http://www.gadesgroups.com/> and enter “deniscolumba” as the password. Each school will receive \$3.00 per ticket sold. Each ticket holder will receive a free Renegades cap. The school that sells the most tickets (*remember, use the code*) will be invited to have a pre-game catch on the field and receive a visit from Rascal.

Dutchess Regional Schools Golf Tournament

The Dutchess Regional Catholic School Board will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Monday, June 4th (rain date June 11th) at Baird State Park in Pleasant Valley. The day includes Continental Breakfast, 18-hole scramble with cart, box lunch, prizes for 1st & 2nd Place Foursomes, Dinner and Door Prizes. Contests include Closest to the Hole, Closest to the Line, Putting Contest and Hole-In-One. For more information or to register, click on the following link www.FairwaytoHeavenDutch.org

Open Position: After School Program Director

SDSC is accepting applications for a loving and nurturing Part-Time After-School Program Director. Responsibilities include management and supervision of students, as well as ensuring students’ conduct complies with the school policies outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook, assisting students with homework, maintaining accurate participant time sheets, organizing structured activities and acting as a liaison with after school activity vendors/providers. The position hours generally are from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on regular school days and from 11:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on school half days (*actual hours will vary depending on student participation*). For more information, please call Sr. Kathleen at 845-227-7777 or e-mail her at sr.kathleenmarie@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD to FINAL EXAMS

Date for Finals	Grade Level	Date for Finals	Grade Level
Tuesday, May 29th	Social Studies 8	Monday, June 4 th	ELA 3-7
Wednesday, May 30 th	Science 8	Tuesday, June 5 th	Social Studies 4-7
Thursday, May 31 st	Archdiocesan Religion Final 3-8 / ELA 8	Wednesday, June 6 th	Math 3-7
Friday, June 1 st	Math 8 / Algebra 9	Thursday, June 7 th	Science 4-7
		Friday, June 8 th	Make-Up Final Exams



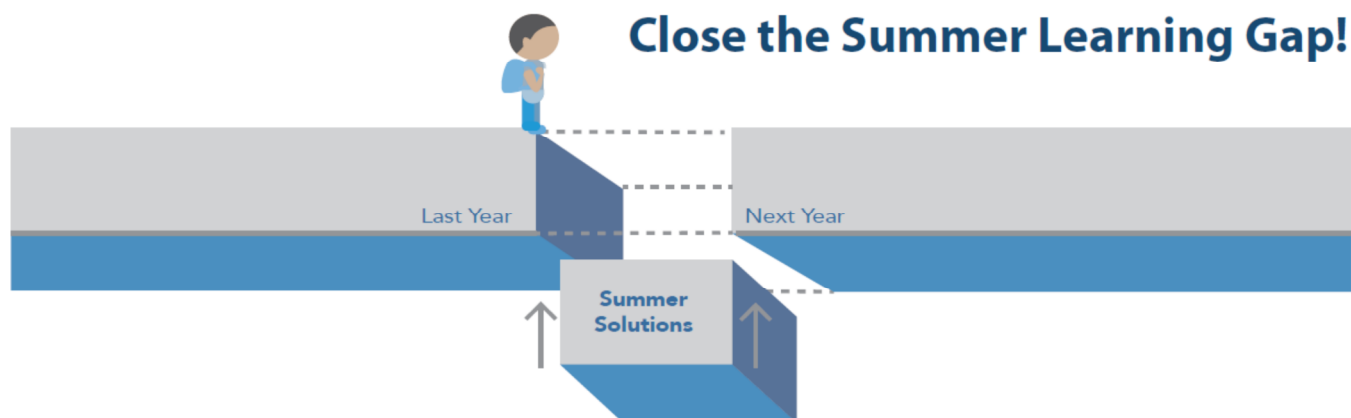
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To Everything there is a Season and a Time for Every Purpose under Heaven

Let us continue to keep in our prayers the many among us who are sick and suffering.

A TIME TO HEAL

Mrs. Fazi (*our PE teacher*), Marcus Franklin (*uncle of the O'Connor children*), Ronald Graves (*grandfather of Lilly Graves*), George Leggio (*grandfather of Minotti children recently diagnosed with cancer*), Maureen O'Connor (*Grandmother of the O'Connor Children*), Martin Craig (*stepfather of Jillian Beresford*), Shirley Mauro (*grandmother of Sean Guaman*), Mr. John Urbanowicz who will be undergoing surgery next week (*father of John*) and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit . . .



Summer learning loss puts students at a serious disadvantage. This is when skills and knowledge are lost over the summer months, causing students to move backwards instead of progressing.

By spending just **minutes a day** with *Summer Solutions*, students get the practice they need to keep moving forward. It was designed to help students return to school after summer break confident in the skills they've already learned and ready to master new ones.

Your child worked hard all year. Make sure that progress sticks. Give your child the advantage of *Summer Solutions*.

Each book is \$12.00.

School Name: **St. Denis - St. Columba School**

Go to **www.summersolutions.net**

To place your order, enter your school code: **DCS12533**

The school code expires on: **June 3, 2018**

Students are required to order the Summer Solutions Math book.

After the June 3rd deadline, the COST of each book will be \$14.99.



Our 2017-2018 **YEARBOOKS** on Sale Now!

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher Name/Homeroom _____

of _____ Yearbooks ordered at \$47.00 / book

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Checks payable to: **St. Denis-St. Columba School**
Return this form with your yearbook payment to the main office
Kindness of Mrs. DeVito

First come, First served!

Please be aware that we did our best to represent
ALL students in this yearbook. Enjoy!