



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter



Week of May 28 – June 1, 2018

PLEASE NOTE: Calendar Changes

We have been notified that we are required to make-up the May 16th school day that we were not in due to the spring storms. To limit any adverse effects on your summer schedules, the missed day will be made up as follows: **Friday, June 1 will be a full day of school, instead of a half-day. We will be in session for a half day on Wednesday, June 20th for our end of year Moving-Up Ceremony.** Students will be dismissed for the summer at its conclusion. Bus transportation will be available for students on both days.

PLEASE NOTE: Important Dates for June

Friday, June 1st	FULL DAY of School - Dismissal 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 2nd	PSA Touch-a-Truck 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Monday, June 4th	Grade 8 Field Day 11:00-2:30 p.m.
Friday, June 8th	Graduation 7:00 p.m. at St. Columba Church
Wednesday, June 13th	Grade K-7 Field Day
Monday, June 18th	School-wide Picnic (Grades K-7) 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 19th	Half Day – Dismissal 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 20th	Last Day of School - Half Day –Volunteer Tea at 8:30 a.m.- Moving Up Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

Remembrance Mass

This Friday, June 1st at 10:00 a.m. we will be celebrating our First Friday Mass with our second grade students who recently received their First Communion. This day is an opportunity for us as a school community to celebrate with them this special time in their lives. The students will wear their first Communion outfits to school and change into their summer uniforms after their special mass and brunch.

2018-19 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 2018-19 School Year! In addition to our current 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! 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 ([Click here: After School Survey](#)) to help us shape the future of After School Enrichment at SDSC! **The Survey closes this Tuesday, May 29th.**

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 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.

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.

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!

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

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!



JUNE 13th FIELD DAY Sign Up



FIELD DAY is a supervised game and field day coordinated by our teachers and class parents. This year our **FIELD DAY** will take place on **Wednesday, June 13, 2018..** **We are in need of parent volunteers to assist in planning and organizing these activities for each of the grade levels.** All **volunteers must have background checks and safer spaces training.** If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by next **Monday, June 4th.**

DRESS CODE: Students are to wear appropriate jeans or shorts. **This year they will DESIGN THEIR OWN GREEN AND YELLOW FIELD DAY SHIRTS.** Class parents will coordinate this with their children's homeroom teachers.

SPECIAL REQUEST: In order to save money on the purchase of ice to keep soda and water cold, we are asking parents who will be present, if possible, to bring bags of ice. This will be a great saving and will be very much appreciated.

REMINDER: We are requesting donated snacks and baked goods for the students to purchase. Please send in items that don't need to be sliced.

LUNCH: The menu will consist of pizza or a hot dog with an apple. **Lunch purchases will be made using lunch tickets.** Remember that the **YELLOW lunch tickets will expire after June 15th.** Children can purchase soda at an additional cost (\$1.00) for lunch. Treats, ice pops, and water will also be available for purchase "under the tent."

Name _____

Yes, I will be able to volunteer to help out on Field Day, which is on Wednesday, June 13th.

Please check where you would like to volunteer. Please **circle** only ONE:

KITCHEN UNDER TENT CLASS PARENT TO HELP WITH EVENTS

Student's Name / Homeroom _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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. Our third grade choir students have been chosen to sing the National Anthem at the Renegades game on June 26, 2018. Students and families can purchase tickets – go to <http://www.gadesgroups.com/> and enter “deniscolumba” as the password.



LOOKING AHEAD to FINAL EXAMS

Date for Finals	Grade Level	Date for Finals	Grade Level
Tuesday, May 29 th	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 . . .

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2017-2018 YEARBOOKS on Sale Now!

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher Name/Homeroom _____

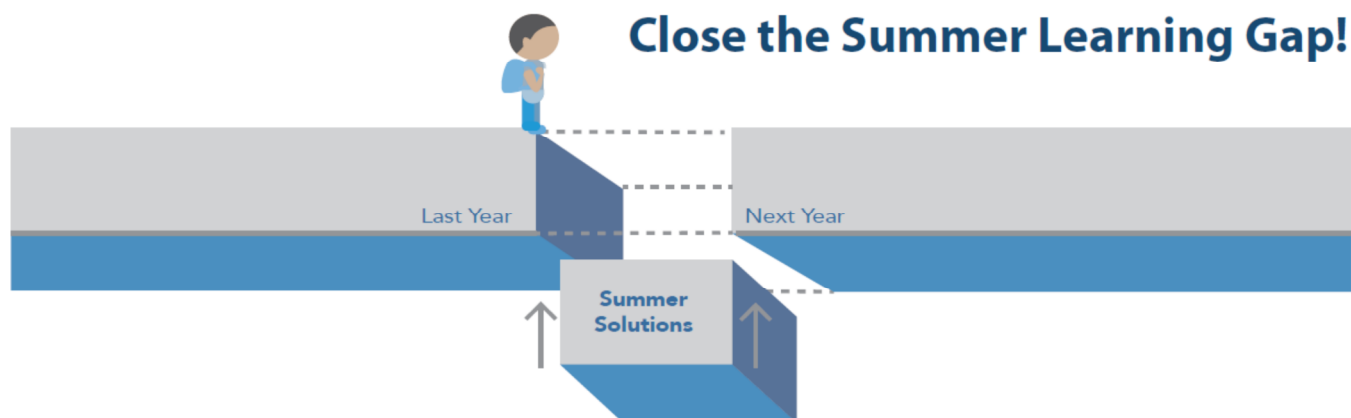
of _____ Yearbooks ordered at \$47.00 / book

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!



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.