



St. Denis – St. Columba School

A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

Family Newsletter

Week of September 10, 2018



No Busing – Monday, September 10th and Wednesday, September 19th

Please note that there will be **NO Busing** on Monday, September 10th. Parents are encouraged to carpool. Please note that there will also be no busing on Wednesday, September 19th. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for ensuring that your children arrive before 8:00 a.m.



Back to School Night Notes

Thank you to all those who were able to attend Back to School Night despite the road closures and inclement weather. For those who could not attend or those who were not able to meet with a teacher, please feel free to contact the teachers with any questions or concerns. Some will be sending out information, conducting informal “meet and greet” times or posting material on their websites. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Special Milk Program Begins Monday, September 10th

Through the Archdiocese of New York Special Milk Program, we provide 1% white milk and chocolate milk to our students each day school is in session, including half-days. The cost of the program is \$55 for the year. If you wish your child to be served milk each day, please complete and return the attached. We will begin distributing milk on Monday, September 10th.



PSA Volunteer And Committee Chair Meeting – Wednesday, September 12th



The PSA Executive Board is hosting a meeting for all those who agree to chair a committee or event on Wednesday, September 12th at 7:15 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering for an event are welcome to attend! Our goal is to build a Christ-centered community where all are welcomed and valued.

Safe Environment Lessons – Thursday, September 13th

Our Catholic tradition has always affirmed the dignity of the human person as created to the image and likeness of God. Every person with whom we come in contact deserves to be seen by us with the eyes of God. We know that ministry with children and youth, in particular, is a sacred trust. We, at St. Denis-St. Columba School, are committed to preserve, at all times and in all places, this sacred trust which is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

In 2002, the United States Bishops approved “The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” in an effort to protect children and youth from sexual abuse at all levels of church life and to restore trust in a Church scarred by the scandal of clergy sexual abuse. Article 12 of the charter directs all dioceses to create programs and processes to teach children and youth about sexual abuse and its prevention. In the Archdiocese of New York, this training is integrated into the religious education program each year in all schools and parishes.



On Thursday, September 13th our students will be engaged in Safe Environment lessons with their homeroom teachers. In Grades K-3 the objectives taught include helping our students distinguish the difference between good and bad touch and affirming their right to say no to an adult who makes them feel uncomfortable. In Grades 4-6 the objectives include helping our students recognize the lures used by those who sexually victimize children and giving them strategies to keep them from being tricked into uncomfortable and dangerous situations. In Grades 7-8 the objectives include helping our students recognize lures used by those who sexually victimize others via the anonymity of the Internet and giving them skills to avoid being victimized by Internet sexual predators.

We thank you for your support and interest as we partner to give our children the safest possible environment to grow in faith, in our parish, school and in our homes.

Paul Effman Music Program- SDSC School Band

Paul Effman Music service will be providing a band demonstration to students on Friday, September 14th. Students have the opportunity to participate in our school band program. Your children will receive a registration form this week for the Program. If they are interested in participating, please return the registration form by this Friday, September 21st. Band lessons are held after school on Tuesdays.

Magazine/Digital Media Drive Begins Friday, September 14th



Let's kick the school year off by giving the gift of reading to our family and friends! Our Annual Magazine/Media Drive is a fun way to explore new interests and support our school. There is something for everyone in both digital and print! Students will come home with a packet of information on September 14th. Students who promptly return the "Reach Out" booklet will receive a Web Kinz! More prizes include participation in the ice cream social and a NUT award! Don't let the name fool you, there are more than just magazines available!

Spirit Wear Orders – Due Friday, September 14th

The SDSC PSA Spirit Wear Sale orders must be placed by Friday, September 14th. Order forms are available on the website under the PSA tab or by clicking [HERE](#). Please allow 1-2 weeks for delivery of orders. Proceeds from the Spirit Wear sale support our students!

East Fishkill Community Day – Saturday, September 15th

Our school proudly marches in the East Fishkill Community Day parade each year, and a great day is had by all! Join us on Saturday, September 15th at 1:00 p.m. on Trinka Lane near Hopewell Hot Bagels. The parade begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. All parents and siblings are welcome to march with the School! *Any SDSC student wearing an SDSC shirt (white collared or gym t-shirt) will receive a N.U.T. (no uniform today) Award to be used on Monday, September 17th!*

Top Tastes of the Town – Monday, September 24th



Grab a knife, fork and spoon and bring your appetite to the 8th Annual Top Tastes of the Town on Tuesday, September 27th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.! This "All You Care to Sample" features a mouth-watering array of savory food brought to you by our area's best eateries. Of course, you will want to pair your tastings with a carefully selected and curated selection of wines from Hopewell Junction's own MDJ Wine & Liquor. Tickets are limited! Take advantage of the Pre-sale Discount Tickets: Only \$40 per person. **(Prices go up to \$45 on Monday, September 17th.)** Order forms [HERE](#) and on the school website.

2018-2019 Room Parent Volunteers

Please consider volunteering as a room parent for the 2017-2018 school year. Two volunteers per class are needed. The room parents help coordinate the parties for the class, special activities, the year-end picnic, the annual Gala "class basket" and with anything else the teacher and/or PSA might need assistance. If you are interested in being a room parent, please complete the Room Parent form available on our website under "Sign Me Up" beneath the "PSA" tab or click [HERE](#). All forms are due by Friday, September 14th to: Lauren Schifini, Kindness of the Main Office. *If more than two parents volunteer for a classroom, room parents are selected by random.*



National Box Tops for Education Week



Don't forget to clip those Box Tops! You can find box tops on everything from cereal, to school supplies, socks packaging to snack boxes! Each year we earn a lot from the Box Tops Program to help support our school! Clip those little squares and send them into the school with your child. We are participating in a nationwide collection contest the week of September 17th. We have a chance to double the value of our Box Tops up to \$2,000! Check our Box Tops section under the PSA Tab on the website for a [collection sheet](#) and a [list of eligible products](#).

Back to School BBQ Thank You!

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Back to School BBQ last Friday night. What a great way to begin our new school year! It was an enjoyable evening of food, fun and fellowship with friends and family. Special thanks to our PSA Board, who has organized this special evening for five years! Thanks also to all those who helped in any way to make the barbeque a positive, community-building event!



St. Columba



8TH ANNUAL

Top Tastes of the Town

Monday

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

849 ROUTE 82
HOPEWELL JCT NY

6:30-8:30 PM

Join us for this very special evening to
"taste" samplings from some of our area's
premier food and wine establishments.

Only 250 tickets will be sold! You must be 21 years of age or older.
\$40 PER PERSON IF PURCHASED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 17TH {\$45 AFTER}

Participants Include...

Cabot Cheese
Daddy O's
Eleven 11 Grille & Spirits
Franco's Italian Deli
Grumpy John's Cookies
Hopewell Wine and Spirits

MUSIC PROVIDED BY TOP SHELF ENTERTAINMENT

Hudson Valley Fresh
Il Barilotto
Irving Farm Coffee Roasters
Le Chambord
Mill House Brewing Company
Nick's Brick Oven Pizza & Pasta

Party Time Rentals
Plated American Bistro
Pastry Garden
Simply Gourmet
Whistling Willie's American Grill
Villa Borghese

OUR NEWEST PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: Giardino Italiano Pizza, Tiramisu Ristorante Pizzeria & Bakery,
Thailicious Catering, Tomas Tapas Bar and Restaurant, Stellina Cakes and Cupcakes and All City Grill

Fabulous Raffles...

4 TICKETS TO A 2019 REGULAR SEASON YANKEE GAME - Restrictions apply (Donated by Royal Carting)
APPLE I PAD (Donated by Judge and Mrs. Frederick D. Romig)
SMART LED HDTV (Donated by the 2018 Top Tastes of the Town Committee)
\$1000 SHOPPING SPREE AT BELLIZZI JEWELERS (Donated by James and Christine Bellizzi of Bellizzi Jewelers)
1 WEEK STAY AT CASA LA LANCHITA, VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO - Restrictions apply (Donated by the McHoul Funeral Home)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "SDSC" AND MAIL TO:
ST. COLUMBA "TOP TASTES OF THE TOWN" PO BOX 368, HOPEWELL JCT., NY 12533

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

I would like _____ reservations for "Top Tastes"

Please include your e-mail address as we will send your reservation confirmation electronically.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TICKETS OR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT:
Mary Ann Menuau at 914.299.3077 or maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com

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