



Saint Denis – Saint Columba School

... A Holy Ground of Loving and Learning

TO: PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
FROM: SR. KATHLEEN MARIE, CR
SUBJECT: WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
DATE: OCTOBER 17-21, 2016



Jesus, I Trust in You
Make our Hearts like Yours!

October Virtue: HONESTY

October Saint: SAINT PHILIP NERI

October Reflection: *“Truthful lips endure forever, the lying tongue, for only a moment.” (Proverbs 12:19)*
God has made the human heart to recognize truth. How have you experienced freedom by adhering (attaching and uniting yourself) to what is true?

Lace up your walking shoes. Stretch those legs. It's time for our annual WALK-A-THON!



Are you praying for good weather? Are your sneakers ready? Are your sponsor sheets complete?

The WALK-A-THON will take place this Friday, October 21st on our school grounds. This annual event is one of SDSC's largest fundraisers and, importantly, it is the one where our students and families see the immediate results of their generosity and hard work! Last year we raised over \$22,000. These monies were used to purchase and install 65 new computers in our classrooms and computer lab. The year before we raised \$25,000 to help furnish the LabLearner Science Center. This year we hope to raise at least \$19,000 for additional improvements to *(as well as the maintenance of)* our school's technology program, which continues to provide our students with a superior academic experience.

Not only do our students get to see and use the items we are able to purchase from our Walk-a-thon, they take an active part in making it all happen! Our SDSC Walk-a-thon celebrates community and reminds us of our special bonds with each other. What better opportunity to build school spirit, to enjoy one another, and to raise money for our school all at the same time! Since the Walk-a-thon is about community, we encourage all of our families to participate again this year. Remember **this is the one fundraiser in which we ask for everyone's participation! This is also the one fundraiser in which our children are able to participate in helping their own school!** We recognize that our families make personal sacrifices to give their children the gift of Catholic education. *We encourage each family to do whatever they can financially to contribute so that we can achieve 100% participation -- even if it is just a couple of dollars per child.* Remember, all of the monies raised from our Walk-a-thon are used for our students and for the improvement of our school and its technology program. We appreciate your help and generosity.

We welcome all parents, grandparents, siblings and friends to come, have fun and support our school on Friday, October 21st. All students may wear their **gym uniforms** to school the day of the Walk-a-thon. The schedule for the day will be as follows: the students in Grades K-3 will begin walking at 10:00 a.m. and those in Grades 4-8 will begin walking at about 10:30 a.m. We encourage parents and teachers alike to walk for their school! The path of the Walk-a-thon will begin in the faculty parking lot and continue around the convent parking lot in front of the School, Convent and Religious Education building. **The students will need their sponsor sheets during the Walk-a-thon.** Throughout the walk they will stop at four different checkpoints to have their check point sheets stamped for verification.

Walk-a-thon Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering for our Walk-A-thon this Friday, October 21st. We need volunteers to set up and clean up, and to stamp students at check points during the walk route. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 12:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact the school office. **We ask all parents and volunteers to park in the ACME parking lot for our Walk-a-thon!** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

REMEMBER: AN EASY WAY TO MULTIPLY YOUR WALK-A-THON DONATION

We would like to remind you that many employers offer matching gift programs as an added benefit to the employee. Employer matching gift programs enable employees to double, triple or quadruple the value of their gift to our school.

Check your company website or contact the Human Resource department to provide you with a matching gift form. IBM employees, for example, can definitely take advantage of this opportunity. Please check with your employer as well. Simply complete the form and send it in with your child's Walk-a-thon money. Encourage your friends and family to do the same. The effort of filling out the paper is well worth the return. Thank you for all of your efforts.

Holiday Craft Fair

The Altar Rosary Society's 43rd HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR will be held at the St. Columba School Hall, Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY on Saturday, November 5th, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be over 50 tables of handcrafted items, numerous raffles, a baked goods table, a treasure chest table, and much more!

Prevention of Lice Outbreak

With the continual fluctuation of the weather these days it is important that we once again take all the preventative measures necessary regarding lice. Please take some time to check your children's head for lice and remind them about not sharing combs, hair pieces or hats, etc. with one another. As soon as you become aware of an outbreak, please notify the school immediately so that we can stop it before it gets out of hand. **I strongly encourage the girls to wear their hair tied back in a ponytail or braids.** Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Honor Roll, Conduct and Tardiness

As stated in the Parent-Student Handbook, a student must receive an A (excellent) or B (good) in conduct to be eligible for honors. A student who does not receive an A or B in Conduct will not receive First or Second Honors even though grades might warrant it. *Moreover, a student with excessive tardiness or excessive unexcused absences will not receive First or Second Honors.* **School begins at 8:00 a.m. with morning prayers, and arrival at any time afterward that is considered tardy.** If you choose not to use bus transportation, it is imperative that your children arrive before 8:00 a.m. each day to receive any honors recognition.

Spoon Full of Sugar Tea Party

All little ladies are invited to a Doll's Tea Party on Saturday, October 22nd from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It is a great event for girls in Grades PK-5 and their guest, to enjoy on afternoon luncheon complete with crafts, a red carpet and entertainment. *The Doll's Tea Party Committee is looking for donations of raffle prize items for the Doll's Tea Party. If you have something that can be donated, please leave at the Main Office attention: Fiona Murray Doll's Tea Party. We are looking for 7th and 8th Grade girls to help with the Tea Party. If your daughter is interested in helping please contact us: dollsteaparty@stcolumba.net*

SDSC Harvest Carnival Grades K-5

Join us on Friday October 28th from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at St. Denis-St. Columba School Gym for the Harvest Carnival for grades K-5. Come in costume and have fun playing games, participate in the cake walk, and have some fun with your fellow classmates. See attached flyer for additional details. We are looking for students in 7th and 8th graders who can help with the Harvest Carnival. We are also looking for donations of cakes for our cake walk. If you can help with either a cake donation or have a 7th or 8th grade student who can assist us, please let us know via email to psa@stcolumba.net.

SDSC Harvest Dance Grades 6-8

Join us on Friday October 28th from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at St. Denis-St. Columba School Gym for the Harvest Dance for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. Come enjoy music by DJ Alex along with refreshments while spending time with your classmates having fun. See attached flyer for additional details. We are also looking for 6th, 7th and 8th grade parents and students to volunteer and/or donate items to help make the Harvest Dance a fun evening. Please click on the SignUpGenius link, [Harvest Dance SignUp](#), to volunteer or donate. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Horton at nikkiph569@yahoo.com



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

Anne Culkin (*mother of Cathy Martin and great grandmother of Michael O'Hearn*), Janice Probstak (*sister of Sr. Kathleen battling cancer*), Charlie Gray (*son-in-law of a parishioner*), and the many who are sick and suffering at this time.

St. Denis-St. Columba School

Harvest Carnival

COSTUMED EVENT FOR GRADES K-5



Tricks and Treats, Games and fun!

Join us on Friday, October 28, 2016 4:30-5:30pm

St. Denis-St. Columba School Gym

\$8 per child, younger siblings welcome

This is not a drop off event

Please consider donating cakes to our Cake Walk. Each child will be given a ticket for the Cake Walk, additional tickets are available for \$1 each.

Kindly send RSVP and payment in an envelope to
Harvest Carnival Kindness of the Main Office by October 25th

Harvest Carnival

Child's Name _____

Child's Grade _____

Number of Students Attending (including siblings) _____

Payment of _____ enclosed (\$8/child)

**please make checks payable to St. Denis-St. Columba School PSA*

St. Denis- St. Columba School presents

The Harvest Dance!

Join us for snacks, drinks, and costumed fun with your friends!

Also joining us: D.J. Alex

6th, 7th and 8th Grades



Where: St. Denis- St. Columba School

Gym When: Friday, October 28, 2016

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Price: \$8.00 per child

Bring a carved pumpkin and enter it into our Carved Pumpkin Contest

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Please return form with payment in a sealed envelope to Paula Horton,
"Kindness of Main Office" at the school. Cash or check made out to SDSC
PSA.

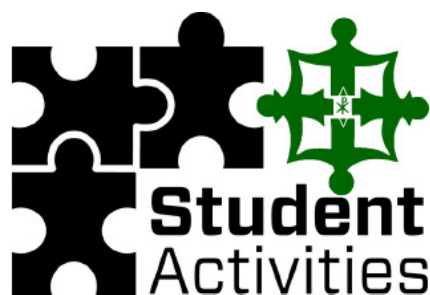
CHILD'S NAME: _____

#OF ATTENDEES: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

CELL #: _____

*a list of prepaid children's names will be at the door the day of the event.



St. Denis-St. Columba School After School Enrichment

LEGO Club

This is a fun, hands-on, social club where we encouraged kids to use their imaginations and put their skills to use! Each session will have a theme/free play and some will have games and group challenges, such as Lego marble maze and of course, the famous end of the year car building and races!

This is one of SDSC's most popular clubs. Unfortunately, we are limited to the amount of children we can accept. *Registration is strictly on a first come, first serve basis.*

Dates: October 13, 2016 — June 2017 (End date TBD)

Day: Thursday

Time: 2:50 – 4:00

Grades: All Grades

Cost: \$30



Tae-Kwon-Do

Students will learn discipline, leadership, respect and self-confidence as they practice this Korean martial art. Students will improve their speed and agility as they learn high kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and fast kicking techniques.

Dates: October 12— December 14 (Eight Classes)

Day: Wednesday

Time: 2:50 – 4:00

Grades: 2-5

Cost: \$30



Tennis Lessons

Tennis Pros from Taconic Sport and Racquet will teach students the basics of tennis to students right here at SDSC. No need to drive your children to separate tennis facility! In addition, TSR is discounting the cost of from \$30 if held at their facility to approximately \$12 a session here at SDSC. All equipment will be provided. Students should bring athletic shoes to school and are welcome to bring a racquet if they have one.

Dates: October 17— December 5 (Eight Classes)

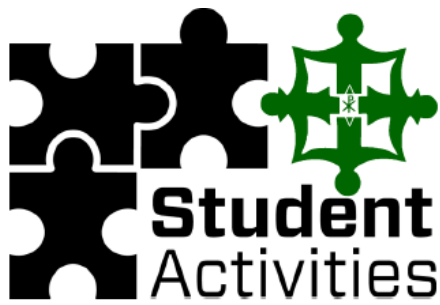
Day: Monday

Time: 2:50 – 4:00

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$100 (~\$12 a class)





St. Denis-St. Columba School

After School Enrichment

Registration Form

- All activities are supervised by a teacher or Safer Spaces qualified adults.
- All activities end at 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise notified by activity coordinator.
- Students not picked up at 4:00 p.m. will be dismissed to the After School Program and fees will be charged accordingly.
- Activities are not held when school is dismissed early or not in session. Make-up sessions may be scheduled at the discretion of the activity coordinator.
- Activity fees include necessary supplies and/or equipment.
- *We want all of our students to have the opportunity to participate. If financial difficulty prevents participation, please call Sr. Kathleen.*

Please complete a separate registration form for each student.

- ☐ Lego Club (\$30)
- ☐ Tae Kwon Do (\$30)
- ☐ Tennis Lessons (\$100)

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Is the student registered for the After School Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please make checks payable to "St. Denis-St. Columba School"

Please return all registration forms to the school office no later than October, 11 2016.

*Get dressed as pretty as can be
Bring your dolls and drink some tea!*

Spoonful of Sugar Tea Party

Saturday, October 22, 2016

11:00 - 1:30pm

Please join us for a Tea Party

*Bring your mother, grandmother or other special adult and join us for brunch, tea, dessert,
entertainment, raffles and fun*

Don't forget to bring your favorite doll and fanciest dress for the runway show!

Space is limited

Tickets must be purchased in advance

Cost is \$20 per girl and \$10 per adult

Please respond by completing the tear-off below

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Name: _____

of Girls: _____ *# of Adults:* _____

Phone #: _____

*Checks can be made out to St. Denis/St. Columba PSA
RSVP by October 15th to Dolls Tea Party, Kindness of the main office or to
Fiona Murray (feeb74@icould.com)*

After the 15th Tickets will be available for \$25 per girl and \$15 per adult