



# 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:** DECEMBER 5-9, 2016



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



*O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to you!*

## **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

This Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On this day we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception – that is, the fact that Mary was conceived without sin! It is a Holy Day of Obligation! We will celebrate this special feast day as a school community with a liturgy at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us in this celebration.

## **IMMEDIATE NEED: Lunch and Recess Volunteers**

We are greatly in need of volunteers to help with the supervision of our students during their recess time each day (between 12:00 p.m. and 12:50 p.m.). If we cannot provide proper supervision, which helps to ensure the safety of our children, then our students will not be able to go outside for recess. You and I both know that children need fresh air, exercise, and time to run around and interact with one another each day. If you are able to help us for even one day, both the children and I would be most grateful. For more information and to sign up, please call the school office at 227-7777.

## **Advent Outreach Gift-Giving Project**

This Advent our SDSC students will once again partner with the St. Columba School of Religious Education through our Advent Outreach Gift-Giving Project. Students and families share in the joy of giving when they choose, donate, and wrap Christmas presents for less fortunate children in our area. This year, we hope to spread Christmas cheer with over 400 children at the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse, Astor Home, and His Table Ministries. These children live in difficult, heartbreaking situations. For many Christmas gifts are beyond their means. We hope our simple gifts will make a small difference for these children who would otherwise go without. If you would like to pick children in need, please follow the "Sign Me Up" link under the PSA tab on our school website, or click here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4faca82eaa8-sdsc5>

## **Advent Gift-Giving: Wrapping Day Volunteers needed**

Calling Santa's elves...Wrapping Day is Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> after lunch. The students will buddy up with other classes to wrap Christmas gifts in the school gym. Volunteers are needed to oversee the children as they work together. Please bring scissors, and if you have leftover wrapping paper, we welcome that too! Volunteer spots have been added to the Gift SignUp. Please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4faca82eaa8-sdsc5> or click on [Advent Gift-Giving Project](#) to sign up. Thank you!

## **Share the Warmth: Hat and Mitten Drive**

As cold weather arrives, please look out for a friendly Snow Man in the school lobby and Percy the Penguin at the St. Columba Office of Religious Education. They will be happy to accept donations of new hats, mittens, scarves, and warm socks. As part of our Advent Outreach Project, they will be shared with the children at Center for Prevention of Child Abuse, Astor Home, and His Table Ministries. The children are very grateful for these, as many must walk to school in frigid temperatures. Thank you for helping to warm little hands and hearts this winter!

## **Senior Citizen Luncheon**

Our Annual Senior Citizen-Grandparent Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 15th beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the school. Grandparents of our students and local senior citizens will be treated to a delicious turkey lunch while enjoying a preview of the Christmas Concert. Please have grandparents RSVP to Mary Ann Menuau at 914-299-3077 or [maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com](mailto:maryann@mchoulfuneralhome.com). Volunteers are also needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Please contact Mary Ann if you are interested.

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Our SDSC Class of 2017 will be hosting **Breakfast with Santa** this Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at St. Denis - St. Columba School. Enjoy hot pancakes fresh off the griddle, sausage, a healthy yogurt granola and fresh fruit toppings bar, delicious muffins, juice, coffee, and tea. Join Santa for breakfast and pictures, and don't forget to tell him what you want for Christmas! The cost will be \$8.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children under 10 years old, and a **\$20.00 Pre-Sale Special** for families of up to 6 people. Hope to see you there!

### **Support SDSC While You Shop!**

When you do your Christmas shopping this year, consider using the **Amazon.com** link on our school website. St. Denis-St. Columba School earns up to 10% of every purchase made after clicking the link! If you are an Amazon Prime Member, you still enjoy all of your benefits and raise money for the school.

### **SDSC Private Screening – STAR WARS: Rogue One**

The PSA is presenting a private screening of the newest film in the STAR WARS anthology: Rogue One! The screening is on December 17, 2016 - the morning after the film opens nationwide! Join your school friends at 10:00 a.m. at Carmel Cinema 8. Tickets are \$15 each and include popcorn and a drink. Tickets are strictly limited for this engagement. Only 300 seats are available. See ticket form attached to the newsletter.

### **Christmas Shoppe**

Our Annual Christmas Shoppe will be held this Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>! Our children will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends and share in the joy of giving this Christmas season. We are in need of parent volunteers to help our students choose the perfect gift for their loved ones. Please send an email with your availability to Coleen Murray at [ocmurray@optonline.net](mailto:ocmurray@optonline.net).

### **Annual Christmas Concert**

Our annual Christmas Pageant, including the Band concert, will take place this year on **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Columba Church**. All students in Grades K-8 are to be in their homerooms by 6:10 p.m. If you have family members arriving after 5:45 p.m. we ask that they enter through the ACME parking lot because the students will be walking from the school to the church for the pageant. We want to be sure that our children are safe from moving cars. The entrance of the school will be coned-off so that no one will be able to drive into the church parking lot. They will only be able to go into the parking lot behind the school.

### **Concert attire for Girls in Grades K-7**

#### ✓ **Girls Dress Code**

**Holiday colored dresses, or skirts and blouses**

*(be sure they are appropriate for a young lady and not too short or too tight)*

#### ✓ **Boys Dress Code**

**Black pants and a white shirt with a red or green tie.**

- Closed-toe black/dark shoes. No sneakers. Girls may wear shoes with a small heel, but must be able to walk in them comfortably.
- Students are permitted to wear jewelry of their choosing, but should be tasteful and not distracting.
- Hair (for both girls & boys) should be pulled back or styled away from the face.

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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**

Anne Culin (*mother of Cathy Martin and great grandmother of Michael O'Hearn*), Janice Probst (*sister of Sr. Kathleen*), Michael Ferretti (*friend of Mrs. Senno*), Loretta DelliCarpini, Louis Pissani, Phyllis Dillon (*mother-in-law of Mrs. Dillon*), and the many who are sick and suffering in mind, body or spirit at this time

### **A TIME TO BE BORN**

Laura Ann Fernandez (*granddaughter of Nurse O'Connor*)

### **A TIME TO DIE**

Ilona Franklin (*grandmother of O'Connor children*)

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### **SAINT JOACHIM AND SAINT ANNE**

*"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2-19*

**How do you speak and share your life with Christ?**

**PRAYERFULNESS: desire to be in relationship with God**

# Pancake Breakfast with Santa



Sunday December 11  
St. Denis – St. Columba School  
8 am – 12 noon

The St. Denis – St. Columba Class of 2017 will be serving pancakes hot off the griddle, sausage, yogurt, granola and fresh fruit toppings bar, mini muffins, coffee, juice, and tea.

*Enjoy breakfast with Santa and don't forget to tell him what you want for Christmas!*

Adults: \$8

Children under 10 years old: \$5

**Pre-sale Special** (send form and money to SDSC Main office before Wed. Dec. 7):  
\$20 per family (up to 6 people)

Any questions please contact Paula Horton [nikkiph569@yahoo.com](mailto:nikkiph569@yahoo.com)

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **St. Denis – St. Columba School**.  
For Pre-Sale Special, please send form to SDSC Main Office by Wednesday Dec. 7

**HO - HO - Hope to see you there!!**



St. Denis – St. Columba School has 300 tickets to see STAR WARS, Rogue One!!!!

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Carmel Cinema 8

150 NY-52, Carmel, NY 10512

## HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

\*Complete the form below and return it to the main office. Attention: **STAR WARS**

\*Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis and available to families & friends of SDSC

\*\$15 per person attending

\*Make checks payable to St. Denis –St. Columba School

\*The deadline for this event is December 9<sup>th</sup>

\*Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. No refunds.

*This movie is rated PG-13. Use your discretion when determining if this movie is appropriate for your child.*

Arrive between 9:15 a.m. – 9:30.a.m. The movie starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

This event sold out last year! Please get your money in early!☺

Your ticket includes yummy popcorn and a small fountain drink.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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