

**St. Columbanus School
122 Oregon Road
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567**

October 2015

Dear Parents,

The month of September has brought us the Pre-K orientations, Band demonstration, and the Home School Association Parent Night. It was very nice to see such a fine turnout on Parent Night. In order for a school to flourish, a strong relationship between the school and the home is of utmost importance. I hope you took the opportunity to meet with the teachers of your children in addition to picking up your calendar and handbook. I wish to thank the parents who volunteered to assist or run many of the activities and events of the "H.S.A." We rely on our volunteers. Let's also keep our grade eight students in our prayers as they register and make the final preparations for the TACHS Examination in November.

On October 2, we will be celebrating our First Friday school Mass. October is the Month of Our Lady of the Rosary. Students are reminded and encouraged to pray the rosary during the month of October and we recite *The Angelus* daily. I also would like to wish Father Francis Samoylo a happy Feast of St. Francis on October 4.

School is closed on Friday, October 9 for a Religion Conference Day for the teachers at Seton, and on Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day. Early dismissal (11:00 AM) is on Friday, October 23 for the Faculty Meeting. Other dates to keep in mind for October are the Wine & Beer Tasting Event at 7 PM on Friday, October 23, and the first Family Mass on October 18. ***The Interim assessments begin on Monday, October 19 for our students in grades K-8.***

I just want to remind you that all students are required to return an absence note to their teacher on the official school form within two days of returning to school so that we can enter the reasons for the absence in the computer. These official school form pages were distributed with your calendar and handbook. They are also on the school website, www.st-columbanus.com. *You may also ask Mrs. Roche to send home a form with your child. Do not forget to return all of the forms that were inserted into your Parent-Student Handbooks if you have not done so already. We must keep them on file.*

Now for some reminders: 1) In an effort to make our school a "greener" school and to receive communications more quickly, please complete the form which was sent home in which you list your email address in order to receive electronic versions of the newsletter. Once it is received you then will be added to the mailing list. 2) We are looking for someone to step up to be the Chair for our Hot Lunch program for this year.

All parents should encourage their children in grades 6-8 to join the St. Columbanus Youth Group. The Youth Group meets on Friday evenings from 6-8 PM in the school gym under the leadership of Mrs. Elsa Lekovic and other volunteers.

Do not forget about Stop & Shop, ShopRite, Funding Factory recycling, Target, BJ's, Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, School Mall and other places where we make money for not doing too much.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year with much success for our students. I wish to thank you for your continued support to our school.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Disanza
Principal