

Dear Families,

Thank you Mrs. Haag, Mr. Haag, and all the volunteers who helped make Dr. Seuss Day such a wonderful experience for our students. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as the students did.

Please check your student's folder if they signed up for February's lunch. A five dollar refund was sent home with students today for the snow day we had on February 20, 2024.

Tomorrow, March 9, 2024 is the Peekskill St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to Mrs. Trifone for organizing this event. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend (my oldest daughter has a dance performance). I will be there in spirit and pray you have decent weather for the event.

Follow us on [instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). I will now be posting the Parent Memo on our [website](#) on the news feed.

If you are not currently registered with a parish, you can use this [link](#) to fill out a parishioner registration form for St. Columbanus Church. Remember to attend Mass and God bless.

Sincerely,  
Mr. David Ojeda

"It is not enough to just wish well; we must also do well." - St. Ambrose

#### **March 9-15**

- **March 9:** Peekskill St. Patrick's Day Parade. See attachment for information on when and where to meet.
- **March 13:** Math Enrichment Club for Grades 4-5.
- **March 14:** Genius Hour Enrichment Club Grades 3-5.
- **March 15:** Dress Down Day in Green for St. Patrick's Day

#### **A Look Ahead**

- **March 22:** No School for Teacher Conference
- **March 25:** Easter Egg Hunt all grades (more information to follow)
- **March 26:** Buddy Craft Day
- **March 27:** Easter Egg Coloring (more information to follow)
- **March 28:** Easter Vacation

#### **Referral Program**

Families can receive a \$500 dollar tuition discount for referring someone who enrolls their child for the 2024/2025 school year at St. Columbanus. The discount is applied during the 2024/25 year when the referred student has been enrolled for the year.

### **Registration Discount**

If you haven't registered your child for next year, please remember there is an incentive rate of \$125.00 per child if registration is completed by April 15, 2024. After this day the rate is \$225.00 per child.

### **Reminders**

- Now that cold and flu season is upon, please remember to keep students home when sick to help prevent classmates from becoming ill.
- Please make sure students have hats, gloves, and jackets for recess and dismissal as the cooler weather is here. If students wear a jacket to school, they will be asked to wear it during recess as well.
- On half-days, dismissal for all grades (PreK-5) is 11:00am.
- Our school calendar can be found on our website at <https://st-columbanus.com/>
- Please use the driveway between St. Columbanus and the Nursing Home next door. We prevent cars from coming in through the main entrance for the safety of our students. I kindly ask that you be aware of your speed as you come into our school.
- For PreK drop off and pick up, please park in the parking lot. The fire lane and driveway next to the PreK4 class has to be kept clear.
- For drop off at the main doors, children should be able to exit the car on their own so that parents do not hold up buses or other vehicles. If you have to help your child, please park in the parking lot and walk up to the main doors.
- Students in grade K-5 who enter school after **8:10am will be marked late**.
- If a student forgets their lunch, we will call home as soon as we are made aware so arrangements can be made for a lunch to be dropped off.
- PreK students can enter at 8:10 am. Please use the PreK side entrances. PreK students who arrive after 8:20 am are to enter through the front entrance of the school.
- If your student normally rides the bus home, they will be put on the bus unless a note is sent in with the child stating otherwise. Parents can also email the teacher and Mrs. Roche before 10:00 am to inform us that their child will not be getting on the bus.
- On days when we have to cancel our After Care program, please be sure to have a back-up plan in case you are unable to make the 2:30 pick-up time.

**Tuition Reminder:** Please check Blackbaud to stay up to date with tuition to avoid any late payments. If you are having any issues with tuition, please let us know. For families that are two months behind, students will not be allowed to attend school until tuition is current.