

Dear Families,

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, when Jesus made his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and palms were placed on the ground before him. The same people welcoming Jesus, would be the ones calling for him to be crucified on Good Friday. Let us remember to pray to God, asking for the strength to always do His will and thanking Him for His sacrifice on the cross. He died and was resurrected so that we may share in his eternal life. God is good.

There is no School tomorrow, March 22, because of the teacher conference.

Our school will be working with Liebman's for our uniform needs. We have kept the uniform the same (minor changes), and there is no need to buy a new one if your current uniform fits. Attached to this email is a flier for our school fitting in case a new uniform is needed.

Also attached to this letter is an updated Lakeland transportation form which was shared with us today. Please note as mentioned in a previous email that April 1, 2024 is the NYSED busing request deadline for 2024-2025 school year.

For students who are in the Math Enrichment club, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 27th. God bless.

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Sincerely,  
Mr. David Ojeda

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

**FYI:**

- Please remember there is a special rate of \$125.00 per child if registration is completed by April 15, 2024. After this date the rate is \$225.00 per child.
- Families can receive a \$500 dollar tuition discount for referring someone who enrolls their child for the 2024/2025 school year at St. Columbanus. If you know someone who is interested in a Catholic Education for their child, have them schedule a tour with us.
- The Parent Memo will be posted on our [website](#).
- 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.
- Students in grades K-5 are marked late if they enter the school after 8:10am. We encourage everyone to be in school by 8:00am for morning prayer.

**March 18-22**

- **March 22: No School. Teacher Conference.**

- **March 25:** Easter Egg Hunt. You can send in your child with a small bag or basket to collect their eggs. Rain dates for the event are Tuesday and Wednesday.
- **March 26:** Buddy Craft Day, students will work with buddies in another grade on an Easter Craft.
- **March 27:** Easter Egg Coloring. Parents are invited to attend. The sign up sheet is attached to this email. Math Enrichment Club.
- **March 28:** Easter Vacation

### **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.