

Dear Families,

We ended this week with an Easter Egg Decorating event and family was invited to join us. It is a wonderful thing to have our students, teachers, and families all gathered together.

We are all one body, the body of Christ. This Sunday is Easter, and we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. I hope the time off from school reinvigorates us and gives us an opportunity to put ourselves in our Lord's presence with prayer. God is good, all the time.

Our families are always welcomed to join us for morning prayer each day. If you have a special prayer intention that you would like for our school to pray for, please send it in with your child.

When we return to school on April 8th, there will be a lunar eclipse. We are following Lakeland District, and they have not announced any changes for the day. Parents can pick up their child early that day to avoid any issues with the lunar eclipse.

Have a safe and wonderful Easter, enjoy the time with your family and friends. God bless.

Follow us on [instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Sincerely,
Mr. David Ojeda

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

March 18-31

- **March 28: Holy Thursday (Easter Break Begins)**
- **March 29: Good Friday**
- **March 30: Holy Saturday**
- **March 31: Easter Sunday**

Coming Up

- **April 8: School Resumes. Peekskill Buses will pick up at 2:00pm due to Lunar Eclipse.**
- **April 23-24: NYS ELA Computer Based Testing for Grades 3-5**
- **May 7-8: NYS Math Computer Based Testing for Grades 3-5**
- **May 13: MAP Testing**
- **May 22: Mad Science Assembly. This is an after school presentation for all students. PK- Kindergarten will have a 2:00-2:30pm presentation. Grades 1-5 will have a 2:45-3:30 pm show.**
- **June 12 will be our PK and Kindergarten Graduations**
- **A fifth grade celebration is tentatively scheduled for June 11 starting with mass at 9:00am.**

FYI:

- Our school will be working with Liebman's for our uniform needs. A flier for a fitting was sent home in last week's email.
- April 1, 2024 is the NYSED busing request deadline for 2024-2025 school year.
- 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.

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.