

Dear Families,

St. Columbanus is excited to welcome back all of our families who have re-enrolled for the 2024-25. We look forward to continuing to support you and your children so they reach their fullest potential academically and spiritually.

Attached to this email is a flier for St. Columbanus School. Please pass it along to anyone you know who may be interested in a Catholic Education for their child. Parents and students are the best way to get the word out about our school. The Archdiocese of New York has a **Parent Referral Incentive Program** which gives a one-time tuition credit of \$500 to reward existing families in their efforts to promote our school. Thank you for your support.

St. Columbanus Church will be hosting a Summer Bible Camp for interested students. Information about the camp and application forms are attached to this email.

I attended a principal's retreat this week with the focus on the importance of the Eucharist. The timing and theme of the retreat was very appropriate, especially since some of our second graders are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Communion. How blessed are we to have the opportunity to be in the real presence of Jesus and become one with Him at Mass? This is why it is so important that we go to Mass every Sunday, to be with our Lord. 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

April 22-26

- **Students in grades 3-5 will be taking their NYS test. Making sure they get enough sleep, have a healthy breakfast, and encourage them to do their best.**
- **April 23: NYS ELA Computer Based Testing for Grades 3-5**
- **April 24: NYS ELA Computer Based Testing for Grades 3-5**
- **April 24: Report cards for Kindergarten - Grade 5 will be sent home. Anyone who owes a financial obligation to the school will not receive their report card.**
- **April 24: Last day to send in May Lunch forms. There will be no lunch option in June.**
- **April 27: First Penance Grade 2 (for students receiving First Holy Communion) at 3:00pm.**

Coming Up

- **May 7-8: NYS Math Computer Based Testing for Grades 3-5**
- **May 11: First Holy Communion for Grade 2 students who are receiving at 11:00am.**
- **May 13: MAP Testing**

- **May 17: Uniform Fitting 2:00-3:00pm.**
- **May 22: We will have an after school assembly which all students are invited to attend.**
- **May 23 and May 28: These are normal school days. Since we have used three snow days we will be in these two days.**
 - **Mad Science Assembly will give a presentation for students in grades PK-Kindergarten from 2:00-2:30pm. Students in PK-Kindergarten should be picked up at 2:30pm.**
 - **Students in Grades 1-5 will have a 2:45-3:30 pm show. Students in grades 1-5 should be picked up at 3:30pm.**
- **JUNE 11: Grade 5 parents are invited to Mass at 9:00am for our fifth graders.**
- **June 12: Last day of Morning Care and After Care.**
- **June 14: Early dismissal 11:00am.**
- **June 17: Last day of school (barring any unforeseen closures). Early dismissal 11:00am.**

FYI:

- 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

- 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.