

September 15, 2023

***School Website:** <https://www.saintcolumbaschool.org>. Please refer to the school website as your best resource for all details concerning school.

* **F.I.D. Day – School Closed:** School will be closed on Wednesday, September 20th for a Diocesan Teacher Education Conference in Harrisburg. However, this is a day of instruction (Flexible Instruction Day) and is counted as a school day on our calendar. Please be sure to complete assignments that teachers will provide.

***Town Hall Meeting:** **Important Town Hall Meeting on September 19, 2023, ~ 6 PM ~ZOOM** This is your opportunity to learn about an easy way you can help support Catholic education here at St. Columba School through Pennsylvania's Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program. Expert advisors from RedefinED will be on hand in a Zoom meeting format to explain details. All student families are invited and **highly encouraged** to attend. See attachment with embedded Zoom link. Or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9791310272?pwd=Q3J2TTdSNmVDTy9lSVVMcEYwZVdYQT09>

Thank you for your consideration.

***Bookmobile:** The Traveling Library will make its first stop to our school on Monday, September 18th. The return date for borrowed books will be Monday, October 16.

***Morning Snack:** We are suggesting that parents send a small, pre-packaged healthy snack each day. Because of the later lunch time this year, students have a morning snack time. If you are unable to send a snack, one will be provided.

***Children's Choir:** St. Columba Church is recruiting for their Children's Choir. Students in grades 2-4 are invited and encouraged to attend. More details are on the attached flyer.

***Smart Money:** Volunteers are needed after the 5:00 P.M. and 10:30 A.M. Masses to help with Smart Money orders. Please continue to place orders through the school and the RaiseRight App. As always, thank you for supporting our school through our various fundraising activities.

* **Emergency Contact Forms:** Please return your purple Emergency Contact Form if you have not already done so. There are still some outstanding.

* **Volunteer opportunities:** Please consider getting your clearances and becoming a volunteer for our school. There are many opportunities available where help is needed. Please contact the school office if you are able and willing to help. Clearance information can be found on the new HSA tab on our school website under Quick Links or Parents tab.

***Family Folders:** Please remember to return Family Folders on Friday.

* **School Closed:** **School will be closed September 25-29 for the Bloomsburg Fair.**

***Upcoming Events:** Apple Dumpling Sale will start with the release of order forms on October 2 in time for delivery on October 25. Also, on Friday, October 27, we will have Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. Donations of bulk candy are welcomed.