



SAINT COLUMBKILLE

PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

Message from the Head of School

We have been having wireless network problems for the past several weeks and I am at my wits end! We have the online testing to complete, most of our middle school text books are online and I have just a few emails a day that need urgent attention. I tracked down the technician who has been trying and trying and coming up empty!! I have grown weary!! Today when I was kicked off the network, I had had enough and stormed out of my office and headed for the server closet only to find him perplexed. Suffice it to say that my mood was a bit agitated.

On the way back to the office, I stuck my head in Ms. Colford's seventh grade religion class. The students were discussing a passage from the Gospel of John. It is one of the better-known passages. Jesus was walking down the street and came across a group of men who had surrounded a woman and were picking up rocks to toss at her. He asked them what the deal was and was told that this woman had committed adultery. And then he uttered the famous line, "He who is without sin, cast the first stone." Upon reflection, the men dispersed.

While I listened to the story and to the heartfelt comments from the students in the class, a few thoughts crossed my mind. The first thought was that the Internet does not contain the meaning of life. The second thought was that the lesson learned from the words of Jesus has relevance, even for children.

When I ask them if this was the case, I was happy to hear that many understood the lesson well. I was told that sometimes children form opinions a classmate and influence others to isolate the student. Everyone acknowledged this and it was apparent that everyone knew that this was wrong. I put my teacher hat on and explained to them that sometimes people do things that are wrong or annoying because there are circumstances in their lives that make life difficult. Jesus was not excusing the sin, however, his message was that we should not judge others. The students agreed that the world and the school would be a better place if we all tried harder not to judge others.

After leaving that class, I was still bothered by the problem with the bandwidth. But I was encouraged by the openness to forgiveness and redemption that a group of middle school students displayed. I know eventually we will get the Internet to work again. I also was reminded today that children want to do what is right.

Sincerely,
William Gartside
Head of School

News & Updates

Beauty and the Beast Musical
Thursday, May 18, 6 pm

Please join the drama club next Thursday at 6pm as they perform our spring musical, "Beauty and the Beast". The Saint Col's students have been working hard to learning their lines, songs and dances, and can't wait to perform for all of you! This is a fantastic



Watercolored and collage dream homes
by 8th grade

story of transformation and tolerance; with the beautiful sets painted by the Art Club, and the magical costumes designed by Ms. Wesner, the play tells story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. Come see what happens, Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Vocabulary Day and Book Fair

Vocabulary Day - Our second annual Vocabulary Parade is upon us! Students and teachers will choose unique and challenging vocabulary words and then create a costume to represent that word. Students and teachers will walk in a parade to share their word choices and celebrate words and reading together. What new words will you learn?

PreK - K1 - Monday, May 22

K2 - Grade 8 - Tuesday, May 23

Book Fair - Looking for a good book? Please join us at the book fair in the Garden Level at school on May 23-May 26th. The book fair hours will be Tuesday 10:00-5:00pm, Wednesday 7am-5:00pm, Thursday 7am-7:30pm (open during the Art Show), Friday 7am-4pm. Anyone who purchases a book will be entered into a drawing to win a raffle item the day they purchase the book. We are still in need of volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday so please sign below:

Sign Up to Volunteer



Grade 2 students on retreat at Boston College

Art Show Thursday, May 25, 6:00 pm

You are invited to our 2nd Annual STCPS Art Show. Come view the incredible work done over the entire school year by PreK - 8th grade students. Artwork will be in the gym and in the art room!

Student Supply Kits

Each student is expected to come to school in September with certain school supplies.

We will once again be offering parents the option of buying school kits online through Staples. Your child will be sent home a paper copy on Monday. If you would like to order online, please go to the following site: <http://www.shopttkits.com/> Our school



ID is 27272. All orders must be placed by Friday, June 9th.

If you choose not to order the school kits, you may also purchase the items from the list on your own.

After the Race to Educate some of our students and teachers attended the Red Sox game vs. the Cubs

BC Race to Educate was a HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who participated! We are so close to the overall goal of \$200,000! The last day for pledges is May 13! We will announce numbers next week but for now a huge THANK YOU TO ALL!



PreK students at the BC Race to Educate



Attorney Richard Dyer presented the Charles Artesani Award to Isabella on Law Day

[Click here for more Information about Law Day](#)

Special Parent Event May 31, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Warren Kramer and Saint Columbkille Community Building Team Present:

An exciting cooking class as a follow up to Warren's recent lecture at the school

Fun Healthy Foods for the Kid in All of Us!

It's one thing to talk about eating healthfully but more important is to be able to see it being prepared, smell it and of course taste it.

Warren will demonstrate healthy, yummy, quick and easy dishes for adults and kids. A full meal will be served, soup to dessert and recipes will be provided. This is an adult only event

RSVP is required and this event is limited for the first 35 people who sign up.

[Sign up here](#)

Calendar Of Events

Friday, May 12

Monday, May 22

- Baptisms 10 am

Saturday, May 13

- First Holy Communion 10:30 am

Tuesday, May 16

- May Procession 10:15 am

Wednesday, May 17

- Grade 4 Morning Coffee 8:00 am in the library
- Panera Restaurant Fundraiser - [Click here for Panera coupon](#)

Thursday, May 18

- Beauty and the Beast Play presented by the Drama Club 6:00 pm

Friday, May 19

- Early Dismissal 1:15 pm

- Vocabulary Day, PreK - K1

Tuesday, May 23

- Vocabulary Day, K2 - Grade 8

Tuesday, May 23 - Friday, May 26

- Book Fair

Wednesday, May 24

- Grade 5 Morning Coffee 8:00 pm in the library

Thursday, May 25

- Ascension Thursday Mass 9:00 am
- STCPS Art Show 6:00 pm

Friday, May 26

- Spirit Day for Cystic Fibrosis

Monday, May 28

- No School - Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 31

- Fun Healthy Foods for the Kid in All of Us 6:30pm - 8:30 pm at Presentation School Foundation (RSVP required)

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