Message from the Head of School

I like to think that I am in control of my emotions, but this afternoon I was overwhelmed when our students lined the hallways to give birthday wishes to our custodian, Carlos. Carlos is a role model for your children and for our faculty and staff. He is incredibly hard working and humble. The students are watching, and they know that Carlos is a man to be admired. It was a special moment when I saw our students erupt in authentic appreciation.

Last night was special, with more than 90 percent of our K2 - grade 8 families attending conferences with their children's teachers. At the end of the evening, the teachers were tired. Yet, today, they came to school with the same zeal as always and the learning did not miss a beat. I know that I sound like a broken record, but our teachers are special. I am certain that after your conferences, you know your child a little more and understand better how to guide them toward maturity. Our teachers care deeply for your children.

I want to thank all of you, again, for sharing in the community that we have established. Together, we are doing great work. There were more than 180 gifts donated for families who may be struggling during the Christmas season. I understand fully that many are not in positions to contribute and there should be no pressure on anyone to do so. I know that for many, paying tuition means that other family needs or desires can go unmet. Thank you to our staff members for coordinating our annual Giving Tree.

There is just one week of school before our Christmas break. I want to send our teachers home with a little extra. Thank you to all who have contributed to the Faculty/Staff Christmas Fund. If you have been meaning to contribute, please do. We are one-third of the way towards making our goal of $6,000. Last year, we reached the goal with one day to spare!

If I do not see you before the break, have a blessed Christmas and I will see you again to begin what will be a prosperous New Year, filled with hope and joy.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Gartside
Head of School

News & Updates

Faculty/Staff Christmas Fund

There is still time to donate to the Faculty/Staff Christmas Fund! All donations will be split equally among Saint Columbkille faculty and staff.

DONATE HERE
BC RACE TO EDUCATE
2019 DATE CHANGE
Saturday, May 4, 2019

November Loyola Leaders of the Month

Grade 6 student Stephen Moises Connolly and grade 7 student Katherine Adelina Duque-Maquiz were named November’s “Loyola Leaders of the Month.”

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Wednesday, December 12 the STCPS community celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a bilingual Mass.

Thank you to everyone who made Christmas at St. Col's a success this year!
Lost & Found

Volunteers are needed to help organize and sort the lost and found each week. Contact Jen Lynch in the front office.

See below for photos of the current lost and found items. Anything left will be donated following Christmas break.

[See photos of items here]

Volunteers Needed to Wrap Grace Givers Presents

Please sign up to help wrap Christmas presents from our Grace Givers donations on Monday, December 17. We also need wrapping paper donations. Please bring any remaining gifts to the office tomorrow or Monday.

[Sign up here]

Volunteers Needed for K1/K2 Show & Nativity

Help set up or clean up for the K1/K2 show on Friday, December 14 and for the Nativity on Wednesday, December 19.

[Sign up here]

January Family-to-Family Resource Meeting

Join fellow parents for the next Family-to-Family Resource meeting on Friday, January 11 at 8 a.m. in the library.

[Sign up here]

Calendar Of Events

Friday, December 14
- K1 and K2 Christmas Show: 9 a.m.
- Loyolapalooza: 6 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19
- Morning Coffee in the library at 8 a.m. - Developing a moral compass in our children and sharing our common values
- Christmas Nativity (Grades 1-8): 6 p.m. in the Upper Church

Thursday, December 20
- Pre-K Holiday Celebration: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Friday, December 21
- Spirit Day - Grace Givers
- EARLY RELEASE for Christmas Break: 11:05 a.m. Grades 1 - 8 and 11:15 a.m. Pre-K, K1 & K2. NO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM OR CLUBS
The Boston College Neighborhood Center has many great community events and opportunities. Click here to read more: Boston College Neighborhood Center Newsletter