Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all are having a safe and restful summer. In less than a month, the hallways and classrooms will be filled with students, eager to learn. Teachers are beginning to poke their heads into the office on the way to their classrooms. The hallways and classroom floors are gleaming, thanks to Carlos's hard work. The gymnasium is getting a long overdue facelift and new windows are being installed.

I welcome all families who are new to our school. We especially welcome the families who are coming to us from Saint Jude School in Waltham that unfortunately closed earlier this summer. I am sure that our families will welcome them with open arms. They will, most certainly, enrich our community.

I am pleased to announce that the Paul Effman Music Service will be working with Saint Columbkille Partnership School this year. This service will run much of our after-school musical instrument program this year. Families can contract directly with this service for lessons. More information is enclosed in this packet.

I am incredibly proud of our talented and dedicated team of teachers, and I welcome the following new teachers to our faculty:

**Monica Langfeld** will be teaching fourth grade. Ms. Langfeld comes to us from Minnesota where she was a fourth grade teacher. She graduated from the College of Saint Benedict, and is enrolled in a master's program at the Lynch School of Education and Human Development.

**Kayla McLaughlin** will also be teaching fourth grade. Ms. McLaughlin completed her student teaching at Saint Columbkille in a fourth grade classroom and has taught at a Catholic school for the past two years. She graduated from Boston College and has a master's degree from Providence College.

**Lucy Harmon** will be teaching sixth grade mathematics and science. Ms. Harmon graduated from Saint Joseph University in Philadelphia and she is enrolled in a master's program at the Lynch School of Education and Human Development.

**Cara Campanelli** will be teaching music to our fifth through eighth grade students, and will also direct our choirs. Ms. Campanelli is a graduate of Boston College and has taught music for several years.
Andrea Franco will be teaching Spanish for Pre-K through fifth grade. Ms. Franco is originally from Colombia and has several years of teaching experience in Catholic schools. She graduated from the Antioquia Institute of Technology in Colombia.

Maria Costa will be teaching Spanish for sixth through eighth grade. Ms. Costa graduated from the University of Massachusetts and has attained her master’s degree from Boston College. Ms. Costa comes to us with extensive teaching experience.

Linda Melia will be serving as a the K1 teacher this year while Mrs. Graham is on maternity leave. Ms. Melia did a great job filling in for Mrs. Graham at the end of last year. She graduated from Bridgewater State University.

Katherine McNeil will join our nursing staff this year. Mrs. McNeil is a graduate of Saint Columbkille and has been the school nurse at Saint Jude School for many years. We are happy that she can return to her alma mater.

We encourage you to join us for the annual Ice Cream Social that will take place on Tuesday, August 27 at 6 p.m. on the plaza. This gathering will give our families the opportunity to become acquainted with one another.

I look forward to seeing you and your children on Tuesday, September 3, the first day of school.

Sincerely,

William Gartside, Ed.D
Head of School