We are careening to the end of the school year that will come sooner than is usual due to the lack of snow and compressed vacations. We have been spared the oppressive heat and humidity that normally arrives for the last two weeks of school. I am actually looking forward to a day when we can test our new air conditioning system. It will come, no doubt! I look forward to the festivities that come with the end of the year. Our small, albeit, close-knit group of eighth graders will process tomorrow for graduation. I have known some of them for nine years and, oh how they have grown. Surely, I will miss them. I am certain that they are ready for the rigors of high school. They will leave us to enter into a bigger universe taking with them the moral compass that parents and teachers have worked hard to give them. I know they will return, likely someday next week, as they usually do!

Just after we say our goodbyes to our graduates, more than a hundred alumni will return for *Come Home to Columb* on Saturday evening. We will honor the Honan Family (Mary '52, Uncle Charlie Doyle '57*, Claire '73, Kevin '77 and Brian '81*) for their commitment not only to Saint Columbkille but the Allston and Brighton communities. While our school has gone through a renaissance during the past ten years, Saint Columbkille, affectionately known as St. Col’s by our alumni, has always been a special place. I enjoy hearing the stories of comradery and about the nuns who kept everyone in line, knowing, challenging, and loving each student in their own way.

I look forward to the music show that our teachers have worked so hard to pull together. I look forward to sampling the many dishes that represent the many culture of our families. We share this meal in community while there is such acrimony around the world and in our nation. We are a sign of hope. We see what is possible when people understand that difference makes us stronger. Let’s pray for good weather!

I have been touching base with families who are moving on. There is sadness in this. I wish you the best and will always remember your children. Please let me know how they are doing from time to time. I have also been speaking with families who will be joining us. They come from so many places. I am confident that you will welcome them as you always have.

We will be busy during the summer getting the school ready for another year. I am sure you will be happy to hear that the gymnasium will get a much-needed face-lift! The teachers, students and our accountant will be happy to hear that we will be replacing more than 100 windows that will surely eliminate the winter breezes in the classrooms!
If you have not re-enrolled (there are a few of you out there) please do so ASAP. We are filling empty seats. If you have friends who are looking for a school that will love and challenge their children, send them our way. We have openings in some of our classrooms.

I wish all a restful summer vacation. We also will take some time off but promise to be ready to greet you again on the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Gartside
Head of School

News & Updates

Multicultural Potluck and Gr 1-7 End of the Year Show
Tuesday, June 11th 4:30 PM

Come celebrate the end of the school year, our community and your family heritage! This event is to unite and celebrate the wonderfully numerous cultures that comprise our school community.

Each family attending is asked to bring homemade food that is representative of their heritage OR is simply a favorite family dish to share. You may bring an appetizer, entree, salad, side, dish, and or dessert. Bring a blanket and enjoy the Gr.1-7 students, band, and choirs performances on the field at 6 PM.

Rain date Wednesday, June 12th.

Click here to volunteer for the Multicultural Potluck event!

PK - Grade 5 Field Day
Thursday, June 13th

A day of fun activities are planned for students! Please make sure students wear clothing that they can run around in. Sneakers are required! Students should bring a refillable water bottle.

Each grade should wear the following color.

PK – Green
K1 – Blue
K2 – Red
1 – Green
2 – Blue
3 – Purple
4 – Red
5 – Black
We could still use a few more parents to help out. If you are available: Click here to sign up!

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**19/20 School Calendar**

Click [here](#) to download the [2019/2020 school calendar](#). Please note that a complete calendar with events will be available in August.

**Grade 1-8**
The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 3rd.

**PK, K1, K2**
There will be an orientation on Tuesday, September 3rd from 10 AM - 11 AM. The first day of school will be Wednesday, September 4th.

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Students and teachers had a great time at the Museum of Science this week!

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**Come Home to Columb**
**Our Annual Alumni Event**
**Saturday, June 8, 2019**
**5 PM to 7 PM**

Join us for our annual Come Home to Columb Event on Saturday, June 8 beginning at 5:00pm. There will be a 4 PM Mass at St. Columbkille Church. Alumni are welcome to help us honor the Honan Family, reconnect and support Saint Col's.

Tickets are $30.00 (21+).
Calendar Of Events

Friday, June 7
- End of Trimester 3
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass 11 AM
- Early Dismissal
  - 11:45 AM - Gr 6 - 8
  - 1:05 PM – Gr 1 – 5
  - 1:15 PM – PK, K1, K2
- 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony 6 PM

Saturday, June 8
- Come Home to Columb 4 PM

Tuesday, June 11
- Early Childhood Celebrations
  - Pre-K at 9 AM
  - K1 at 10 AM
  - K2 at 11 AM
- Multicultural Potluck 5PM – 6PM AND Gr 1 – 7 End of Year Show 6PM on the field

Thursday, June 13
- Field Day PK – Grade 5 Click here to volunteer!
- Last Day of all after school programming and clubs

Friday, June 14
- End of Year Prayer Service 10:45 AM
- 11:15 AM Dismissal
- No After school programming
- Report Cards will be distributed

Thursday, June 20
- Financial Aid Workshop 10AM - 6PM: Click here to register.

Community Announcements

The Boston College Neighborhood Center has many great community events and opportunities. Click the link to read more: Boston College Neighborhood Center Newsletter

Click here to sign up for a free membership to the Harvard Ed Portal.