



**SAINT COLUMBKILLE**

PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

### Message from the Head of School

Dear Families,

School had just adjourned for summer vacation after my sophomore year in high school. I started my summer job flipping burgers at the local McDonald's restaurant. When I arrived home after my shift, I headed to bed and turned on my transistor radio. I was stunned when I heard a reporter say, "Bobby Kennedy has been shot." In many ways, what was happening in our nation then is similar to what is happening today. The nation was divided. Discussions around the dinner tables across our nation were heated. Brothers and schoolmates were dying in Vietnam. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated earlier that year resulting in civil unrest. President Johnson had declared a war on poverty. Bobby Kennedy, running for President, spoke passionately about bringing our nation together. After his death, young people, like myself, were animated and began to mobilize to have their voices heard. We gathered and marched on Washington. We challenged our political leaders. We demanded equity. Ultimately, the Vietnam War came to a conclusion after 57,000 Americans had lost their lives. Black and white youth joined hands to combat racial discrimination. A few years later, the first "Earth Day" occurred, when millions of young people set out to clean our planet.

As I look at our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders, I am incredibly proud; they give me hope in our world today. As they grow toward adulthood, they will better understand issues that will define the times during their formative years. They will push those in power to find solutions to gun violence, immigration and global warming. The discussions in their classroom have been animated. Our graduates are committed to fight for justice. During their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, they have seen what is possible after the students from Parkland marched on Washington. They have seen students just a few years older than themselves stand and fight for racial equality. I fully expect, that in just a few years, they will stand and make their voices heard. They are the hope of the future.

Sincerely,

William Gartside  
Head of School

## News & Updates

### **Multi-Cultural Potluck Friday, June 15 6PM - 8PM**

Please join us at this event to unite and celebrate the wonderfully numerous cultures that comprise our school community. Each family attending this evening outdoor dinner is asked to bring homemade food (appetizer, entrée, or



Mr. Gartside enjoyed cooking hot dogs and burgers for the Loyola students this week!

dessert) that is representative of their heritage OR is simply a favorite family dish.

The rain date will be Saturday, June 16th.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help run this event. Please email Erica Rego at [erego@stcps.org](mailto:erego@stcps.org) with any questions!

[Click here to volunteer for the Potluck!](#)

## PK - Grade 5 Field Day Tuesday, June 19th

The PK - Grade 5 Field Day is Tuesday, June 19 from 8 AM - 3 PM. This is a fun event for the students however we need many parent volunteers to make the event a success! Parents can help out for part of the day or the whole day. Click the link below to volunteer.

[Click here to volunteer for field day!](#)



The faculty played a soccer game against the 8th graders on their last day before graduation. The 8th graders won 3 - 2!

## Coming in 2018-2019: Year Long Swimming Lessons

We are partnering with Charles River Aquatics to offer our students swimming lessons from K2 to grade 8. Please fill out this short form by June 15, 2018 to let us know if your child would be interested: <https://goo.gl/forms/UxRFSB6Y aonZtr0T2>

More information regarding date and prices will be available during the summer. Sign ups will be done as part of the Saint Col's Clubs Program. For more information on Charles River Aquatics please visit <https://charlesriveraquatics.com/>.



The band and choir gave us an amazing performance at the Music Showcase this week.

# Calendar Of Events

## June 8

- Early Dismissal
  - **Grades 6 - 7: 11:45 AM**
  - **Grades 1 - 5: 1:05 PM**
  - **PK, K1, K2 - 1:15 PM**
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass  
11:00AM
- 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony  
6:00PM

## June 11

- Grade 6/7 Morning Coffee in the library 7:45 AM
- Final day of the band program

## June 12

- Early Childhood Celebration
  - 9 AM - PK
  - 10 AM - K1
  - 11 AM - K2

## June 13

- Gr. 1 - 7 End of Year Show 6:30 PM in the church

## June 14

- Grade 5 Morning Coffee in the library 7:45 AM - Grade 6 teachers will be in attendance to go over the expectations for the next school year and answer any questions you may have!

## June 15

- Final day of clubs
- Multi-Cultural Potluck 6 PM - 8 PM

## June 19

- PK - Grade 5 Field Day

## June 20

- Final day of the after school program

## June 21

- Last Day of School: **11:15 AM Dismissal**

Please send in Box Tops to your teacher whether you have collected 3, 10, or 50! Submitting Box Tops monthly is an easy way to get credit for Box Tops before they expire. As always, thank you supporting the fundraising efforts at STCPS.

[Website](#) [Our School](#) [Admissions](#) [Calendar](#) [Support Our School](#) [Contact Us](#)

