



**SAINT COLUMBKILLE**

PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

## Message from the Head of School

Dear Families,

This winter has certainly been challenging with all of the snow. It has been so difficult to establish a rhythm here at school. However, on the way from my car this morning, I did feel a warmer breeze and took notice that all of the snow has melted from the field. The children can once again run and play without fear being pelted by snowballs from classmates.

It was unfortunate that we had to call off the annual State of the School address last week. There are many things I would like to share with you. We were thrilled with the level of participation in the parent survey. 75% of families participated. We learned a lot from your responses and are beginning to make plans to work on areas we can improve upon and celebrate the things we do well with. Since we were not able to meet as a community, I have prepared a narrated presentation. **Click here** to view the audio presentation of the State of the School.

At the State of the School, we were going to announce that Saint Columbkille is now officially designated as a Laboratory School for Boston College. With this designation, our relationship with Boston College is enhanced. “The laboratory school designation—the only such arrangement between a university and an elementary school in the City of Boston—will increase collaboration in teaching and research between Saint Columbkille’s teachers and BC faculty and students. The research—jointly designed by faculty from both institutions—will target the school’s specific needs. The data generated from the research will ensure best practices in curriculum and instruction at Saint Columbkille, and provide a knowledge base for innovation that will help facilitate educational advances at Catholic schools nationwide. It will also aid in the preparation of teachers and other education professionals at the Lynch School of Education.” (Boston College Press Release) (<http://www.bc.edu/bc-web/bcnews/nation-world-society/education/st-columbkille-laboratory-school.html>)

As a Head of School, I know what impact this new collaboration will have. Our teachers who are highly qualified and skilled can now utilize the assets of the University to help them fine-tune their practice. The knowledge base that we accumulate will be shared with other Catholic schools in order to better serve children in Catholic schools, near and far.

We have scheduled a morning coffee to discuss the strategic plans for the school and to answer any questions you may have regarding the school’s new designation as a Laboratory School for Boston College on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 in the morning.

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered helping us to serve Easter lunch this year. It is one of my favorite events. I wish you a happy Easter and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,  
William Gartside  
Head of School

**2018 BC Race to Educate**



**BC RACE TO EDUCATE! ONE MONTH AWAY!  
SATURDAY APRIL 28,2018**

Thanks to all of you who have registered for the race and started your pledge page! We have 500 registered to run and have raised just under \$16,000 on a goal of \$80,000 in pledges. Sponsors continue to roll in, we are at \$28,000 on a goal of \$100,000!

We know many of you will see family and friends over the holiday weekend. It is a great time to ask for support! All families who get one new pledge this weekend, will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25.00 gift certificate to Tommy Doyles Irish Pub and Restaurant! We have three gift certificates to raffle off, get a pledge and be entered to win!

Need help registering or setting up your pledge page?? Contact Kate Ward at [Kward@stcps.org](mailto:Kward@stcps.org) to set up an appointment.

[Click here to register for the BC Race to Educate!](#)

## News & Updates



K2 students enjoying their Easter egg hunt!

### Webpage Updates

Check out our new Saint Columbkille Partnership School news page on our website. It can be found in the News & Events tab at the top, in the News drop-down, or by clicking [here](#). It will include recaps of past events and school news, as well as information about upcoming events.

[Click here to view the State of the School Presentation.](#)

### April Vacation Program

The April Vacation Program will be held from Tuesday, April 17 - Friday, April 20 from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. This program is for students in Pre-K through grade 4. The fee per child for the program is as follow: 2

Days - \$134, 3 Days - \$200, 4 Days - \$263. All applications are due by Friday, April 6th.

To register, click here.



Second grade used their knowledge of air pressure to shoot off rockets outside. They had a "blast!"



K2 students show their support for our Spirit Day wearing their favorite sports teams!

## Summer Programming

A six-week STEM Academy is offered from July 9th to August 17th to students entering grades 5, 6, and 7. Students will deepen their understanding of STEM concepts through hands-on lab, fieldwork, and engagement in the engineering design process.

An eight-week summer program is offered from June 25th to August 17th to students entering grade pre-kindergarten through grade 4. This program provides a range of academic, enrichment, and recreational activities.

Click here for to enroll!

## Calendar Of Events

### March 30

- Good Friday - No School

### April 1

- Financial aid application due. Apply online at [online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid)

### April 3

- School Mass 9AM

### April 4

- Restaurant Fundraiser at the Corrib Pub

### April 5

- Parent Coffee 8AM

### April 6

- Early Dismissal
  - Gr. 1 - 8 1:05PM
  - PK, K1, K2 1:15PM

### April 10

- Financial aid Workshop: 10 am to 6 pm. [Click here to sign up.](#)

### April 15

- 2017 Federal tax return and W2 due to FACTS Grant and Aid

[Click here to view the April Lunch Menu](#)

