



Message from the Head of School

I am looking forward to meeting with parents next Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30PM. In January, I delivered the annual State of the School address where parents had the opportunity to meet with one another to discuss what they thought we do well at and what we could improve upon. We value insights that parents have. After all, it is your children who are being formed and educated. At the last meeting, we noted the questions parents had about the school's organization and strategic planning. At Tuesday's meeting we will try to answer questions that parents posed at the last meeting, share the results of the parent survey, and outline initiatives that will keep us busy in planning for next year. To give you a sneak preview, an overwhelming number of parents indicated that they are happy with the education that their children are getting. And I am happy too.

I am incredibly fortunate to see the education and formation in action each day. It is a joy. When I visit the classrooms, I always ask students what they learned that day. Often they cannot contain themselves. Arms are flailing; they are bouncing in their seats, wanting to be the one to share. Yesterday, the K2 students, eyes wide open, told me all about the musical composition "Peter and the Wolf". The fifth graders were polishing their opinion writing and shared why they thought we should have or not have chocolate milk as an option in our dining hall. A debate ensued. Students demonstrated incredible respect for one another. They waited their turn and listened to one another. This, of course, seems to be a lost art today. Watching the news is a chore.

I greeted the Loyola Academy students, back from their day of service. The eighth graders spent the day working with children who are severely disabled. The seventh graders put together outfits and cleaned sneakers for children at Cradles to Crayons. The sixth graders got down and dirty weeding the garden out back. We will be planting soon! Yesterday was a sunny day. The sun was shining inside and out!

Please consider attending the parent meeting scheduled for next Tuesday night. We consider parents are true partners. This meeting will help us to align our hopes and dreams for our children.

We would like to gauge how many parents will be in attendance. Childcare will be offered for students in PK-Grade 4. [Please click here to RSVP.](#)

Sincerely,
William Gartside
Head of School

News & Updates

Easter Lunch
Tuesday, April 11th

Lunch is \$6.00 per student and includes



Grade two superhero self portrait.

Ham, Pineapple Stuffing, Potatoes, Carrots, Bread and Butter, and Dessert and takes place in the gymnasium. Please send money in a marked envelope with your child's name and grade level by Friday, April 7th.

Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, and cleanup from 9:45AM – 2:00PM.

[Please click here to volunteer!](#)

April Vacation Program

We are currently accepting applications for the April Vacation Program.

The program will run from Tuesday, April 18 - Friday, April 21 from 8:00AM - 5:30PM. This program is open to students in grades pre-kindergarten to 4.

Applications are due by Friday, April 7th.

[Click here to register.](#)



Grade seven students volunteering at Cradles to Crayons.



Grade three students learning about different instruments from Boston College band members.

Summer Music Instruction Classes

This summer we want to give many students the opportunity to join the music program.

The following lessons are offered

- Trumpet Lessons (45 min)
- Trombone Lessons (45 min)
- French Horn Lessons (45 min)
- Percussion Lessons (45 min)
- Voice Lessons (30 min)
- Woodwind Lessons: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone (30 min)
- Piano Lessons (30 min)
- Suzuki Violin (30 min- group of 3 students max)

[Click here to register for lessons!](#)



A Boston College-sponsored
Kids Fun Run and 5K Run/Walk

TO BENEFIT SAINT COLUMBKILLE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

BC RACE TO EDUCATE APRIL 29, 2017

PASTA SUPPER at the School Friday April 28, 2017!

We are getting close to Race Day! Be sure to register and set up your family pledge page! If you have any problems setting it up or just need a nudge to get started, email kward@stcps.org and set up an appointment.

Fun Facts:

- Just under 400 registered. Our goal is 1500, we can do it!
- Just under \$10,000 in pledges. On a goal of \$70,000... good opportunity here for some real growth, set up those pledge pages and ask friends and family for support!
- A little over \$80,000 in sponsors. Thank you to all those families who are helping by contacting businesses!

Watch for the race newsletter for fun tips from Gale and ideas for fundraising!

[Click here to register!](#)



Grade six students take over the street of Brighton meeting with sponsors and hanging flyers. They are pictured with Kathy Pryor, Assistant Vice President/Branch manager, Rockland Trust, Gold Sponsors of the BC Race to Educate.

Calendar Of Events

March 31

- Full School Day

April 4

- State of the School Address Part 2 at 6:30PM

April 5

- PK/K1 Morning Coffee 8AM in the library

April 7

- Early Dismissal 1:15PM

April 11

- Easter Lunch

April 12

- K2 Morning Coffee 8AM in the library

April 13

- Holy Thursday
- Early Dismissal 11:15AM

April 14

- No School - Good Friday

April 17 -21

- No School - April Vacation

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