Message from the Head of School

Dear Families,

With spring finally here, the plaza is again alive with parents engaging in conversations with one another and the teachers as their children get much-needed exercise. Basketballs, soccer balls and footballs are ricocheting all over the place. I’ve heard the exhortation “Just five more minutes!” on more than a few occasions - the children are having fun!

I love this part of the school year. The First Communion and the May Procession were beautiful and meaningful. Students are excited to peruse the bookshelves at the book fair and I am impressed with the choices they are making. Mrs. Falconer is working hard to finish the ceramic pieces that many of our students have created; I love their beautiful artwork. I particularly enjoy the gallery of self-portraits on the wall outside the cafeteria; I can clearly see the inner beauty of each child who thoughtfully represented themselves. Wonderful music is emanating from the music room as the teachers prepare our students for the end-of-year productions. Loyola Academy students are studying hard as they complete their final examinations and prepare for their trips to Washington, D.C. and Nature’s Classroom. And the office is buzzing with activity as new families register for the upcoming school year.

We all know how important it is for children to be academically challenged. If our children are to play a part in changing the world, they must be well-prepared. Ultimately, we want our children to become well-rounded and well-adjusted adults. It is necessary for our children to become fluent readers and calculators. We also know how important is for our children to find happiness and experience joy. For example, grade one students in Ms. O’Connor and Ms. Roche’s classes have enjoyed a special activity related to one letter of the alphabet each day as they count down to the end of the school year. These two talented teachers have succeeded at instilling joy in their students; they had a great time at a dance party on “D” day and creating an egg drop on “E” day this past week. They are proof positive that learning can be and must be fun!

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.
Grade 1 is doing an ABC Countdown to summer! Students created an egg protector using recyclable materials for Egg Drop Day this week.

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 if you are interested.

Upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers

Devlin’s or Brighton Bodega
328/332 Washington Street, Brighton
Thursday, May 31, 2018
http://www.brightonbodega.com
OR  http://edevlins.com
Click here for the flyer.

Panera Bread
321 Arsenal Street, Watertown
Monday, June 4, 2018
http://www.panerabread.com
Click here for the flyer.

Dine-in or Take-out. Anyone dining or ordering will be giving back to our school! Invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers!

St. Col’s Class of 62’ visited the first grade classrooms and had a great time working on a craft with the students!

Rockland Trust

Rockland Trust, one of our partners, has 2 opportunities for families coming up:

Looking for ways to save for your child’s college education? Join Rockland Trust on 5/29/2018, at 5:29pm to learn more about how 529’s are an excellent way to start saving.

Looking for ways to motivate your child to read this summer? Join Rockland Trust’s Reading Makes Cent$ program. Students in Grades 1 through 8 can earn $2.50 for every book they read (up to 10 books) from June 1- August 31.
Pre-K students enjoying the nice weather after May Procession.

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**Calendar Of Events**

**May 28**
- Memorial Day - No School

**May 31**
- Grade 3 Morning Coffee in the library 7:45 AM - Grade 4 teachers will be in attendance to go over the expectations for the next school year and answer any questions you may have!
- Devlin's Restaurant Fundraiser

**June 1**
- Early Dismissal
  - Grades 1 - 8: 1:05 PM
  - PK, K1, K2 - 1:15 PM

**June 5**
- Panera Bread Restaurant Fundraiser

**June 7**
- Grade 4 Morning Coffee in the library 7:45 AM - Grade 5 teachers will be in attendance to go over the expectations for the next school year and answer any questions you may have!

**June 8**
- Early Dismissal
  - Grades 6 - 7: 11:30 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

The BC Woman's Soccer Team is running several summer programs. [Click here for more details!](#)

**The last day of school is Thursday, June 21st at 11:15 AM**