Message from the Head of School

Today is the feast of All Saints. Around the world, Catholics celebrate the people who live their lives in service to others. At Mass today, Father Fitzgerald reminded us of our belief that all of us who do good for others are destined to become saints.

As a school, we believe that it is our responsibility to educate the whole child. This responsibility means that we must help students develop not only their intellects, but also their social and emotional readiness for the challenges they will face in life. We teach them to be openhearted and empathetic. The last line of our mission statement says that we “practice the good with conviction.” In other words, it is essential that children begin to think about the needs of others and actively do something to help them.

We develop this mindset in a number of ways. First, our teachers select reading materials that reinforce this message. For example, three of my favorite books, *Counting on Community, What Does it Mean to Be Kind*, and *10 Things I Can Do to Help My World* show our youngest students how they can make a difference in the world. The last book that our 8th graders read is *The Crucible*, a classic book about scapegoating. I recall listening in on a class discussion at the end of last year that warmed my heart and put a smile on my face: they understood and embraced their responsibility to stand for justice. I could clearly see that these students were ready to graduate.

Additionally, each month we select a Spirit Day to raise funds for a meaningful nonprofit organization and students are allowed to dress out of uniform. We practice this long-standing tradition in Catholic schools to focus on developing a philanthropic spirit in our students. We collect a dollar from each child and each teacher highlights the meaning behind making this gift. In October, the money that was collected went to fund research organizations to find a cure for multiple sclerosis. Next month, we will learn about the poor and hungry, donating our collection to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society’s food pantry. There is not pressure on any child to bring a dollar in; if a child forgets, he or she can still be out of uniform. The goal is to teach our students the importance of finding the need around us and becoming part of the solution to address that need.

Please help us to reinforce this message at home. In my experience, I have found that empathetic children become happy and kind adults. And, in the spirit of All Saints’ Day, we all want our children to become saints on earth.

Sincerely,

William Gartside
Head of School

News & Updates

Thanksgiving Lunch
Volunteers Needed!

This annual event takes place on Wednesday, November 14. Our talented dining room staff prepares an incredibly
Pre-K had a great time at The Discovery Museum learning about music, water, trains, nature, and so much more!

October Spirit Day Raises More Than $600 for MS Society

Read about our Spirit Day

Civics in Pre-K!
A Teacher Reflects

Read about Civics in Pre-K

Today is All Saints' Day!

See photos of our Grade 4 Saints!

Fourth graders had a wonderful time sharing their book projects Tuesday afternoon! After reading a mystery book of their choice, students were challenged to create a giant postcard, movie poster, or news report. Students shared book reviews with each other and had an opportunity to learn about new books!

Trimester 2 Clubs Sign Up

Trimester 2 clubs will run from December 3 to March 8. Club registration will be available starting on Monday, November 5.

Clubs for students in grades 1-3 will be assigned based on availability to allow as many students to participate in the clubs program as possible. Parents can indicate students' preferences on the registration form, but are not guaranteed placement in a particular club. Club assignments for students in grades 4-8 are done on a "first
Second grade worked together to build community at the YMCA Outdoor Family Center!

Chili Cook-Off 2018

A total of 40 families contributed to the event, with only one deemed the winner of the chili contest. Aiden Wheaton-Ware, grade 2, and his mom Kelly Wheaton, are this year’s Chili Cook-Off winners and were awarded a Saint Columbkille apron and cutting board for their efforts.

A huge "thank you" from the teachers and staff of STCPS for a delicious lunch and fun contest!

Read more about the Chili Cook-Off

Calendar Of Events

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE:
The Christmas Nativity date is now Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. Please update the calendar that was mailed to you in August or click here to download a new calendar.

Friday, November 2
- Early Release - 1:15 p.m.
- Out of Uniform Day to Celebrate our Red Sox World Series Champions

Monday, November 12
- NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day observed

Tuesday, November 13
- Loyola Academy Morning Coffee - 8
St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive
- Tuesday, November 6
  - Grade 5 Morning Coffee - 8 a.m.

Thursday, November 8
- Open House for Prospective Families - 8:30 a.m.
- Launch Fundraiser 4 - 8 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Lunch
- Launch Fundraiser 4 - 8 p.m.
- Spirit Day - St. Vincent de Paul

Around the Neighborhood

Community Football Day at Harvard University

Learn to Skate Warriors Allston-Brighton

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

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