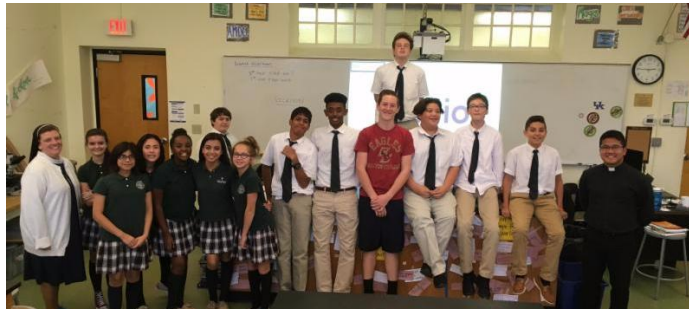




Message from the Head of School



8th grade students participated in a conversation with Deacon Nico and Sister Laura in honor of the Vocations Week.

Dear Families,

***Saint Columbkille Partnership School is a community of families, educators, and partners inspired by the values of the Gospel.***

It is clear that the success of our school can be attributed to the **Partnership** that was put in place a little more than a decade ago. We have been able to leverage the assets of our three partners – Boston College, Saint Columbkille Parish and the Archdiocese of Boston – to enable us to educate and form students. Our three partners give us a framework from which to operate.

I recently wrote an article (see link here: [Partnership Coalitions](#)) that was published in the National Catholic Education Association's magazine where I wrote "This Partnership Agreement has been a win-win-win for all three of the partners. Saint Columbkille Partnership School has become a repository of best practices that the Archdiocese can draw upon to assist other schools. Saint Columbkille Partnership School is an anchor in the community adding a measure of stability to the parish. The Lynch School of Education at Boston College and the University as a whole has been enriched by the partnership. Saint Columbkille has become a preferred school for teacher training, educational research, and volunteerism."

I also reflect on our most important partners, our parents. We share common values. We want our children to be challenged and work as hard as they can. We want our children to grow in empathy. We want our children to be kind. And we want our children to be joyful! We are successful because we work well together.

At a recent meeting of the Parent Advisory Committee, we discussed the phrase "Gospel Values." We celebrate religious differences and know that they help us all to better understand God's message. We find common ground from living the ethical codes that all religions hold dear. Gospel values are derived from the action and teachings of Jesus. Jesus challenged his followers to put the needs of others before one's own needs. He pressed them to be peacemakers and servants to the poor. He spoke against hypocrisy and materialism. He taught respect and forgiveness.

And so we are a community of families, educators, and partners inspired by the values of the Gospel. The work we do as parents and educators is hard work and sometimes we may

feel that we will never see the fruit of our labor. I assure you, together we are helping to build the Kingdom of God, and it is a glorious kingdom.

Sincerely,  
William Gartside  
Head of School

## News & Updates

### Thanksgiving Lunch Wednesday, November 15 \$6 per student

The menu includes:  
Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, butternut squash, rolls and dessert

Please send money in an envelope marked with your child's name by Monday, November 13th.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered for this event!



Pre-K counted how many pumpkins tall they are! We are all growing!

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| PK & K1 | Canned Vegetables                       |
| K2      | Canned Vegetables                       |
| 1       | Canned Soup                             |
| 2       | Canned Meat (Tuna, Spam, Beef, Chicken) |
| 3       | Canned Fruit                            |
| 4       | Canned Meat (Tuna, Spam, Beef, Chicken) |
| 5       | Canned Beans (All Types)                |
| 6       | Canned Soup                             |
| 7       | Canned Beans (All Types)                |
| 8       | Canned Meat (Tuna, Spam, Beef, Chicken) |

### Thanksgiving Food Drive for Saint Vincent de Paul November 7th - November 17th

At Thanksgiving time, each student is asked to bring in a canned food item for the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Each class has been assigned an item. Please see the list and bring your donation to school as soon as possible.

The Food Drive will be our Spirit Day this month. Students who bring in a canned good may be out of uniform on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Save the Date! Christmas at St Cols

#### Tree Lighting

December 1st 6:00PM

Please join us on the school plaza for caroling and the lighting of the Christmas tree at Saint Columbkille.

#### Christmas at Saint Cols

December 2nd 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast with Santa in the gym and afterward stroll through the halls of the school to take in all the other activities

offered. The event will feature the Santa's Bakeshop, Mrs. Claus' Wreath Room, The Elves Workshop, photos with Santa, and raffles! Community members are welcome!

## IT'S CHRISTMAS AT ST. COL'S!



Join us for a **FESTIVE** morning!

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 9AM – 1PM

**ENJOY A PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
AND PHOTOS WITH SANTA!**

FROM 9AM – 12PM IN THE SAINT COLUMBKILLE GYMNASIUM

\$5 PER TICKET CHILDREN 6 YEARS AND UNDER FREE



**OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

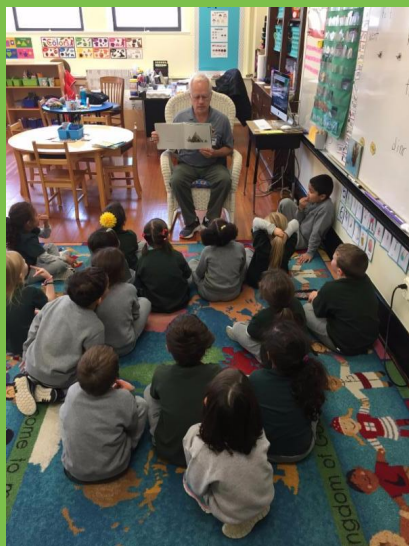
- Santa's Bakeshop
- Mrs. Claus' Wreath Room
- The Elves Workshop
- Basket Raffles (Craft activities for kids!)

ALL OPEN FROM 9AM-1PM!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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K2B with their Boston College Reader, Sherm Homan. Mr. Homan works in Information Technology at BC and is one of our 50 BC Readers. Thank you BC Readers!

Join  
Saint Columbkille Partnership  
School as we participate in  
**#GivingTuesday** on  
November 28!  
Look for posts on  
Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.  
Share our posts with friends!

## Calendar Of Events

### Tuesday, November 14

- Art Program Morning Coffee 8AM in the library

### Wednesday, November 15

- Thanksgiving Lunch

### Friday, November 17

- Early Dismissal 1:15PM
- Spirit Day - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

### Wednesday, November 22

- Early Dismissal 11:15AM Lunch will not be served and there is no after school programming

### Thursday, November 23

- No School

### Friday, November 24

- No School

Tuesday, November 28

- #GivingTuesday

[Click here to download the November Lunch Menu.](#)

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