



Message from the Head of School

I am incredibly proud of our grade 8 students. In the past few weeks, Ms. O'Brien led her ELA class in the reading of Ray Bradbury's short story, *The Pedestrian*, about a dystopian city where citizens are not engaged in society. The students were then directed to reflect upon the reading and create their own city where citizens would be engaged. Each created a visual design of the city, composed a persuasive essay and wrote pamphlets describing their city. Each city had a list of the rules to guide the citizens. The students showcased their work to some very engaged fifth graders who collectively chose a city to which they wanted to move. Each grade 8 student worked hard on the project and took pride in their work.



I often speak or write about the importance of developing our students' civic responsibility. I have spoken of the challenges educators and parents have to teach students to be civil when, many times, our leaders don't provide a positive example. The core values on which this nation was formed and the values of the Gospel share more than a common thread. It is in our nation's DNA that the rights of all peoples must be respected and protected. Jesus spoke truth to power, often associating with and validating people who were disenfranchised. Our school is dedicated to teaching the same core values. As our school's mission states: "We are committed to the education of children of all backgrounds in an environment that cultivates **respect, mutuality, and care.**"

Our grade 8 students created cities that were just and citizens of these cities were required to follow a moral code. The rules that were created reflect the values that we espouse: inclusion, civility and stewardship of God's creations. These students are old enough to know that our society has its failings and it was a joy to see that they believe they can do better when it is their turn. I agree and look forward to seeing them in action.

Sincerely,

William Gartside
Head of School

News & Updates

Special Elders' Day
Friday, October 5, 2018

Join us for our annual Special Elders' Day. Students are welcome to invite their grandparents or special elders to school on Friday, October 5 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. After a gathering on the plaza, our guests will be escorted to students' classrooms. Parents are welcome to attend the gathering on the plaza, but we ask that only special elders go to the classrooms.

It is not too late to sign up! Click the link below.

[Click here to register your grandparent or special elder!](#)



Grade 3 enjoyed their field trip to Plymouth Plantation even in the rain!



K2 students enjoyed apple picking during their field trip to Tougas Farm.

Dance Club Registration

From September 28, 2018 through June 5, 2019, Saint Columbkille Partnership School along with MassMotion Dance Company will offer HipHop dance classes on Fridays. This is a year-long program (30 weeks). The fee for the year is \$450.

There are still openings for students in grades 3 - 5!

[Click here to register your child for Dance Club.](#)

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 27th 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Want to be a part of the fun? We are looking for 25 families to volunteer to decorate the trunk of their car in a theme you choose. You can keep it simple or showcase your creativity.

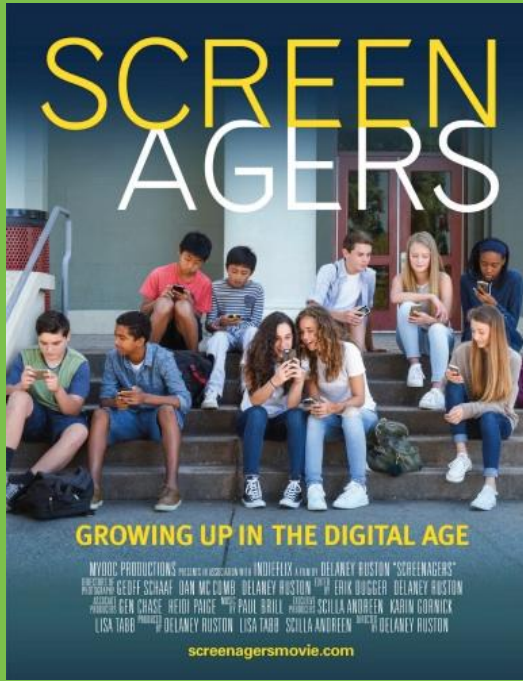
Want to come but not sure about decorating your car? We are going to need lots of trick or treaters and lots of candy. We need every family attending to drop off a bag of wrapped candy to the office between now and Friday, October 26th. On

October 27th, put on your costumes and head on over to the school for some fun!

The rain date will be on Sunday, October 28th.



[Click here to sign up to decorate your trunk!](#)



Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age Wednesday, October 17 6:00PM

Join fellow STCPS, Saint Joseph Prep and community parents for a viewing and student panel discussion of the documentary "SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age" on Wednesday, October 17 at 6 p.m. at Saint Joseph Prep, 617 Cambridge St. Brighton, MA 02134

As young people spend increasing amounts of time on their devices, this documentary examines the impact on mental health, academic performance, family dynamics, and peer relationships. STCPS grade 7 and 8 students will watch and discuss the documentary during the school day on October 17.

Questions? Contact Keyon Hurd at
khurd@stcps.org

Thank you to Mark's Moving and Storage!

Many thanks to Mark's Moving and Storage, Inc who generously delivered a piano to us donated by Ed O'Donoghue. They also moved several pianos throughout the building. George Jacobs, an alumni of Saint Col's, is co-owner of Mark's Moving and Storage, Inc and coordinated it for us. Many thanks to the 4 movers pictured here who really wish we had an elevator! To contact Mark's Moving and Storage, Inc, call 1-800-966-MARKS.



STCPS Basketball Program Grades 1 - 6 Registration Now Open!

The program is open to students in grades 1 - 6. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to learn, a desire to have fun!!! The season will begin in mid November with practices or games until March. Students are required to attend practices and games. Cost to participate is \$20 for returning players who will wear their uniform from last year, \$40 for new or returning players who need a new uniform. We are also looking for parents to help

coach at each grade level.



7th grade mixed media Chilean Arpilleras.

Click here to register your child for the basketball program.

Calendar Of Events

Friday, October 5

- Grandparents/ Special Elder's Day
- Early Release Day
 - Grade 1 - 8: 1:05PM
 - PK,K1, K2: 1:15PM

Monday, October 8

- No School - Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 9

- Grade 1 Morning Coffee 8 AM

Thursday, October 11

- Open House for Prospective Families 8:30 AM

Tuesday, October 16

- Grade 2 Morning Coffee 8 AM

Friday, October 19

- No School - Teacher Professional Development Day

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