Dear Families,

Happy November! We have many events coming up in the next few weeks!

**Operation Gratitude: Help Support our Troops!** WE WANT YOUR CANDY!!!! Help us thank our troops by bringing in some of your Halloween Candy to send to them. We will be collecting from November 4 to November 7, 2019 and send packages on November 8, 2019. Students will be making cards in class to send as well.

**Raising of the American Flag on the Plaza, November 8, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.** Two donors have generously donated new American Flags for our outside flag poles. In honor of Veterans Day, join us as we bless both flags and raise the flag on the plaza. All are welcome to join. After the ceremony, guests are welcome to join us for coffee and refreshments. Click [here](#) if you would like to bake for the event.

**Spirit Day** - Many thanks for your contribution to Spirit Day on October 25, 2019. We raised just over $500, which will help cover the cost of sending our care packages to the troops!

**Open House** - We will be hosting an Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, November 6 at 8:30 a.m. Please spread the word to family and friends! If you are available to volunteer during open house events please email Erica Rego at [erego@stcps.org](mailto:erego@stcps.org).

**Launch Fundraiser** - Join us for a school fundraiser at Launch Watertown on Wednesday, November 6 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please bring the attached flyer with you or mention you are with our school fundraiser when buying tickets. Our school will receive 25% of the ticket proceeds when mentioning our school name!

**Saint Vincent de Paul Food Drive** - This upcoming week we are hosting a food drive for Saint Vincent de Paul and asking each student to bring in a canned food item for the Food Pantry. Each class has been assigned an item. Food will be picked up on Friday, November 8th and distributed to families in our community during the holiday season. Please see the attached list and bring your donation to your child’s classroom by next Friday, November 8.

**Basketball** - We are looking for more basketball players for Grade 5 - Grade 8. If your child is interested in playing, please click [here](#) to sign up!

**Planning for Christmas at Saint Col’s has begun!** There will be a Community Building meeting focusing on this festive event on **Tuesday, November 12, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Mark your calendar! Please join us if you’d like to hear more about the event – many volunteers are needed! Specifically, we are looking for volunteers to help in the following ways:

- Provide ideas for representing different cultural traditions
- Help transport the wreaths at two different times
- Lead the Elves’ Workshop
- Shadow the overall event for leadership next year
- Make the Bakeshop allergy-safe
- Photograph families visiting with Santa
• Help with coordination of kitchen and gym on day of event

Please click here to view the Sign-up Genius for the event. Feel free to email Katie Donnino (k_donnino@yahoo.com) or Kate Bragg (kbragg@stcps.org) if you have any questions about the event. See you on the 12th!

Reminders:
• With the weather getting colder, please dress your child for weather appropriate conditions. Students are allowed to enter the building at 7:30 a.m. unless enrolled in the before-care program.
• If your child is late for school, please remind them to stop into the office to check in at the computer and get a late slip. If you have a child in PreK, K1 or K2, please walk your child into the office and help them get a late slip.
• Please don't send your child to school with microwave popcorn. The microwaves are used at lunch specifically for heating up lunches. Popcorn takes up more time and is often left in for too long and burns.
• If you are sending in a check with your child to buy lunch, please make the check out to John Giragosian. The cafeteria is run by a separate company.
• Early dismissal Fridays are the first and third Friday of the month.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 5
• Grade 3 Morning Coffee in the cafeteria - 8 a.m.

Wednesday, November 6
• Open House for Prospective Families - 8:30 a.m.
• School Fundraiser at Launch Watertown - 4:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 7
• University Coffee in the cafeteria - 8:00 a.m.

Friday, November 8
• Veterans Day Flag Ceremony on the Plaza - 8:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead:

Monday, November 11
• Veterans Day - No School

Tuesday, November 12
• Community Building Morning Coffee (focus on Christmas at Saint Col’s) in cafeteria - 8 a.m.

Friday, November 15
• Family to Family Meeting in the cafeteria - 8 a.m.
• Early Dismissal
  o 1:05 p.m. Gr. 1 - 8
Lunch Menu for the week of 11/4/19

The lunch for the week is as follows: **Monday** - Meatball Sub or Grilled Cheese Sandwich **Tuesday** - Taco Bar or Tuna Sandwich **Wednesday** - Chicken Broccoli and Ziti or Ham & Cheese Sandwich **Thursday** - Hamburger or Cheeseburger or Turkey Sandwich **Friday** - Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza