Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone that donated canned goods to the school for the St. Vincent de Paul Society this past week. They will be distributed to families in our community during the holiday season. We will have an out of uniform Spirit Day on Friday, November 22. Please send in a $1 donation to school with your child (no specific color association) to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Boston College Emerging Leaders to Host “Explore the Arts with Your Child Day” on Saturday, November 16, 2019** - On Saturday, November 16, 2019, join your child (K2 to Grade 5) at STCPS for our first “Explore the Arts with Your Child Day.” There will be two sessions (10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.), so please register for one session by following this link: [Explore the Arts with Your Child Day](#). The Boston College Emerging Leaders Program is a select group of Boston College freshmen who volunteer each week at Saint Col’s. As part of the leadership development program, they have organized this event for our school. We really hope you can join us! During the session, students and their parents will move through stations such as Latin Dance, Improv Comedy, Chorale and Visual Arts. Please note, this is not a drop-off event. Students will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Any questions, contact Kate Ward at kward@stcps.org.

**Thanksgiving Lunch** - Our annual Thanksgiving lunch will be this Thursday, November 21st! Our talented dining room staff prepares an incredibly delicious Thanksgiving meal for all interested students and staff. If you would like to purchase a Thanksgiving lunch for your child, please send $6.00 in a marked envelope to your child’s teacher by Tuesday, November 19th. If you are writing a check, please write it out to John Giragosian. Volunteers are instrumental in making this event happen! We still need a few volunteers to help with clean up duty! Please click [here](#) if you would like to volunteer!

**Christmas at Saint Cols Information**

'Tis the season for Christmas at Saint Cols!!! Attached please find flyers about the Christmas at Saint Cols annual event, including a pre-order form for the wreath sale (Mrs. Claus' Wreath Room) and details about the cookie room (Santa’s Bakeshop). Hard copies of these flyers will be in backpacks over the coming weeks. Many volunteers are needed for Christmas at Saint Cols! It’s a fun way to get volunteer hours and to meet other families in our school community. Click [here](#) to view the Sign-up Genius for the event.

**Donate to Blitzen’s Bookshop**! Is your collection of Magic Tree House books gathering dust? Are your kids too old for Captain Underpants? Please consider donating your GENTLY used children’s books to Saint Cols. New this year, Christmas at Saint Cols will feature a sale of used children’s books at bargain prices. Your donation will help support Saint Cols and will put great books in the hand of other families! Before donation, please ask, “Would I buy this book?” We won’t be able to sell books that are dirty or too old. Books can be dropped off in the office. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions about Christmas at Saint Cols please email k_donmino@yahoo.com or kbragg@stcps.org. Thank you!!!!

**Ski Club**! It is time to sign up for the SKI CLUB for students in Grade 4 - Grade 8. This is a six-week program that runs from January 10 to Feb 14, 2020. Please click [here](#) to sign up. The form is due by November 18, 2019.
Reminders:
• Please send in any Box Tops to your child’s homeroom teacher.
• Early dismissal Fridays are the first and third Friday of the month. The next early dismissal is Friday, December 6, 2019.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 19
• Grade 4 Morning Coffee in the cafeteria at 8 a.m.

Thursday, November 21
• Thanksgiving Lunch in the gym - $6.00 per student

Friday, November 22
• Spirit Day - St. Vincent de Paul Society (no specific color)
• End of Trimester 1

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, November 26
• Grade 5 Morning Coffee in the cafeteria at 8 a.m.
• Last day of Trimester 1 Clubs

Wednesday, November 27
• Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Recess - Grade 1- Grade 8 dismisses at 11:05 a.m; PK, K1 and K2 dismiss at 11:15 a.m. (No after school or clubs)

Thursday, November 28/Friday, November 29
• No School - Thanksgiving break

Lunch Menu for the week of 11/18/19
The lunch for the week is as follows: Monday - Chicken Fingers or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tuesday - Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla or Tuna Sandwich Wednesday - Breakfast for Lunch or Turkey Sandwich Thursday - Thanksgiving Lunch (prepay $6.00) Friday - Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza