Dear Families,

Thanksgiving Lunch was a success! Thank you to our culinary team, the parent coordinators, and all the family volunteers that spent many hours preparing and serving this delicious lunch!

**Thanksgiving Break** - Next week is a short week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Students will attend a prayer service in the gym at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning. **Dismissal will be 11:05 a.m. for Grade 1 - Grade 8 and 11:15 a.m. for PK, K1 and K2 on Wednesday.**

**Whole School Christmas Fund** - As we look ahead to the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, The Room Parent Committee are coordinating the effort to honor ALL of the awesome teachers and staff at Saint Cols, who help our children learn and grow each day. As in recent years, we again invite you all to give as much or as little as you wish to The Whole School Fund by clicking here. If you would prefer, you may bring cash or a check made out to STCPS (Whole School Fund in the memo line) in a marked envelope to the front office. This will be pooled and distributed to the staff so that they all have a little extra in time for Christmas. This gift, as always, is totally optional.

**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). **The wreath pre-order form is due on Tuesday, November 26, to the main office.** This is essential for the wreaths to be decorated in time for Christmas at Saint Cols. Thank you!

Please consider donating your GENTLY used children’s books to Saint Cols for Blitzen's Bookshop! Books can be dropped off in the main office.

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. If you have any questions about Christmas at Saint Cols please email k_donnino@yahoo.com or kbragg@stcps.org. Thank you!!!!

**Santa's Bakeshop** - Each family is asked to bake 3 dozen single-serve home-baked goods - please bring them in on Thursday, December 5th or Friday, December 6th with the completed form attached to your baked goods! We appreciate the time and energy you’re putting into making this community event a success! For those interested in entering The Most Festive Confection Competition with their baked goods:

1. Please indicate this on your cookie form (a hard copy of the form will come home on Monday).
2. This year, some of our prizes include seasonal goodies from Starbucks, gift cards to Brighton Bodega, Star Market and Devlin’s to name just a few! Winners will also receive the coveted Christmas at Saint Cols wooden spoons and bragging rights for an entire year.
3. During the tree lighting on Friday December 6th, Father Fitz, the leader of our fair and un-bribe-able judges, will announce the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners and the Saint Col's Staff Champion. That means that all of these amazing prizes will go to four contenders only. That's a lot of jolly in each prize!
Clubs for Trimester 2 - There are limited spaces for Trimester 2 clubs. Please click here to view the application and register by November 27, 2019. Below are some highlighted clubs this trimester. For club descriptions, click here.

PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE CLUB - A Saint Columbkille Partnership School criou o clube de Português com Elaine Metzker. E com muito prazer que convido o seu filho(a) para participar do nosso clube. O clube de português visa motivar as crianças em aprender a língua de sua família e preservar a cultura do Brasil.

PEP CLUB - Pep Club will give middle school students the opportunity to practice elements of dance, jumps, and learning/performing cheers. It will give participants the chance to build on skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The cheerleading team will have the possibility to promote school spirit by cheering, supporting, and "pumping up" the crowd at different events. Meets: Mondays

GUITAR PRIVATE LESSONS - There are limited spots available for the lessons. Please click here to register.

PIANO PRIVATE LESSONS - There are limited spots available for the lessons. Please click here to register.

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!

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.

Date Change - December 3, 2019 Morning Coffee will feature our Support Staff. Sheila Quinn, School Nurse, Kelly Myles, Learning Specialist, Shelly Janowski, Academic Coach, and Melinda Bouras, Student Support Coordinator will share their roles and answer any questions you might have.

Reminders:
- All current lost and found will be donated Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Be sure to take a look at the attached photos!
- Early dismissal Fridays are the first and third Friday of the month. The next Friday early dismissal is Friday, December 6, 2019.

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

Wednesday, November 27
- Whole school prayer service in the gym at 10:30 a.m.
- 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
Looking Ahead:
Monday, December 2
• Trimester 2 Clubs begin
Tuesday, December 3
• Support Staff Morning Coffee in the cafeteria at 8 a.m.

Friday, December 6
• Early Dismissal
  o 1:05 p.m. Gr. 1 - 8
  o 1:15 p.m. PK, K1, K2
• Report Cards available on FACTS Family Portal
• Christmas Tree Lighting on the plaza at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 7
• Christmas at Saint Cols - 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Lunch Menu for the week of 11/25/19
The lunch for the week is as follows: Monday - Chicken Filet Sandwich or Turkey Sandwich Tuesday - Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Wednesday - Early Dismissal at 11:15 AM - No Lunch - Thursday/Friday - No School