Dear Families,

Thank you to the many families that donated canned goods this past week for our St. Vincent de Paul food drive. Food will be distributed to families in our community during the holiday season.

Veteran’s Day - There is no school on Monday, November 11th in observance of the Veteran’s Day holiday. Happy Veteran’s Day to all of our veterans!

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! Please click here to view the Sign-up Genius for the event. See you on the 12th!

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 Col’s. New this year, Christmas at Saint Col’s will feature a sale of used children’s books at bargain prices. Your donation will help support Saint Col’s and will put great books in the hand of other families! Books can be dropped off in the office. Before donation, please ask, “Would I buy this book?” We won’t be able to sell books that are dirty or too old. Thank you for your support!

Family to Family Meeting - Please join us for the next Family to Family meeting on Friday, November 15 at 8 a.m. in the cafeteria.

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. Please register by Tuesday, November 12. The Boston College Emerging Leaders Program is a select group of Boston College freshmen who volunteer each week at Saint Cols. 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 on 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! Get to know other parents during set-up/cleanup or have fun interacting with students while serving the meal. Please click here if you would like to volunteer!

'Tis the season!!! Attached please find flyers about the Christmas at Saint Col's 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; we are sharing the information now for your planning purposes. If you have any questions please email k_donnino@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.

Enrollment of Siblings for 2020-2021 School Year - Thank you for helping us get the word out about our open houses! We have many new interested families. We want to make sure our current families with siblings enrolling for the first time have a seat. If you have another child who will be starting at STCPS for the 2020-2021 school year, please log into your Facts SIS Family Portal and click on Apply/Enroll and Application, to start a new application. If you have friends and family who are interested, please ask them to complete the New Student Application as soon as possible. This will help us know how many seats we have available for other new students. We will send out another reminder later when it is time to re-enroll current students. Thank you!

Reminders:
- Volunteer hours should be added on FACTS SIS each time you volunteer for a school event. Please see the attached directions to learn how to manually add your volunteer hours!
- Please support our school by participating in our many school rewards programs. Click here for the list of places to shop to earn money for our school!
- Early dismissal Fridays are the first and third Friday of the month.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, November 11
- Veterans Day - No School

Tuesday, November 12
- Community Building Morning Coffee (focus on Christmas at St. Col's) in the cafeteria at 8 a.m.

Friday, November 15
- Family to Family Meeting in the cafeteria at 8 a.m.
- Early Dismissal
  - 1:05 p.m. Gr. 1 - 8
  - 1:15 p.m. PK, K1, K2

Looking Ahead:

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

Lunch Menu for the week of 11/12/19
The lunch for the week is as follows: Monday - No School Tuesday - Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese or Turkey Sandwich Wednesday - Pasta with Meat or Plain Sauce or Turkey Sandwich Thursday - Teriyaki Chicken Wings or Grilled Cheese Friday - Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza