Weekly Reminders – December 1, 2019

Dear Families,

**Date Change** - The Morning Coffee this week 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 for them. Please join us on Tuesday morning in the cafeteria at 8 a.m.

**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.

**December Lunch Menu** - Please see the updated December lunch menu attached. There are changes to the last week of school before break begins.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** - There will be Parent/Teacher Conferences for Grade K2 - Grade 8 on Thursday, December 12. This is an early dismissal day with Grade 1 - Grade 8 being dismissed at 11:05 a.m. and PK, K1 and K2 dismissal at 11:15 a.m. **THERE IS NO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM OR CLUBS on Thursday, December 12.** Childcare will be available in the library only for the 10-15 minutes that you are in your conference.

**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 and details about the cookie room (Santa’s Bakeshop).

**Tree Lighting** - Please join us on the school plaza on Friday, December 6 at 6 p.m. for caroling and the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree at Saint Columbkille.

**Blitzen’s Bookshop** - 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 this week!

**Santa’s Bakeshop** - Each family is asked to bake 3 dozen single-serve home-baked goods - please bring them into the office 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 is attached).
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!
**Grace Givers** - Beginning Monday, December 2, support a Saint Columbkille family by taking a gift tag from our Advent Tree located outside the office. Please bring the unwrapped gift with the gift tag attached to the office by Monday, December 16. Our Grace Givers will then wrap and package the gifts for families who need a little extra support this Christmas.

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!!!!

**Upcoming Events:**

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**
  - 1:05 p.m. Gr. 1 - 8t
  - 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.

**Looking Ahead:**

Sunday, December 8
- Basketball game at home vs. Holy Name (Pee Wee Scrimmage Team A at 10:45 am, Pee Wee a 12 pm, JV at 1:15 pm, Varsity at 2:30 pm)

Thursday, December 12
- Parent/Teacher Conferences for Grade K2 - Grade 8
- **Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences**
  - 11:05 a.m. Gr. 1 - 8
  - 11:15 a.m. PK, K1, K2

Friday, December 13
- PK Christmas show in the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m.
- K1 & K2 Christmas show in the gym and 9 a.m.

**Lunch Menu for the week of 12/2/19**

The lunch for the week is as follows: **Monday** - Chicken Filet Sandwich or Grilled Cheese Sandwich **Tuesday** - Taco Bar or Tuna Sandwich **Wednesday** - Pasta with Meat or Plain Sauce or Turkey Sandwich **Thursday** - Shepherd’s Pie or Grilled Cheese Sandwich **Friday** - Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza