Weekly Reminders – December 13, 2019

Dear Families,

Christmas at Saint Cols was a huge success! Thank you to all of our volunteers and parents that organized the event! It took many hours and volunteers to plan the event and we appreciate the time and effort of all involved!

*** THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 AFTER THE 1:05 P.M./1:15 P.M. DISMISSAL***

Christmas Nativity - Please join us for our school Christmas Nativity on Thursday evening, December 19, at 6 p.m. in the upper church. Students will need to arrive in the upper church by 5:30 p.m. At the end of the evening, we can always use help getting the church cleaned up and moving all our materials back to school. There is not a sign up, but please help if you are able.

- **Students in Grade 1 - Grade 5** should wear black or blue pants or skirts and white tops (shirt, blouse, button-down collared shirt, turtleneck, sweater). Girls may wear a black/white dress. Students should not wear jeans or shirts with graphics on them. All students should wear black or navy shoes.
- **Loyola Academy girls** should wear black or blue pants or skirts and white tops (shirt, blouse, button-down collared shirt, turtleneck, sweater). Girls may wear a black/white dress. Students should not wear jeans or shirts with graphics on them. All students should wear black or navy shoes. **Loyola Academy boys** should wear their white button-down school shirts, khaki dress pants, and dress shoes.
- **Band Students** follow the dress code for your grade.

Grace Givers - 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. We are seeking donations of scotch tape and large holiday gift bags. Please click [here](#) to volunteer to help with the gift-wrapping on Tuesday!

Whole School Christmas Fund - As we look ahead to the season of 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 Recess Birthdays - If your child has a birthday while we are out of school over Christmas recess they are allowed to be out of uniform for their birthday celebration on Thursday, December 19.

Spirit Day - Our out of uniform Spirit Day on Friday, December 20, will be for the Missionary Childhood Association. Your child will receive a Missionary Mite box to collect donations throughout the week. Or you can choose to send in the $1 suggested donation on that day. Please return the donation box on Friday, December 20.
Christmas Eve Mass - Students in Grade K2 - Grade 5 are invited to participate in the Saint Columbkille parish Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. on December 24. Students will wear costumes and process to the altar while the Gospel of Luke is read and music is played. There are no speaking roles. If interested, please arrive at the church at 3:15 p.m. on December 24.

Upcoming Events:
Sunday, December 15
• Basketball game at home vs. Jackson School (Pee Wee Scrimmage Team A at 10:45 am, Pee Wee a 12 pm, JV at 1:15 pm, Varsity at 2:30 pm)
Tuesday, December 17
• Christmas coffee social for parents in the cafeteria at 8 a.m.
Thursday, December 19
• Out of uniform day for students with a birthday over Christmas recess
• Grade 1 - Grade 8 Christmas Nativity Performance in the upper church at 6:00 p.m. (see dress code above)
Friday, December 20
• Spirit Day - Missionary Childhood Association (out of uniform, no specific color association)
  • Early Dismissal (NO AFTER SCHOOL)
    o 1:05 p.m. Gr. 1 - 8
    o 1:15 p.m. PK, K1, K2

Looking Ahead:
Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3
• Christmas Recess (school is back in session Monday, January 6, 2020)

Reminders:
• Friday, December 20, is an early dismissal Friday. Grade 1 - Grade 8 will be dismissed at 1:05 p.m. and PK, K1 and K2 will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL.
• We are looking for a couple of parents to volunteer to be the Lost & Found Coordinators. This would entail organizing and maintaining the lost and found. Please contact Jen Lynch at jlynch@stcps.org for more information.
• Please see the attached Family-to-Family meeting notes.
• If sending your child to school with snow boots, please pack school shoes in their bag. Snow boots are not allowed in the classrooms.

Lunch Menu for the week of 12/16/19
Monday - Chicken Fingers and Tater Tots or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tuesday - Taco Bar or Tuna Sandwich Wednesday - Pasta with Meat or Plain Sauce or Turkey Sandwich Thursday - Breakfast for Lunch or Turkey Sandwich Friday - Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza