Dear Families,

**Weekly Reminders – February 21, 2020**

**Sing it to the Heights** - Sing it to the Heights will take place on Tuesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Boston College. Come watch Junior Choir and Select Choir perform alongside Boston College students. Like American Idol, audience members will have a chance to vote for their favorite performer. Members of the Saint Columbkille community can purchase tickets over the phone by calling 617-552-4800 or by visiting the Robsham Theater Box Office on the Boston College campus. You can also click here to purchase tickets online. Please see the attached flyer!

**Morning Coffee** - Please join us on Wednesday, February 26, at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria for our Living Lent with Your Children Morning Coffee. Join Karen Keifer as she leads us in ways to make Lent more meaningful for our children. Karen is the director of the Church in the 21st Century Center at Boston College and the author of Drawing God. As the mother of four daughters and a religious education teacher for 25 years, she will offer simple ways to make Lent a special time in your family’s life. Please see the attached flyer.

**Sweetheart Dance** - Saint Col’s 3rd Annual Sweetheart Dance is next Saturday, February 29 at 5:00 p.m.! Grade 1 - Grade 8 girls are invited to bring a special adult to join them for an evening of dancing, dessert, photos, and fun! Please return your ticket purchase form and payment to the main office by Monday, February 24!

**Back to School** - For planning purposes we want to let you know the schedule for the start of the 2020 - 2021 school year. The school calendar for 2020 - 2021 will be released in the spring.

- Wednesday, September 2, 2020 - First Day for Grade 1 - Grade 8
- Wednesday, September 2, 2020 - 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Pre-K, K1, and K2 Orientation
- Thursday, September 3, 2020 - First Day for Pre-K, K1, and K2
- Friday, September 4, 2020 - NO SCHOOL
- Monday, September 7, 2020 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, September 8, 2020 - School Resumes

**Re-enrollment**: We are now accepting new students in grades with open seats. Please re-enroll as soon as possible to reserve your seat. If you will not be returning next year, please let us know ASAP by logging into your FACTS Family Portal and going to the re-enrollment section and select, "Will not enroll."

If you need assistance submitting the financial aid form, we have several workshops available. Please register using the link below.

- For financial aid application workshops, please use this link (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fa4ac2fa6fdo-financial4) to register. The deadline for all current families to submit the FACTS Grant and Aid application and 2019 W2’s and 2019 tax return is April 1, 2020.
- Please reach out with any questions or review the payment policy (click here), as it has listed all of the information on the billing procedures for next school year.

If you are a current family and will be enrolling a sibling, please use the directions below. We encourage you to apply ASAP as many of our early childhood classes are nearing capacity.

- Log into your FACTS Family Portal (ParentsWeb) account: https://factsmgt.com
- Click Parent Log In, then FACTS Family Online (ParentsWeb)
Parent Survey - Last week we sent out the annual Parent Survey. We want to understand how you think we are fulfilling our mission and meeting your needs. We value your input and seek your feedback. We use the information that we collect to inform our decisions with the goal of making our school even better. Thank you in advance for taking the extra time to complete the survey. Surveys are due on or before February 28, 2020. Please click here to complete the Parent Survey.

Trimester 3 Clubs - Trimester 3 clubs will begin the week of March 30, 2020. The sign up form will be available beginning March 2, 2020. Please click here to view the list of Trimester 3 clubs.

Summer Programs Age 3 to Grade 8 Enrollment - If you would like to enroll in our Summer Programs or did not enroll during the re-enrollment application, please click here to fill out an application. Please submit your application as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Students outside of Saint Columbkille Partnership School will also be able to apply for the programs.

Upcoming Events:
Sunday, February 23
• Basketball at Mt. Alvernia (Pee Wee at 12:00 p.m., JV at 1:15 p.m., Varsity at 2:30 p.m.) THESE GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT MT. ALVERNIA HIGH SCHOOL (790 Centre St. Newton, MA)
Monday, February 24
• School resumes
Tuesday, February 25
• Sing it to the Heights at Boston College at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 26
• Living Lent with your Children Morning Coffee in the cafeteria at 8:00 a.m.
• Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Columbkille Church. Families are invited to attend.
Friday, February 28
• Basketball vs. Mt. Alvernia (Pee Wee at 5:00 p.m., JV at 6:00 p.m., Varsity at 7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, February 29
• Sweetheart Dance in the gym at 5:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead:
Sunday, March 1
• Basketball at Jackson School (Pee Wee at 12:00 p.m., JV at 1:15 p.m., Varsity at 2:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, March 4
• BC Race to Educate Morning Coffee in the cafeteria at 8:00 a.m.

Accessing Your Childcare Expenses - If you need to access your childcare expenses (after school, Summer and Stem Programs, vacation programs and tuition for Pre-K and K1) for the purposes of filing your taxes, please review the attached document.

2. Click Financial on the left side menu
3. Click Financial Home (on the right)
4. Click View Details
5. Click Payment Summary
6. Select the time frame required and print
Lunch Menu for the Week of 2/24/2020
The lunch for the week is as follows: **Monday** - Chicken Parm Sub or Grilled 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