Dear Families,

As we continue to kick off the school year, the weekly reminders will now include more detailed information.

Thank you to the families that attended last night’s Back to School Night for Grade 4 - Grade 8. If you were not able to attend Back to School Night, please fill out the attached Language Survey and send it in with your child on Monday.

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, the Search Committee will be holding listening sessions for parents who would like to provide input in the Head of School search. You are invited to join members of the Board for the second of two Listening Sessions on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the library.

Please join us for a restaurant fundraiser at Regina Pizzeria in Allston on Monday, September 23rd from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Present the attached coupon and our school will receive 20% of all food orders for dine in or take out!

Throughout the school year, Morning Coffee meetings are organized for parents. During these meetings, parents are able to get to know one another, the administration and the teachers. We host a weekly Morning Coffee for a different grade level or topic each week. Our morning coffee for the parents of Pre-K students will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 8 a.m. in the library. Please join us!

After School parents: When picking up students from the after school program, please sign out at the front desk. This must be done each day.

On Friday, September 27, we will have our first Spirit Day for students. One Friday per month is termed a “Spirit Day.” A charity or cause is chosen for each Spirit Day at the beginning of the year. Spirit Days provide students an opportunity to give back and learn how to support those in need. All students may come to school out of uniform. For those that wish to donate, $1 or more will be collected for the charity. Checks can be made out to STCPS and we will make sure the charity receives the donation. This month, for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we have chosen to donate to the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

Special Elders'/Grandparents’ Day is scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The school invites grandparents and special elders to join their students for a morning of enriching activities. The day will begin with a gathering on the plaza and remarks from Head of School, Dr. William Gartside. Family members will then be escorted to their students’ classrooms to learn more about how they spend their days at Saint Columbkille Partnership School. Please click here to register for this special day.

Parents have the ability to add the school calendar to sync with your Google calendar. Please click here for instructions on how to sync your Google calendar. If events are added, it will automatically update on your calendar.
Our first Community Building meeting of the year will be on Friday, September 27 at 8 a.m. The mission of the Community Building Committee is to instill a sense of community by promoting a mutual support and friendship among parents through social programs. The committee also works with the school to organize social events such as Grandparent & Special Elders Day, Christmas at Saint Col’s, Restaurant Fundraisers, Pre/Post BC Race to Educate Parties, Book Fair, Holiday Lunches, the Multicultural Pot Luck, and Field Day. Some of these activities, while social in nature, provide funding to support the work of the committee. Click here to find out more information about these events and volunteer opportunities.

**Upcoming Events:**

Monday, September 23
- Restaurant Fundraiser at Regina Pizzeria in Allston from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Listening Session for Parents in the library - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24
- Pre-K Morning Coffee in the library - 8 a.m.

Friday, September 27
- Community Building Coffee in the library - 8 a.m.
- Spirit Day- National Pediatric Cancer Foundation

**Looking Ahead:**

Tuesday, October 1
- K1 Morning Coffee in the library - 8 a.m.

Thursday, October 3
- Open House for Prospective Families 8:30 a.m.

Friday, October 4
- Early Dismissal
  - 1:05 p.m. Gr. 1 - 8
  - 1:15 p.m. PK, K1, K2

**Lunch Menu for the week of 9/23/19**

The lunch for the week is as follows: **Monday** - Chicken Filet Sandwich or Turkey Sandwich **Tuesday** - Taco Bar or Tuna Sandwich **Wednesday** - Chicken Broccoli and Ziti or Tuna Sandwich **Thursday** - Breakfast for Lunch or Turkey Sandwich **Friday** - Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza