



SAINT COLUMBKILLE

PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

Message from the Head of School

Through the generosity of one of our alumni, John Walsh, an kiln was installed yesterday. Thank you Mr. Walsh! Next year, we will begin to teach children how to create a piece of pottery. Mrs. Falconer is beyond excited. Tonight's art show is a testimony to the great work that our students have completed under her tutelage. We see it as our role to discover and develop the talents that are sometimes hidden in our children. We also want our children to be able to find beauty in the world around them. Focusing on the arts teaches children that God is indeed present all around us. Children naturally see the world around them as beautiful. It is our job to make sure children continue to look for beauty as they grow to maturity. When you see something that is beautiful, point it out to your child. Of course, first, you will have to slow yourself down to allow your eyes to focus on the beautiful. Life is a rat race, but for us to be truly well and whole, we have to stop scurrying around from time to time.



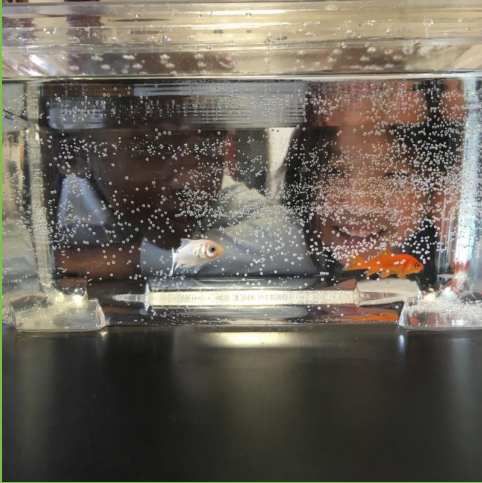
Children are so hopeful and positive. They do not see boundaries. Many days after school, Sera, one of our tiny tots comes to visit me in my office. She has been delivering little oranges to my desk. In fact, I am eating one now. Sera, it is sweet! Once in a while I try to amuse the children by juggling. Of course they are fascinated. Little Sera decided that she, too, could juggle one day. All of the adults around her looked skeptical. They all believed that Sera would be incapable. The oranges went flying all over the place. She threw them into the air again, and again, and again. Before each toss, she was still convinced that she could do it! Successful people never lose this attitude. They see possibility when others see encumbrance. They are not ruled by failure. Certainly, it is important to make sure our children complete their homework and study hard. More importantly, we must never let our skeptical faces show in their presence.

How many of us say that we are not artistic? I wonder if it is really true? I have said this of myself from time to time. Perhaps if I had had a teacher like Ms. Falconer, I would be proclaiming my talent. Who knows? Ms. Falconer inspires our children to always see the possible. Every child is represented in the art fair this evening. I looked at every piece of art and I did not find one that is not beautiful!

Sincerely,
William Gartside
Head of School

News & Updates

**Fun Healthy Foods for the Kid in All
of Us - May 31, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**



First grade investigates fish.



PreK visited the farm this week!

Spirit Day - Cystic Fibrosis

Friday, May 26th will be a Spirit Day fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Students who bring a donation may dress out of uniform. Cystic Fibrosis is a debilitating genetic disease that primarily affects the lungs, but over time can have profound effects on other body systems as well. The CF Foundation provides much of the funding for research into new drugs and towards a cure.



K1 visited the Franklin Park Zoo.

Student Supply Kits

Each student is expected to come to school in September with certain school supplies.

We will once again be offering parents the option of buying school kits online through Staples. Your child will be sent home a paper copy on Monday. If you would like to order online, please go to the following site: <http://www.shoptkits.com/> Our school ID is 27272. All orders must be placed by

Warren Kramer and Saint ColumbkilleCommunity Building Team present:
An exciting cooking class as a follow up to Warren's recent lecture at the school.

It's one thing to talk about eating healthfully but more important is to be able to see it being prepared, smell it and of course taste it.
Warren will demonstrate healthy, yummy, quick and easy dishes for adults and kids. A full meal will be served, soup to dessert, and recipes will be provided. This is an adult only event.

RSVP is required and this event is limited for the first 35 people who sign up. For those who have not paid please do so ASAP as Warren needs to plan and shop.

[Click here to register](#)



Ms. Colford and Anne Ameno (our Advancement Administrative Assistant) graduated from the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College on Monday.

Friday, June 9th.

If you choose not to order the school kits, you may also purchase the items from the list on your own.

Club Cancellations: May 30 - June 2

Due to Middle School Exploration Trips, all middle school staff will be out of school between May 30th and June 2nd. During that week, all clubs facilitated by Middle School teachers will be cancelled, including Homework Club. The following clubs are cancelled:

Tuesday

- Girl's Engineering
- Digital Media Club
- Homework Club

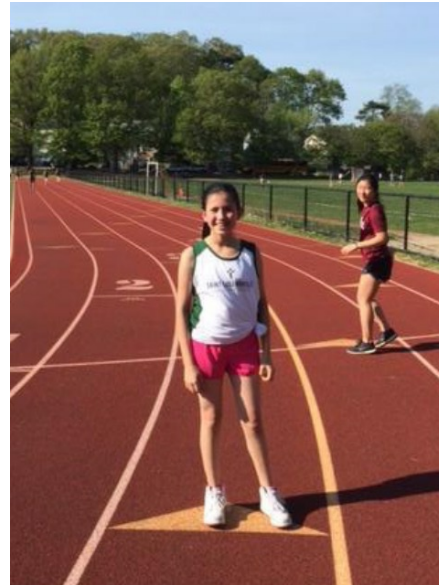
Wednesday

- Engineering Club
- Homework Club

Thursday

- Homework Club

We apologize for any inconvenience that this causes.



St. Cols had some great performances in the second track meet of the season in Brookline, especially in the 4x100 relay.



End of Year Celebration and Show

Mark your calendars! The Early Childhood End of Year Celebrations will be on Tuesday, June 13. The schedule is:

- PreK at 9:00 am
- K1 at 10:00 am
- K2 at 11:00 am

Grades 1-7 will have their End of Year Show on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:00 pm.

Grade 2 students showing their Oaxacan peacock sculptures inspired by the wood carvings of Mexico.

End of the Year Multicultural Potluck Friday, June 16

The Annual End of Year Multicultural Potluck will be here soon!! This fun filled event brings all of us together on **Friday, June 16th at 5:30PM**. With music and great food we celebrate our beautiful diversity and our great school. So bring your favorite dish, your appetite and your dancing shoes!

Every family is asked to bring a dish that represents their heritage (appetizers, salads, entrees, desserts).

Many hands are needed to make this event successful. There are many 30 min shifts that need to be filled. Please sign up to volunteer below:

[Sign up to volunteer](#)



Grade 1 students celebrate Vocabulary Day.

Side Gate

Due to security concerns and illegal parking on Leicester Street we have decided to lock the side gate. Please access the building through the Market Street entrance.

Calendar Of Events

Friday, May 26

- Spirit Day for Cystic Fibrosis

Monday, May 29

- No School - Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30 - Friday, June 2

- Middle School Exploration Trips
- Modified club schedule - see above

Wednesday, May 31

- Fun Healthy Foods for the Kid in All of Us - See above for registration link

Friday, June 2

- Early Dismissal 1:15 pm

Saturday, June 3

- Rehearse-A-Thon for Band and Choirs, 1:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 7

- Spanish Program Morning Coffee 8:00 am in the library

Friday, June 9

- End of Trimester 3
- Early Dismissal 1:15 pm
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 11:00 am
- 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony, 6:00 pm
- Last Day of Clubs
- Student Supply Kits Due

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- Early Childhood End of the Year Celebrations: PreK at 9:00 am, K1 at 10:00 am, K2 at 11:00 am

Wednesday, June 14

- End of the Year Show, grades 1-7, 6:00 pm

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