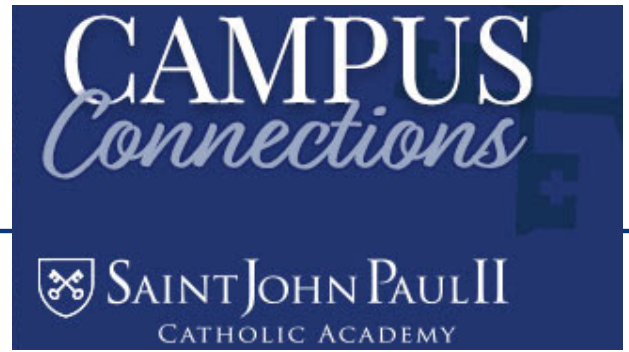


APRIL 2022



A Message From The Regional Director

Dear Parents,

Easter blessings to you and your family.

The good news of Easter is that it is about the resurrection of Jesus as well as our own! We rejoice with pride and reflection because the resurrection is the greatest miracle—it shows us Jesus is God.

Easter comforts us about our own mortality as Jesus said to Martha, "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26). And most of all, Easter gives us hope. Hope and encouragement that God's has the power to transform our lives and to become agents of Jesus' mercy. Encouragement that God is beside you and within you every step of the way.

We are encouraged each day by the amazing work of our students. Our Academy finished our first interim MAP assessment in January. We saw over 3.5% growth in Reading, Math and Language at all campuses. Our goal each year is 5% growth in all subject areas. Statistically, 5% represents one year of growth from one grade to the next. Our goal was 2.5% for January. This is the second year in a row that we have surpassed our goal. This is a tremendous accomplishment, especially during a pandemic. Our teachers, principals and staff are working closely with our MAP data to customize instruction to meet our students' needs. We are so proud of and grateful to our leaders, faculty and staff!! Kudos to our faculty and staff who make each child a priority.

We are excited to report that over 60% of students have reenrolled for the 2022-2023 school year and that number continues to grow. Between new students and our current students, we have 65% of capacity filled! We are off to an exciting start for next year! Please do not hesitate to reach out to your campus principal or our business office if you need financial help with re-registration, or tuition. Our staff will also help you fill out forms and apply for aid. We have staff that can translate. Financial aid applications are due to us by April 15, 2022



Congratulations to our Boys and Girls basketball teams! SJP2CA had a very successful year. The Grade 7&8 A Boys and Grade 5&6 Boys teams made the finals. Our Grade 5&6 Boys team are the SSPSL Champions for 2021-2022. They are now off to New England CYO Tournament in Vermont. Congratulations and thank you to all our coaches, faculty and families supporting our students.

Our successes this year are due to everyone working together! We cannot thank our families enough for working with us throughout this pandemic.

Please share the great news that happens in our classrooms everyday with your inner circle!! We have room for families in our schools and welcome new faces.

Thank you for your continued support of SJPICA.

Kate Brandley, Regional Director



Where students are known, loved and called to excellence.

Where students become leaders with faith and values.

Where students succeed with outstanding academics

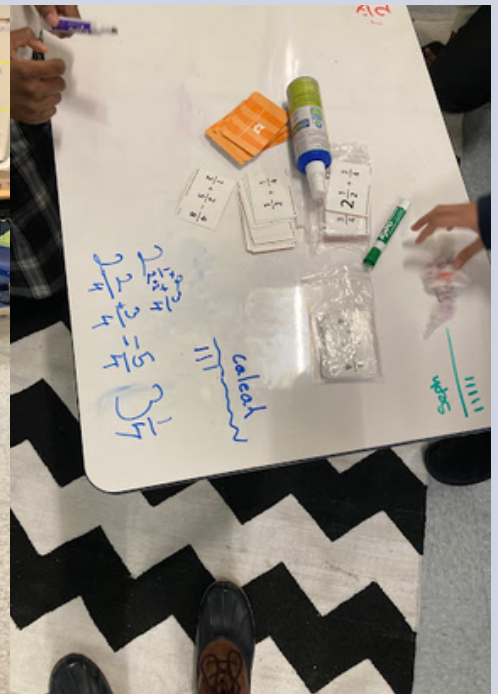
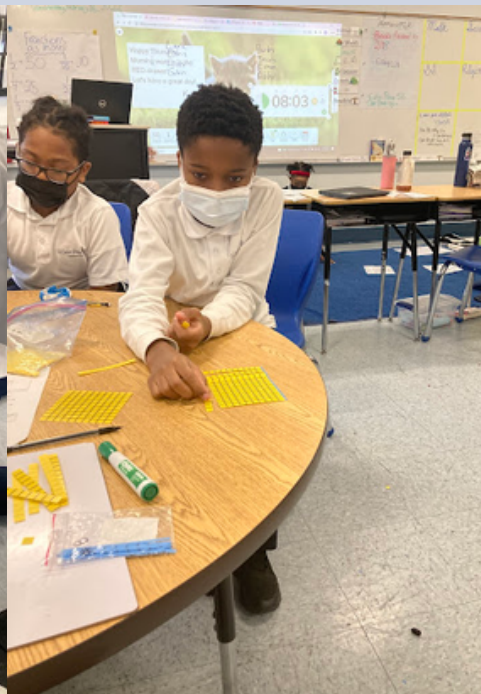
Where students thrive in a safe and diverse community.

Lower Mills News

Saint John Paul II Lower Mills is blessed to be a Catholic School where children can receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. Several children in the Second Grade, in addition to one student in the Fourth Grade, received Penance with Rt. Rev. Jack Ahern, our Pastor at St. Gregory Church, on Thursday, March 3rd. Celebrating First Penance during Lent, the holiest time of year, affords us the time to look inward so we can reflect and respond to Jesus' call for us to "love God and love others". Their classmates were there to support and celebrate this wonderful time of forgiveness. As Holy Week approaches, we remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday where he was welcomed into Jerusalem, to his last days of sadness and pain as he suffered and died on Good Friday to save us from sin. We were all reminded of God and Jesus' unconditional love for us.

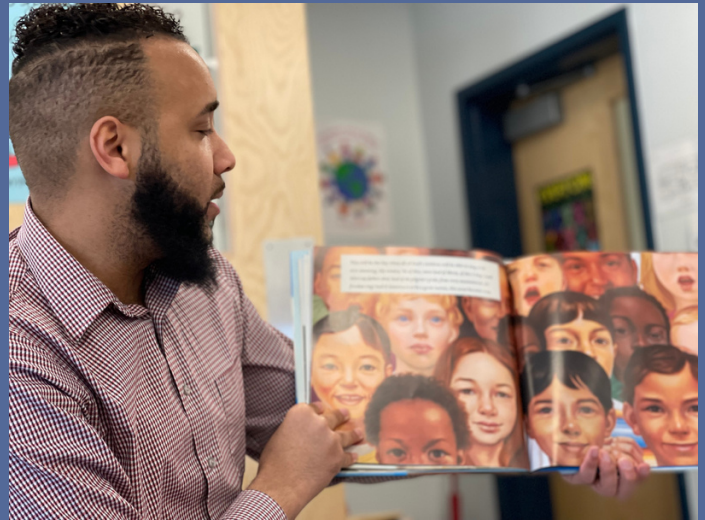


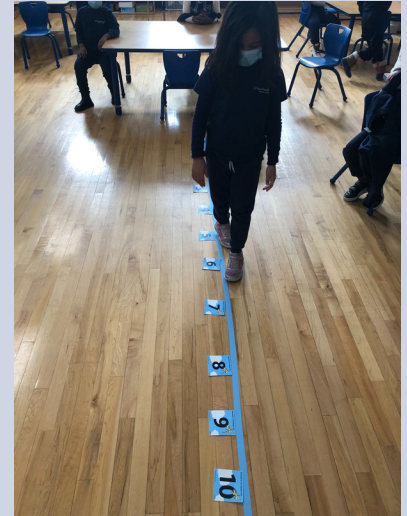
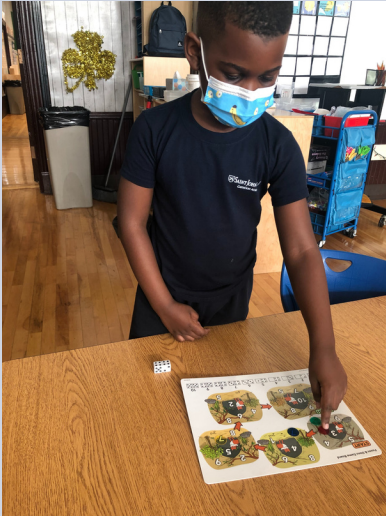
In our Lower Mills grade five math classroom, we have been solving problems involving division with fractions. We have been using area models to deepen our overall understanding. The addition of our new white board tables has made this a favorite for students as we strengthen our conceptual understanding! #LowerMillsLEADERS have learned how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions! One of 5th grade's favorite ways to practice adding and subtracting fractions is by playing a game of Beat The Calculator. Our grade five mathematicians pull cards from a deck that have addition or subtraction problems and race to see who can solve it first.



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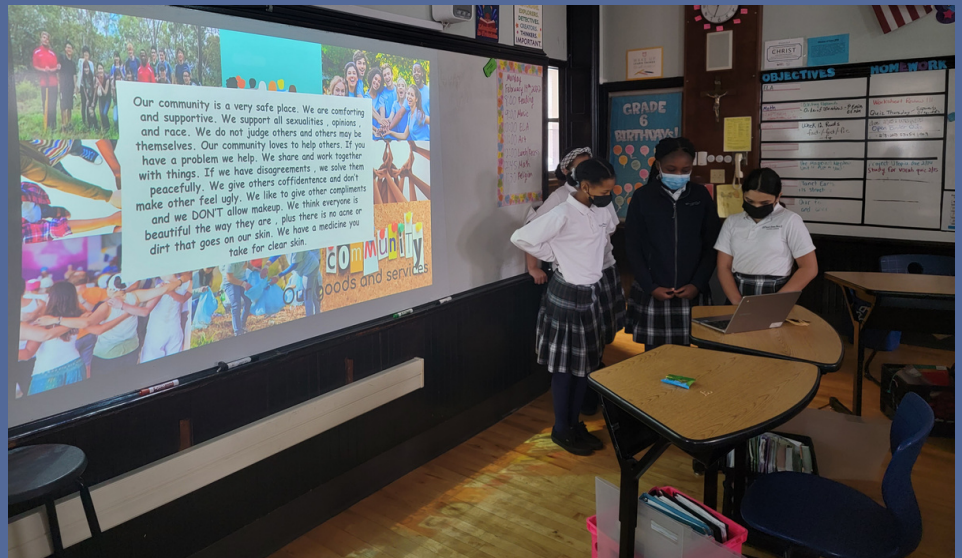
The Lower Mills Campus recently celebrated Read Across America Day. This day was first established to instill and develop a love for reading in children. President Biden proclaimed March 2, 2022 as Read Across America Day and stated that reading inspires lifelong learning. First Lady Jill Biden also noted that "reading is the foundation for all education." #LowerMillsLEADERS in the 2.9 classroom celebrated this day with a visit from a special guest reader. They were excited to welcome Dr. Jeffrey Lopes, a Detective from the Boston Police Department, to their classroom. The most excited student was certainly his own daughter Maeven. Dr. Lopes read "I Have a Dream" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The book tells the story of Dr. King's famous speech. Dr. Lopes reminded the students to always follow their dreams, and how even just one person can make a difference. The students thanked Dr. Lopes for taking the time to visit them and they hope he will come back again soon!





K2A has been hopping right into spring! Together students unscrambled numbers to create a number line then practiced walking from each number to ensure it was the correct order. We have also been practicing doubling our numbers with fun games like bicycle races and counting on from a number other than one with the game foxes and dens! In Wonders we thought about our essential question: "How do living things change as they grow?" as we read the nonfiction text "A Grand Old Tree" by Mary Newell Depalma. K2A worked together to discuss key details and the main topic of the text!

After finishing one of our science fiction units on *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, grade 6 was tasked with creating their own "utopian societies". In *The Giver*, the main character lives in what is described as a perfect community. With students' knowledge of what happened in the book, and their own additional research on different types of communities (past,



present, and future), they set off on creating their own versions of perfect societies and a final presentation to the whole class. Groups needed to work together to figure out the location of their community, population size, roles and responsibilities of community members, education, culture, government type and structure, laws and punishments, and other important factors in societies. This project combined reading and ELA standards, as well as social studies for grade 6 and emphasized how important teamwork is in any group or community. Every group's community had distinctive traits, combining various ideas from the Garden of Eden, the Roman Empire, *The Giver*, and many others. Ultimately, all utopia's shared the ideals we have in our community at SJP.

Columbia News

PreK at Columbia was excited to meet Superintendent Nora Baston this month. She visited our classroom and talked to the students about her job as a Boston Police Officer. PreK learned that a police officer's main job is to help people and keep them safe. Nora told the class about her uniform and some of her equipment. She read *Harry the Dirty Dog*, which was a perfect compliment to the O.W.L. book *Dog's Colorful Day*, that our class was studying that week. The Superintendent told the class about her dogs, Lulu and Popcorn, and she promised to introduce us to Popcorn on another visit. Superintendent Nora discovered that we are huge fans of First Responders, so she returned and brought the awesome book, *Frederick the Paramedic*. The students listened to the story of Frederick and learned many new things including how and when to call 911 for help.

PreK is happy to have made a new friend named Superintendent Nora and we can't wait until she visits us again.



Neponset News

Our 2.9 class has been busy working hard on their "World of Color" unit. They have been enjoying stories about color like "Dog's Colorful Day" and "The Lion and the Little Red Bird" and continue their learning through their play based centers. Students have been sorting objects by color, creating watercolor artwork, and experimenting with color mixing. Students continue to practice letter recognition and letter writing with colorful and exciting letter search and match games. Our 2.9 students are always having fun while they learn and explore!



Grade 5 students worked together to participate in the 2022 Fluor Engineering Challenge! Student teams around the world collaborated in an effort to create the slowest possible ball ramp. Using what they had learned about simple machines, SJP students designed and built their own ball ramps using only a few sheets of paper and tape. Classmates tested and retested their projects, and made necessary improvements until it was ready to withstand the challenge! Ball ramps were then put to the test and timed! Great job, future engineers!



Neponset News

8th grade students have spent the last 6 art classes dedicated to creating winter themed paper mache objects. This project idea came about at Christmas time when several 8th graders went to Miss D and told her how much they loved creating paper mache and they felt bad that other classes did not get to do it because of the pandemic. They convinced her that since they had done it once before in 5th grade, that they could be the leaders to show other grades what the process looks like. They also proposed the idea of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade doing the Four Seasons as a theme for the paper mache sculptures, and with their enthusiasm Miss D Agreed that this undertaking should happen. The 8th graders have been all stars, building their armatures, adding the paper mache "muscle layer," gessoing and finally painting and adding finishing touches to their project. It's been a total team effort throughout the entire process and it's gotten the younger grades inspired and very excited to begin their sculptures in the coming weeks.



Congratulations to our 5th and 6th grade boys basketball team!



The team played a great game against St. Joe's in Needham, and won 42-28! This won them the league championships, and are advancing to the New England CYO Tournament in Vermont this weekend! Good luck boys!



Artists of the Month



Grade 8
Neponset
Campus



Christian Jones
Grade K2
Lower Mills Campus



Lyniah Streete
Grade 6
Lower Mills Campus



Lillyrose Lubangi
Grade 5
Columbia Campus



Jose Perez
Grade 6
Columbia Campus

Notes from the Business Office

FINANCIAL AID:

Financial aid applications for the 2022-2023 school year are now open. We will be accepting applications until **April 15th**, *no late applications will be accepted*. There will be a change in documentation required for this year, we will be requiring 2020 tax forms and 2021 W2 forms.

We will be available in the business office for assistance **by appointment only** on the following days:

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday 3:30pm-6:00pm

If you would like to schedule an appointment or have any questions regarding your application, please contact the business office at:

Mark Hegarty mhegarty@sjp2ca.org 617-265-0019 x7004

Judith Walker jwalker@sjp2ca.org 617-265-0019 x7202

VOUCHERS:

If your voucher is updated or renewed by your ABCD facility, please make sure that you fax, or email a copy of it to the Business Office.

If you would like to make an appointment with the Business Office, please call or email jwalker@sjp2ca.org to make your appointments.

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Lunch Verification: 617.265.0019 x7007

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Financial aid: 617.265.0019 x 7004, 7202

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Recognizing the Legacy of Catholic School Educators

SJP2CA's spring fundraising event will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the Venezia restaurant.

Families and alumni are invited to join us.

Visit sjp2ca.org/springevent for details about sponsorship and tickets.

