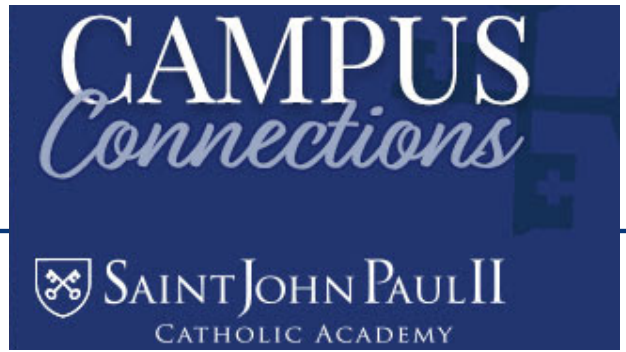


# JUNE 2022



## A Message From The Regional Director

Dear Families and Friends,

On June 9th, the Class of 2022 graduated as one Academy at BC High. It was a true celebration of community and life returning to some normalcy. As I sat watching our graduates receive their diplomas, I was reminded of how far we have come since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 and how much there is to be grateful for. This ceremony always showcases the best in our Academy: love, joy, accomplishment, achievement, and community. It did last Thursday.

When we began planning our reopening two years ago, we truly did not know what school would look like with all the protocols or if we would be able to navigate new variants. Would we be able to offer a loving, rigorous, and complete educational experience for our students? Last week was not only a milestone in the lives of our 8th graders, but a milestone for all of us that we had successfully finished another year with COVID. We had finished it with the intent of giving our students and families the best possible educational and SJP experience under difficult circumstances. The Class of 2022 are off to wonderful high schools. Over 94% of our 8th grade students are attending a Catholic high school. They have received over 2.3 million dollars in financial aid and scholarships for the next 4 years. Our faculty and staff truly lived out our motto "known, loved and called to excellence" each day to give our students the keys to success.



One of the gifts of working in Catholic education is that we trust and know that God walks with us. We are the eyes, ears, arms, and heart of Jesus. We are called to be the light of Christ for others, even when we do not believe we have it in us. God has truly walked with us, protected us, and supported us along the way with community, faith-filled partners, financial gifts, supportive families, and our wonderful students. God has allowed us to continue to teach and love our students, families, and each other. We have done this together with God's grace.

I am so proud of our students, parents, faculty, and staff for truly working together to make this year happen. This has been no small feat! Last week was a night to celebrate our graduates, and it is a great reminder to celebrate what we have learned and shared, and what is to come. With God, all things are possible.

Thank you for walking this journey together with us and entrusting your child(ren) to us and your trust in us. We wish you a relaxing and blessed summer! We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Blessings to you and your family,

**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.***

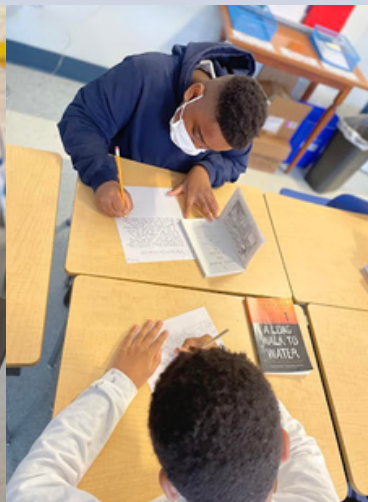
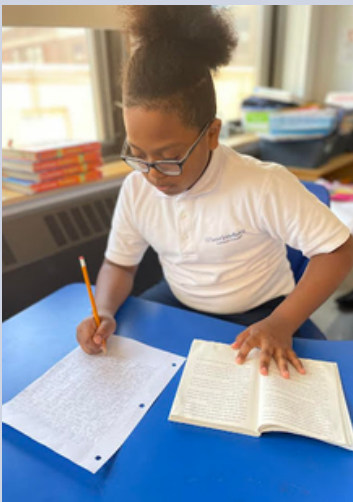


# Lower Mills News

K2A #LowerMillsLEADERS have been doing a great job as STEM engineers! We found out that our good friend, Danny the Duck, has been living and swimming in a polluted and dirty pond. K2A is working together with Yumi and Dev in the chapter book, Taking Out the Trash that is written by the Museum of Science EiE Team and illustrated by Ross Sullivan-Wile, to create trash collectors to save Danny the Duck. During our engineering adventures, we have been able to explain and demonstrate why removing trash from nature is important and produce different ways to remove the trash from Danny's pond. K2A has also investigated all the materials we will be using to create our trash collectors and thought of different ways we could use each material. The amazing engineers have also begun to create with some materials that has helped them understand how changing the shape of a trash collector can help better retrieve the trash out of the pond. We cannot wait to keep figuring out how to help our friend and continue to be engineers.



#LowerMillsLEADERS in Fifth Grade have been reading A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park for their last novel study of the year. The book is written about two children facing the same social issues but in different years. A little girl named Nya and a boy named Salva journey through Sudan, in hopes of survival. The fifth graders will read a chapter of the book, and then have to answer questions before coming together to discuss what we all read. They have really been enjoying the book, and have been using their writing skills to express their thoughts and feelings about it. Halfway through the book, students were given the prompt "If they were Nya or Salva what would they do, and how would they feel?" They used their knowledge and their own words to express how they would feel if they were walking through Sudan with little family and basic needs. Each student got the opportunity to share their ideas to the class.





# Lower Mills News

The Lower Mills school community was blessed with a visit to our school from Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. She spoke of the impact that teachers and education have played in her life since she was a child. We loved learning about her cheerleading days, as well as her experience in student government- in fact we were quite impressed to learn that she was the President of student government from grades 7 to 12. Congresswoman Pressley left Lower Mills LEADERS with 10 powerful words, "If it is to be, it is up to me." Students presented her with a Lower Mills Prayer Book that she could bring back to her office in Washington D.C. Each classroom created a personalized page designed by students that included a prayer as well as an inspiring message from our school community. To complete our day of celebrating #community,, #LowerMillsLEADERS participated in a student vs. Boston Police Department basketball game. It was so wonderful to have over 20 law enforcement Officers, Detectives, Sargents, Superintendents and Community Service Officers from all over the City! Students created signs and cheered on both the Lower Mills team as well as the BPD officers. We even had a very special member of the Lower Mills team- Julian Sustache, Class of 2021, current freshman at ABWHS, suited up to support! Boston Police finished with a victory, scoring 45 points. Lower Mills came in close at 42 points- but we know that means a rematch is on the horizon! In honor of National Police Week, we want to thank our Community Policing Champions for always supporting our students and families.







Grade 3 had the wonderful opportunity to Zoom with illustrator and author Elizabeth Zunon in late April. Through the collaboration with the Upham's Corner Public Library and Ms. Debbie Foley, students were able to listen to Ms. Zunon's story of how she became an illustrator, her artistic process, why she feels connected to the subjects she illustrates and what inspires her. There was a question and answer session, where the students were able to ask about specific books, her schooling, and her favorite things to create. Students were then given the opportunity to talk about what or who inspires them. Students made thank you posters inspired by Ms. Zunon's preferred palette of colors. It was a fantastic experience for all!

Grade 2 at Columbia has been very lucky throughout this year to host not one but two student teachers from Emmanuel College. Student teachers are a great addition to any classroom because not only do they add extra support to students who need them, but they also bring a new and fresh perspective into the classroom. Students loved Ms. Leadon because of her calm and caring demeanor—they enjoyed making jumps on a number line and reading new stories with her. They use these skills every day as we progress to the end of the school year. With Ms. W, students explored the engineering design process through making play dough and measured sprouts for number corner. These engaging activities captured student attention and made learning fun for students. Altogether, second grade is so thankful to these two ladies and we are so proud of them as they have just graduated!



This semester 4 grade finished the book *Lisa of Willesden Lane* with a visit from the author Mona Golabek. This was an exciting day at SJP Columbia Road! It was the first time our students met an author in person. Mona inspired the students with her mother Lisa's true story about her life during World War II. Lisa was one of the children on the Kindertransport from Austria to England. The book takes us on Lisa's journey in England and how her love for music became her strength during these troubling times. During this study the students examined the differences between a refugee and an immigrant, a very pertinent classroom discussion for today's current events in Ukraine. This semester in math class, 4th grade challenged themselves to learn the area and circumference of a circle. It was a great culmination for all that we accomplished this year! We needed to use exponents, division, and multiplying with decimals. The students were able to see how far they came this academic year in math. In English Language Arts, our Fourth Graders soar in writing Haiku poems! Haiku is a short three lined poem which originated in Japan. Each line of a Haiku poem is required to have a certain number of syllables - 5 syllables, 7 syllables, and then 5 syllables. Our 4th graders needed to use their creative thinking to craft their language into this poetry format! What superb work!

*"The Crow" By Ethan*

*The crow is fearless.  
But one thing that makes him scared,  
A man filled with straw.*

*"Frogs" By Derick*

*Frogs jump around swamps.  
They live in ponds and jump fast.  
Try finding a frog!*

*"Ducks in the Pond" By Leilani*

*Flowing in the pond,  
Ducks are swimming and quacking.  
Fluffy and yellow.*

*"Stars" By Mia*

*I see the bright stars.  
The stars flashed like a crystal.  
I blink. They are gone.*





# Neponset News

K2 led our school in the special Crowning of Mary to honor and celebrate the beginning of May, the month of the Blessed Mother. Kindergarten students processed into the gym after morning assembly one beautiful spring morning and led the school in song, prayer, and reflection before placing a crown on our statue of the Blessed Mother. It was a thoughtful morning remembering and praying for Mary, the Mother of Jesus.



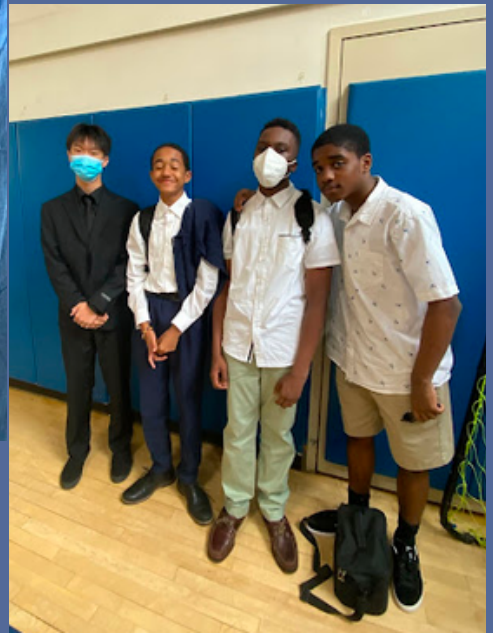
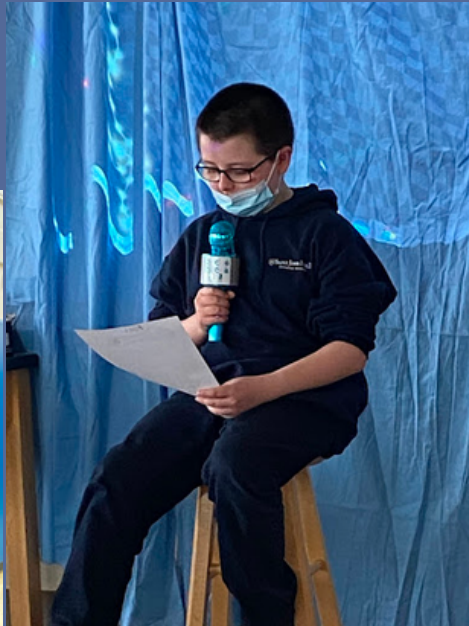
SJP Neponset students in Kindergarten and First Grade had a perfect day to visit Spectacle Island, one of the Boston Harbor Islands, as a class field trip. Students were so excited to take both a bus and a ferry over to the island! They spent the whole day enjoying nature and fresh air; they hiked, played at the shore line, collected seaglass, and shared a picnic lunch while taking in the view of Boston. A great day was had by all and students shared that Spectacle Island was in fact "spectacular!"





# Neponset News

Eighth grade students are celebrating their last few weeks here at Neponset! Students have enjoyed a cruise along the Boston Harbor, class night, field day and other fun activities to celebrate their success and prepare for graduation night. We have also looked back fondly on what a great year we have had, with class trips, poetry slams, art projects, and just enjoying each other's company! Congratulations to our Eighth Graders; we are so excited to see what is in store for you as you embark on the next chapter!



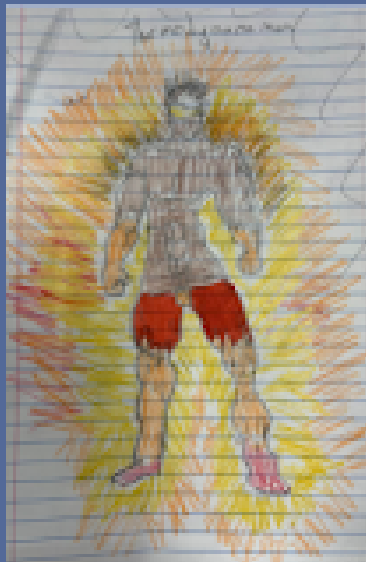
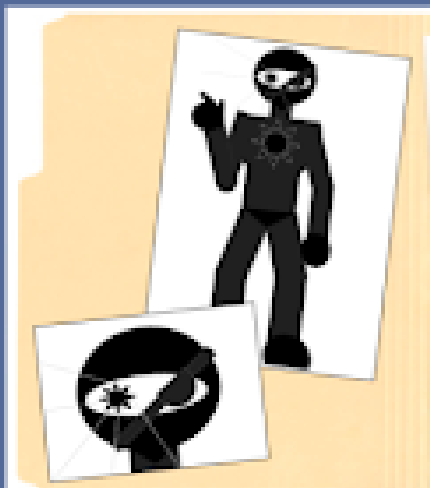


# Year End Latin Update

Across all campuses in grades 5 to 8 this spring, students took the Post-Test Assessment to measure their ability to identify the meanings of 20 unfamiliar words by applying the 48+ word roots learned this year. With nice growth seen, special recognition is given to students for high achievement: Columbia: Dakota Colimon (Gr 8), Marilyn Le (Gr 7), Wenypher Baptista & Duc Nguyen (Gr 6), and Elsa Foley & Julia Manning (Gr 5); Lower Mills: Samantha Weathers (Gr 8), Cheyenne Brown (Gr 7), Lyniah Streete (Gr 6), and Kiana Baucicot & Victoria Laurent (Gr 5); and Neponset: Tiffany Huynh (Gr 8), Aiden McGhie (Gr 7), Zion Lopes (Gr 6), and Anilah Finkley-Thomas, Cole Preval, Marcel Ruiz, Kenny Sanchez, & Pax Son (Gr 5).

The final project of the year involved students in grades 5 to 7 creating Word Root Superheroes or Supervillains. Researching word roots to represent their power, they showed off their writing and artistic skills creating heroes/villains such as Hydrodynamoman, Aquamorph, Multifortman, Ocaboluble, Dominflamgeist, Draconultillibermorphman, Bellanimaman, Bioabolish Woman, Tricircacideman, and Panoculvis to name a few. Sharing their projects in class, they had the opportunity to practice their public speaking skills by presenting their hero, word roots used, meanings and related vocabulary words. It was great to see them take the lead!

**Ocaboluble**



**Thermodynamoman**

**Panoculvis**



# Congratulations to the Class of 2022 !



## Columbia Campus

Marcelino Antunes - Caiden Berry -  
Dakota Olimon - Catherine Egan - Elaise  
Gomes de Pina - Chlory Lamerique -  
Isabelle Louis - Jayden Martinez - Keegan  
Powers - Niyea Smith - Kelly Vo



## Lower Mills Campus

Melissa Adelson - Melia Albert - Caiden  
Blain - Jordan Campbell - Asheley Chaves -  
Doriana Crocker - Adan Earle - Erika Garcia  
- Leo Holland III - Paxton Jean-Guillaume -  
Aaryn-Alexis Johnson - Shianne Lallo -  
Maliyah Silveira - Schaynalgee Souffrant -  
Fredricka Vilbon - Samantha Weathers



## Neponset Campus

Aiden Amado - Andrew Bazile - Angelina  
Cao - Henry Dong - Eduoard Ernst - Uyen  
Huynh - Antonio Jean-Louis - Tonn Jeudy -  
Matoutina Kpodar - Breann Lynch - Maria  
Medina - Deyanira Mejia - Michael Murphy -  
Jada Nguyen - Mayah Pereira - Cameron  
Phillips - Jayla Robinson - Brady Thach -  
Joshua Volcy - Payton Willett - Bryie Woods



## Artists of the Month



Sophia Kola  
Grade 2  
*Neponset Campus*



Delilah Williams  
Grade 1  
*Neponset Campus*



Gael Tiene  
Grade 6  
*Columbia Campus*



Leo Holland  
Grade 8  
*Lower Mills Campus*



Emely Suarez  
Grade 4  
*Columbia Campus*



Zoey Frederick-Little  
Grade 2  
*Lower Mills Campus*



# Notes from the Business Office

We are quickly approaching the end of another school year. This is a very busy time as we close out one year and prepare for the upcoming school year in September. Please re-register as soon as possible to confirm a seat! There are some end of year housekeeping items below that will help you transition from one year to the next. As always, please feel free to contact the Business Office with any questions or concerns you may have.

## **Tuition Payments:**

Tuition for the 2021-2022 school year should have been paid in full by the end of April. If you continue to have a balance for tuition or extended day, your registration for the 2022-2023 school year will not be accepted until the balance is paid. No seat can be guaranteed with an outstanding balance. Please review our tuition policy on our website. Please contact the Business Office to discuss your account if you are unable to pay the balance on time.

**Financial Aid award notifications will go out no later than June 30th.** Notifications will only be sent if your Grant & Aid application is complete, you are enrolled in an active FACTS payment plan, all balances are up to date and you have re-registered for the 2022-2023 school year. The financial aid process for school year 2022-2023 is now closed for returning students. We still encourage all families to complete a financial aid application in order to be eligible for any scholarships the Academy may receive, scholarship assistance is not guaranteed.

## **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](mailto:jwalker@sjp2ca.org) to make your appointments.

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## **Meet #TeamSJP2CA!**

We're pleased to introduce the six members of our Falmouth Road Race charity team, who will represent SJP2CA on race day. We are thankful to this group of runners who are raising funds for tuition assistance.

Watch our social media in June as we highlight each team member!

*Tracy Fenton  
Jennifer Gillis  
Gianna Mullane*

*Stefanie O'Shea  
Tristan Ratchford  
Talia Siravo*

