

JANUARY 2022

CAMPUS *Connections*

SAINT JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Message From The Regional Director

Dear Families and Friends,

Happy New Year!!! We wish you and your family a holy and blessed New Year!!

It has been a wonderful year so far with so many achievements and opportunities. In reflecting on the past four months, we have much to be thankful for and excited about. Our prayer for your family is that God continues to bless and provide you with all that you need and more! We look forward to 2022 with its opportunities and challenges.

During the season of Advent, we had many opportunities to pray, serve and grow closer to God. We participated in weekly prayer services led by our students where they learned about the Season of Advent, the baby Jesus and the Christmas season. Our campuses participated in service opportunities and shared their gifts and talents with those in need. Our students hearts were certainly filled with Christ's light.

We have begun our next round of testing with MAP. Grades K2 through grade 8 will be testing one hour a week for the next three weeks. Grades 3 through 8 will be testing in the areas of Math, Reading and Language. While grades K2 through grade 2 will be testing in Math and Reading. Middle school will also be testing in Science. In September, we tested to create a baseline to recognize areas of growth and need. And have been using the results to focus our lesson planning. Please make sure your child has breakfast and is on time to school. This will help them settle into the day and feel successful. We have also asked your child to take his/her time on the testing. Students may have a break if they need it. This testing data allows teachers to plan lessons that meet the needs of all students.

Our Christmas Shows were fantastic!! It was a major task to pull off these shows virtually. I cannot praise and thank our Fine Arts teachers enough for what they do for our students. They certainly want our children to share their gifts and talents. This was especially true this year with COVID restrictions!! Our school administrators and staff worked around these restrictions to give each child and family a special memory and experience.

COVID continues to a daily part of our lives. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our community of the importance of mask wearing, social distancing and frequent hand washing. These protocols are extremely helpful in mitigating not only the spread of COVID-19



but also influenza, colds and viruses during the winter months. Many families have reached out regarding the COVID-19 vaccine that may now be available for younger students. Please reach out to your child's pediatrician if you have specific questions regarding the vaccine.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID. We must keep our school community safe and also in person for learning.

ADMISSIONS:

Our campuses will be holding Admissions Open Houses for prospective families. Please encourage friend, neighbors and colleagues to consider us. Most of our families come to us by word of mouth! You are our best salespersons! We have a wonderful school to share with others!

We need volunteers to take flyers and have them hung up at local businesses such as real estate offices, dry cleaners, restaurants, nail salons etc. If you are able to help, please let your campus principal know and we will send a packet home with your child. We have flyers in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Portuguese and Haitian. Follow us on social media- Instagram, Facebook and Twitter-to see the latest on SJPIICA!

Tuition fees for the 2022-2023 school year have not been set by the Board of Trustees. As soon as they are, we will send home a re-registration packet with your child(ren).

Thank you for your continued support of SJPIICA.

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

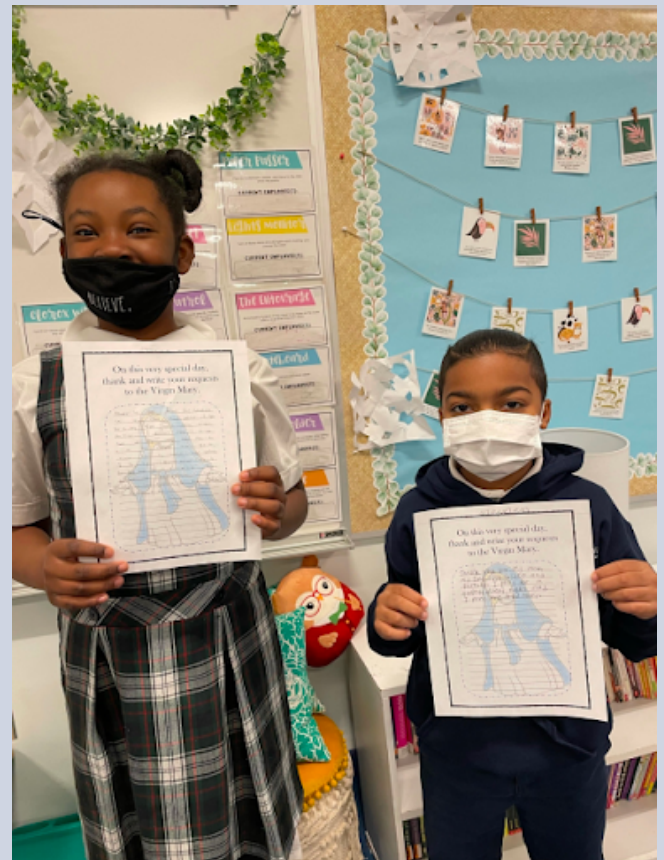
Where students thrive in a safe and diverse community.

Lower Mills News

K2B has been working hard in literacy, math, and religion. We recently made our very own Number Racks to use when we are working on math problems. We had so much fun making them and using them in class! We talked about how the red and white colored beads look similar to the ten frames we are used to using, except they are side by side instead of on top and bottom. With our number racks, we were able to solve tricky math questions that were hard for us to understand before. We can't wait to keep working on our math skills!

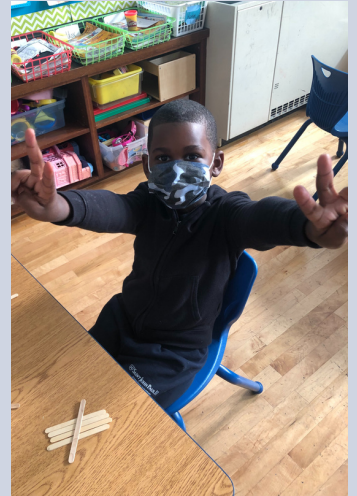
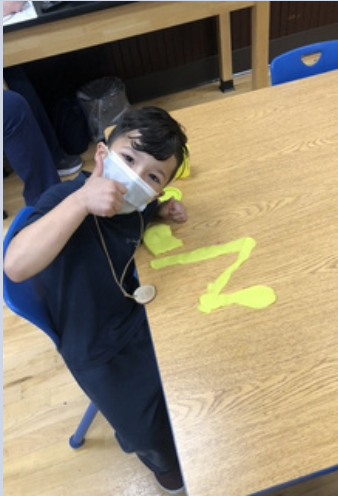


4B has been working on enriching their Catholic identity through practicing their faith in creative ways! We learned about the Feast of the Immaculate Conception through discussion about our Catholic mission and the meaning of faith. To celebrate the feast, we each wrote a personal note to Mary thanking her for all she has done and asking her to answer our prayers for ourselves and others. Many students were excited to share their prayers with the class! We then created mini personal rosaries out of pipe cleaners and beads. These can be carried with us anywhere and allow us to pray to Mary whenever we may need her. I love seeing how Grade 4 embraces learning about the importance of prayer and learning about how we can use our faith to grow into our best selves!



Columbia News

In K2 we have been using popsicle sticks to make tally marks and help us group and count. Students practiced adding and subtracting sticks to determine the new sum. 5 tally marks are special because it looks like a "gate!" In Wonders, the class listened to the story "Clang! Clang! Beep! Beep! Listen to the City" where our essential question was "What are the different sounds we hear?" Students worked on exploring the different sounds we hear through listening for key details. Students also got to work making our letter of the week which was "Nn."



Grade 3 has been honoring various cultures all school year. Beginning in September, students have been watching Daily Mass every Friday in a variety of languages including: English, Spanish, Latin, and Italian. In October, students spent part of their Religion classes learning about the Mexican holiday of Dia de Muertos. Students studied the holiday, learned about the traditions and then helped facilitate the creation of an ofrenda (altar) to celebrate the holiday. Finally, with the new Reading program, Wonders, the students were tasked with creating their own paper quilt square that represented the cultures that make them unique. Once their squares were completed a quilt was "stitched" together on the wall in the hallway to display what makes grade 3 so special.

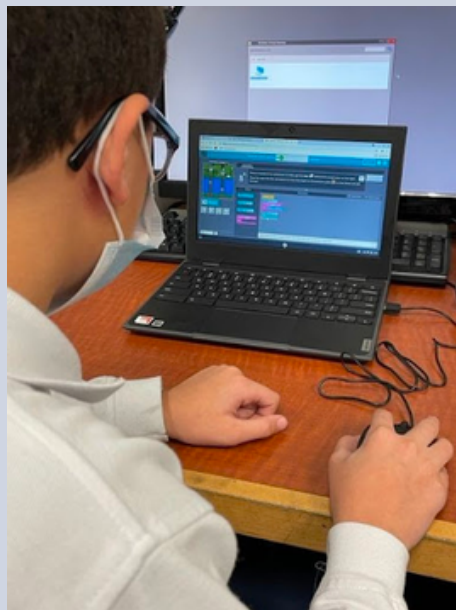


Neponset News



Grade 2 students took a field trip to the Museum of Science and spent the day exploring the many exhibits the museum has to offer. Students experienced the arctic, got up close and personal with bones and fossils, and explored engineering and balance using their own bodies. The highlight of their special trip was attending the temporary exhibit, All Aboard! Students learned about trains and tracks and enjoyed a 4D viewing of The Polar Express - students felt like they were passengers aboard the train and even felt snow!

Students celebrated Computer Science Education Week, held the week of December 6th. SJP Neponset parent, Kunjal Desai, visited our campus from Accenture Technology, and held interactive workshops for our students. Students learned about computer science through Mr. Desai's hands-on presentation. They then explored the basics of coding by programming some computer games!



Congratulations to our Lower Mills Bookmark Contest Winners!



K2 to Grade 2 group:
Aiden Daniel, K2B

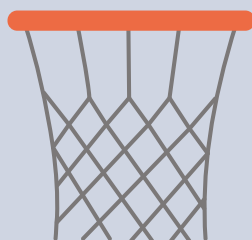
Grades 3 to 5 group:
Khadija Bayour, Grade 4A



Grades 6 to 8 group:
Shianne Lallo, Grade 8



MS Boys Basketball



Artists of the Month



Miriam Scanlon-Doucet, Grade K2
Columbia Campus

Lydia Akinola, Grade 4
Columbia Campus



Soledad Stiven, Grade 7
Lower Mills Campus



Samantha Spiers, Grade 5
Neponset Campus



Lana Nguyen, Grade 6
Neponset Campus



Kiana Baucicot, Grade 5
Lower Mills Campus

Notes from the Business Office

Tuition payments:

If you are struggling due to COVID please reach out to the Business Office to discuss what options we may have available to assist you. At this time 50% of your total tuition is due. If you are behind in tuition payments, please contact the Business Office to make arrangements for the past due balance.

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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