

# JANUARY 2023



## 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 2023 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.

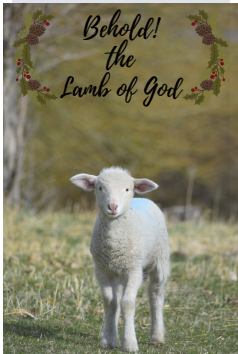


Our Christmas Shows were fantastic!! Thank you to our teachers, staff, and students for making it such a memorable event. We were thrilled to welcome our families back to the shows!

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.

Just a reminder that inclement weather is coming. SJP2CA will notify parents through our FACTS Parent Alert System and the following TV stations: WCVB, WHDH, WBZ, and NBC 10. Please update any new email addresses or phone numbers in RENWEB/FACTS parent portal.

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. 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.



## 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 can 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 2023-2024-20210 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).

God Bless,

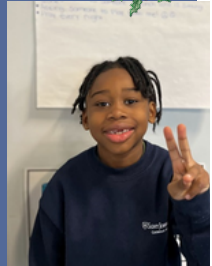
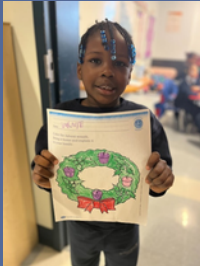
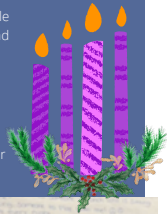
**Kate Brandley**  
Regional Director

*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.*



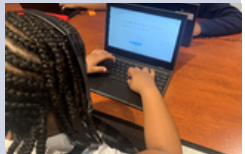
## Lower Mills News

During this Advent season, K2A has been learning about how this is the season that we are waiting for the birth of Christ at Christmas. These K2A Lower Mills LEADERS have discussed each week's themes: hope, peace, joy, and faith. While discussing each theme, we identified each candle within our Advent wreath and each student colored and created their own Advent wreath! We have brainstormed ways to continue to carry these themes in our day to day lives and how we can help others during this giving time. K2A ends each day with thanking someone in the class for bringing them hope, peace, joy, and/or faith that day which brings love and a smile to each student every afternoon. We have enjoyed this time to become stronger in our faith and have a new love for the Advent and Christmas season!



Grade 2 Lower Mills LEADERS begin taking on more responsibilities, increasing their independence as they become more familiar with technology. In the past, teachers may have set up school devices and accessories ahead of time (laptops, headphones, mice, etc.). This year, students use their individual SJP Google credentials and learn how to log themselves into a Chromebook (usernames and passwords can be tricky, especially with special characters like @), retrieve and plug in their own headsets, and finding our programs through the web browser.

Our students practice using a trackpad in different ways depending on the program (how to click & drag with one hand vs. two, scrolling with two fingers, and right-clicking). Students also begin basic typing skills to understand the layout of a QWERTY keyboard and get used to using both hands to type. Emphasis is placed on accuracy over speed; students are encouraged to go at a pace that feels comfortable, and to focus on self-correcting when necessary.



## Lower Mills News



During our weekly STREAM block, Lower Mills LEADERS in Grade 5A have been working hard on rigorous challenges in Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math. The first one that Grade 5A teaching and learning community worked on was all about roller coasters. During this challenge we researched different types of roller coasters. Using this information helped inform us about what we needed to create our own roller coasters. Next, we made blueprints and then our own roller coasters out of paper towel rolls. We are beginning our next challenge on protective packaging! During this challenge, students will be learning about industrial engineers, drones, and making packaging sturdy. Be on the lookout for our newest STREAM designs from our 5A Engineers!





## Columbia News



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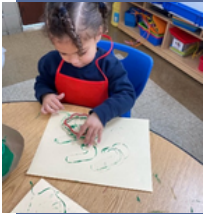
Grade 5 had a successful fundraiser for Boston Children's Hospital. They are putting together bags of toys and games with the funds raised as part of their Service-Learning Project!



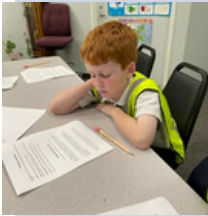
The Columbia Campus had a special Mass in honor of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We learned about how the Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Juan Diego. We celebrated Mass with Father Ronaghan, who helped us learn about the importance of praying to Mary, sacred spaces, and listening to the will of God through saints. Our first graders helped to host Mass by writing the prayers of the faithful and serving as gift bearers.

## Neponset News

Our 2.9 friends have been busy working on the "Friends" unit in their OWL curriculum. They have read stories about being a good friend, problem solving, and working together. As a class, they read "Hooray A Pinata," a story about thoughtfulness and friendship. They have been worked to create their own pinata pieces with tissue paper and glue! 2.9 friends have also been getting into the Christmas spirit, while strengthening their fine motor skills; creating beautiful Christmas trees and stamp artwork.



Grade 5 LEADERS had a fabulous time learning about archeology at the Commonwealth Museum! We learned how objects can help us confirm or deny written accounts. Students explored replicas of artifacts discovered during the Big Dig and decided whether statements about the person that owned them were true. For example, she was described as a devout puritan, but she owned a bowling ball and other games, proving that wrong! We learned about the archaeological process by drawing the site, recording the objects, and making predictions about their uses. Fifth graders were also excited to see the original copper plate that Paul Revere created, as we are currently creating our own more accurate versions of his "Bloody Massacre."



# Neponset News



Fun was had by all at

## Neponset's Annual Gingerbread Extravaganza!

The Christmas spirit filled the cafeteria as classes created festive gingerbread houses, listened to Christmas music, and enjoyed visits by a snowman and a gingerbread person! Middle school students joined to help their younger buddies. A joyful time with delicious treats!



# SJPIICA Christmas Card Contest

Congratulations to our talented student artists, whose beautiful artwork was selected for the Academy's Christmas cards! Regional Director, Kate Brandley, was thrilled to recognize each student, also pictured with their campus principal.

## Lower Mills Campus



L-R: Lower Mills Artists Kaydence Adams (Grade 3) and Cheyenne Brown (Grade 8) with Regional Director, Kate Brandley, and Lower Mills campus Principal Lisa Warshafsky.



Kaydence Adams, Grade 3



Cheyenne Brown, Grade 8

# SJPIICA Christmas Card Contest

## Columbia Campus



L-R: Regional Director, Kate Brandley, Columbia Artist, Amerie Jane Heilman, Grade 5, and campus Principal Kristyn Joy.



Amerie Jane Heilman, Grade 5



# SJPIICA Christmas Card Contest

## Neponset Campus



L-R: Regional Director, Kate Brandley, with Neponset Artists Tommy Gaudet (Grade 7), Alex Trinh (Grade 2), and Camila Cagua-Koo (Grade 5), along with Neponset Vice Principle Kristin Miller and Principal Erin Chouinard.



Tommy Gaudet, Grade 7



Alex Trinh, Grade 2



Camila Cagua-Koo, Grade 5



# Advancement Announcement

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## There's still time to make a donation to Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy

We know you have many options for your year-end giving and we hope to be one of them! Your donation will have an impact on more than 1,000 boys and girls at our Columbia, Lower Mills, and Neponset campuses, providing support for tuition assistance, classroom resources, and equipment. (Give online at <https://www.sjp2ca.org/support-us/>) before midnight on December 31 and we'll email your receipt immediately!)



## Recommend SJPIICA Alumni for #15in15

The Academy will commemorate its 15th year in 2023 and to celebrate we plan to recognize many of our alumni! For 15 months (October 2022-December 2023), we will honor a member of our alumni community on social media ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) and on our website. To nominate a graduate for this honor, email Mary Tiernan in the Advancement Office at [mtiernan@sjp2ca.org](mailto:mtiernan@sjp2ca.org).

# Notes from the Business Office

Happy New Year!! We are very excited for 2023 at the Academy!

## **Financial Aid Applications:**

The financial aid applications are open for school year 2022-2023 on our FACTS Grant & Aid website. Please go to <http://online.factsmgt.com/aid> and complete your application as soon as you can. You may also log in through your Parents Web account.

We are available in the Business Office to assist you with the financial aid application. Please call (617) 265-0019 ext. 7004 to book an appointment. Business Office hours are Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm.

## **The Deadline for Financial Aid Applications is May 31, 2023**

### **As in years past, the requirements are as follows:**

1. The financial aid applicant must claim the student(s) on their tax return and students must be enrolling in grades K2 – 8 to be eligible. We need all families to submit the Grant and Aid application for the students that will attend the Academy even the Pre-K and K1 students. This will help SJPiICA when we apply for grants for education programs, technology, services, etc.
2. The federal tax return for 2021 and W2s for 2022 must be submitted and/or proof of nontaxable income if not employed.
3. Anyone with a past due SY 22-23 tuition balance will not be awarded financial aid. If you have a past due balance you must reach out to the business office to make a payment arrangement for the balance.

## **FACTS Payment Plan:**

All families in the Academy must be enrolled in the FACTS payment plan. More information about the FACTS Payment Plan application can be found on the home page at [www.sjp2ca.org](http://www.sjp2ca.org). You may also access FACTS through your ParentsWeb account. If you need to change the bank information, make telephone payments or access to the payment plan account, please contact FACTS directly at 800-624-7092.

## **Tuition payments:**

If you are behind in tuition payments, you must contact the Regional Business Office located at 1 Eliot Street Milton, MA immediately. At this time 60% of your total tuition is due not including any scholarships and financial aid received.

Please note, tuition payments begin in July. If you have missed any payments at this time you must make those payments online or by calling FACTS Management at 800-624-7092. Your child's continued enrollment in the Academy is dependent on prompt tuition payments. Please refer to the tuition policy on our website at [www.sjp2ca.org](http://www.sjp2ca.org) and available in the Student/Parent handbook.

## **Vouchers:**

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

### **To make an appointment with the Business Office, please call or email.**

#### **CONTACT US:**

##### **Financial aid:**

Phone: 617-265-0019 x 7004, or x 7202

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