

JUNE 2021

CAMPUS *Connections*

SAINT JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Message From The Regional Director

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy, and a very special welcome to our new parents and families! We realize that the last year and half have been filled with anxiety for our families and community. We know that this new school year will continue to not be like those before; but we are committed to making it a safe and enjoyable educational experience for all.

Students and teachers are excited to be back and there is a tangible joy and life in our buildings! God's spirit is alive in the eyes and hearts of our children.

As we all know, we are learning to live with COVID, and at SJP2CA believe that in-person instruction is the best for our students. We were able to stay open last year for in-person instruction for the majority of the school year because of the cooperation of everyone in our school community. We will continue to remain open when we work together.

We have maintained our safety protocols that we employed last year. Cleaning and sanitizing happens during the day and evening with our custodial company, Sanitrol. Hand washing, hand sanitizers, masks and disinfectants are used to continue to keep all safe. We are spacing students out and using dividers in the classrooms and at lunch. Mask wearing continues to be required of all faculty, staff, students and guests when inside our buildings.

In September, I shared that for the 2021-22 school year, we are offering an extra layer of protection to prevent the spread of COVID-19: our COVID-19 testing program at school. This program has three components: symptomatic testing for students who show symptoms of COVID-19 at school, routine COVID safety checks to prevent the spread of the virus undetected among students who are not showing symptoms, and test and stay for students who may have been exposed while in school but are not showing symptoms. Each of these is a quick, non-invasive nasal swab OR saliva sample that is collected under the supervision of a school nurse or trained health provider. Unlike COVID-19 tests of the past, these are not uncomfortable and easy for students to do themselves.

We just finished our first week of routine COVID safety checks. We tested over 300 staff and students in the Academy. All tests came back negative! If you would like your child to participate, please let your campus principal know. Your child can opt in or out at any time.



Students only participate with permission from a parent or guardian. To participate in the program, you must sign this consent form on behalf of your student. There is no charge for participating. To learn more about our COVID-19 testing program, please visit <https://www.sjp2ca.org/covid-19-communications/>. If you have additional questions regarding the program, please contact your campus principal at 617-265-0019.

The link for fill out the consent form is <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma#consent>

Summer was very busy at SJP2CA. We have welcomed over 200 new students to our Academy, including a toddler program at Columbia Road. Our enrollment is up 100 students from last year. Please continue to recommend the Academy to your friends and family. We have room and would love to welcome new families to our community!

SJP2CA made improvements at our facilities. At all campuses, security systems have been upgraded, and are new cameras inside and outside of our buildings. Air conditioning was installed in the media center and cafeteria at Lower Mills. Fiber, servers and machinery were added or upgraded at each campus to improve instruction and online services for our students and faculty.

We have added a literacy coach to work with all teachers, but especially with our new literacy program, Wonders, for grades K2-5. Please welcome Talia Siravo, former first grade teacher at Lower Mills, as our new literacy coach. We are currently looking for Interventionists to work with our students who may have gaps due to remote learning and/or COVID. We are also looking for substitutes, tutors and lunch personnel. If anyone is interested, please contact your campus principal.

May God continue to bless you and our Academy.

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

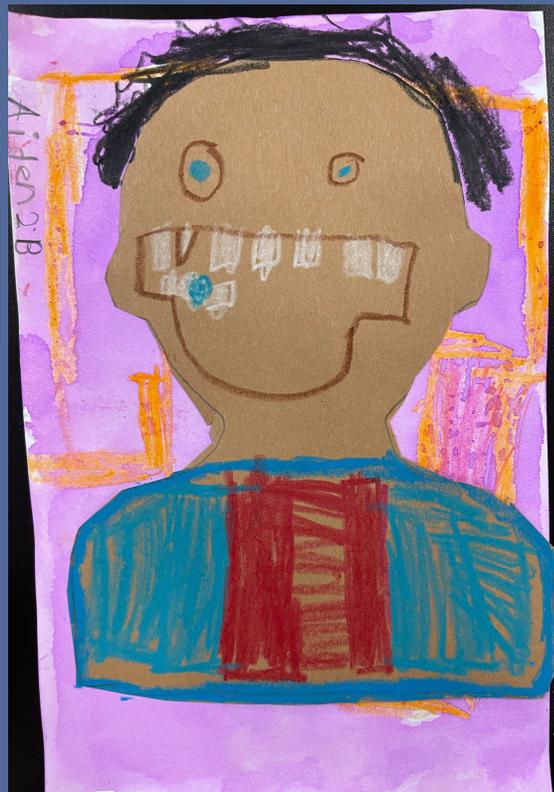
Where students thrive in a safe and diverse community.



#LowerMillsLEADERS in grade 4 have been stretching their mathematician brains this month! Our Bridges math curriculum kicks off the school year with ratio tables and helping students understand the relationship between ratios and numbers. Students have been utilizing multiple modalities of learning including manipulatives, small groups, independent work as well as whole group instruction. Stay tuned this year as we dive into additional complex math topics that spiral through our Bridges scope and sequence.

Artist of the Month

Aiden Gay, Grade 2
Lower Mills Campus



Columbia News



The students spent a good deal of time reading and learning about apples. They painted on the easels with the colors of apples, sponge painted trees, and made play dough apples. The class tasted apples and we made a graph showing each child's favorite. We read *Ten Apples Up on Top* and counted the apples on our own heads. Today the children played in the classroom centers and had music and gym class. Next week we will start the literacy and math curriculum. The students will also be introduced to the religion curriculum.

We are working on helping the students gain independence. Many of the children have almost mastered the "prek flip" If you see your child put/his/her jacket on the floor and flip it over their head, they are practicing this technique. We also ask the students to hang up their jacket in the morning and put their lunchbox on the shelf. Most children enjoy doing things for themselves and are very proud of their successes.

Neponset News



The Neponset Campus celebrated their opening mass with Father Chris, the new Pastor at St. Ann's. Members of the faculty and staff led the mass as members of the Neponset Choir supported with music. K2 students presented Father Chris with SJP apparel to welcome him to our school community. We are looking forward to many more in person mass celebrations this school year!

Students in K1 have started to enjoy many fall hands-on activities! Ms. Hart's class enjoyed making applesauce as well as using their scientific skills to observe gourds and pumpkins! Students used their sequencing, observation, and math skills while making to discuss their favorite apples, graph the information, and follow the recipe instructions!



Ms. Pages Pre K class has been hard at work recognizing letters and spelling their names! Students read the book Chicka Chicka Boom Boom then practiced their letter recognition with magnets, writing their name and matching letters to the letter tree!

2021: The Year of Saint Joseph



Pope Francis has named this year as the Year of St. Joseph. During this year, Pope Francis has encouraged us to implore the intercession of St. Joseph in our prayers and imitate his virtues.

So who is this man, Saint Joseph? There are no words spoken by St. Joseph written in the Bible, however, there are references to him in the New Testament. Joseph was a Jewish man who worshiped his God, a husband to Mary, foster father to Jesus. He was a carpenter, friend, and neighbor. From all these phases of his life, St. Joseph is a Saint that all of us within the Academy can imitate. How? As Joseph did for Jesus, parents provide a home, nourishment and care for their children. As Joseph did as a carpenter, teachers and staff can model Saint Joseph in the manner they instruct with patience, encouragement, and educational skills. As St. Joseph did in his interactions with Jesus, students can respect the behavior of St. Joseph in their relationships toward their siblings, classmates and people they meet. St. Joseph resided in an ordinary family, civilian life. I believe St. Joseph lived each day rejoicing in God, whom he knew, gave him the strength to be a loving husband, provider for his child and family, and a kindhearted, supportive neighbor. Legend has St. Joseph being called a "JUST MAN".

May we during this year of St. Joseph implore his intercession in our prayers. For me, I have the privilege of being a religious Sister with the honor being named as a Sister of St. Joseph.

Sister Gail Donohue, CSJ

SJP2CA Campus Minister

Sisters of Saint Joseph

Notes from the Business Office

Happy Fall and we hope this new school year is off to a wonderful start! Please remember to contact the Business Office with any questions or concerns regarding your tuition or payment plan.

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. 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 40% 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 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.

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

CONTACT US:

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