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A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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Dear Parents,

"Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning."
(Joel 2:12, Lectionary)

March is a month that showcases one of the holiest times of the liturgical year, Lent. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial. This event is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches. It is a 40 day journey of spiritual renewal and retreat through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a wonderful time to slow down and reflect on God's place in our lives and how we live out His love for us.

We are remembering to be intentional about loving those who are on the fringe of society, the sick, the lonely and those who are often overlooked. We are called to be the eyes, ears, arms and heart of Jesus each day to those around us. We are called to be peacemakers and the light of Christ. Please join us as we journey in the footsteps

of Christ through the Prayer of St Francis, at right, and follow our activities.

At all of our campuses, our students give witness to God's love through their actions of spiritual and corporal works of mercy: collecting food for the hungry, providing clothing to shelters, visiting the elderly, collecting pennies for the poor and collecting monies for the Missions. We will focus on our renewal through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Please enter into this season with us through family and parish activities. The following website will have fun and simple family resources to make Lent more meaningful so we will rejoice on Easter Sunday: <https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog/helping-families-celebrate-lent>

As we begin Lent, we pray for the strength to commit ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that we may grow to love God more each day. Please pray for us as we will keep you and your family in our daily prayers this season.

Kate Brandley
Regional Director

Lord, make me an
instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let
me sow love;
where there is injury,
pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair,
hope;
where there is darkness,
light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that
I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to
console,
to be understood as to
understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we
receive,
it is in pardoning that we
are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we
are born to eternal life.

Amen.





Transit Officers welcomed to Columbia Campus

We were so happy to welcome **Chief Kenneth Green** and his officers from the **Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority Police** to our Columbia Campus last month. Students were treated to a storytime led by the officers. And the students proudly wore their police badge stickers throughout the day. Many thanks to all our community partners!

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

February is now behind us, and we are all looking forward to Spring!

Re-Registration is open for the 2019-2020 school year! Please log into your ParentsWeb account to register. The fee is \$150 for our current students and \$350 for new students to register for next school year.

The tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Preschool (Age 2.9)	\$8,600 per child
Pre-K (Age 3)	\$6,700 per child
K1 (Age 4)	\$6,700 per child

K2 - GRADE 8

One child	\$5,300
Additional children	\$4,600

Financial aid for the 2019-2020 school year is well underway. You must complete the 2019-2020 financial aid application via FACTS Grant and Aid if your child is currently receiving financial aid. We are currently working with families to complete the Grant & Aid application. Families must complete the Financial Aid application each school year in order to qualify.

We will be hosting Financial Aid Open House sessions on the following dates listed below. All Open House sessions will be held at the Regional Office located at 2200 Dorchester Ave. (next to the Lower Mills campus). Please call to schedule an appointment.

The deadline for all Financial Aid applications and documentation is April 17, 2019.

March Financial Aid Open House:

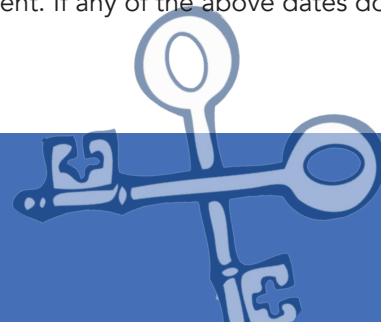
- Wednesday, March 6th, 8:30 AM - 12PM
- Thursday, March 7th, 12PM - 3:00PM
- Wednesday, March 13th, 8:30 AM - 12PM and from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Friday, March 15th, 12PM - 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 20th, 8:30 AM - 12PM
- Wednesday, March 27th, 8:30 AM - 12PM
- Friday, March 29th, 12PM - 3:00PM

April Financial Aid Open House:

- Monday, April 1st, 8:30 AM - 12PM
- Wednesday, April 3rd, 12PM - 3:00 PM
- Friday, April 5th, 8:30 AM - 12PM
- Wednesday, April 10th, 8:30 AM - 12PM
- Wednesday, April 17th, 8:30 - 12PM

Please call the Business Office at 617-265-0019 Ext. 7004 or 7202 to make an appointment. If any of the above dates do not work for your schedule, please call and we will try to accommodate you.

Thank you for your continued partnership!





Celebrating 100 days, acting like 100 year olds!

Across all three of our campuses, students turned from children to elders overnight to recognize the 100th day of school. Teachers also got in on the fun and brought their own costumes complete with walkers and canes. *See more photos from the day on the first page of our newsletter.*



Happy Lunar New Year! Chúc mừng năm mới!

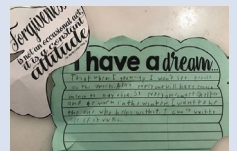
In Mrs. Nesti's first grade class, students were lucky to have an amazing parent volunteer from **Hanh My Cultural Foundation** to teach them about the customs of the Lunar New Year. The class celebrated the year of the pig by acting out the story of the Three Little Pigs. They then shared in customary food to celebrate.



Black History Month across the Academy

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States. The Lower Mills Campus fifth grade students, pictured left, highlighted 100 African American Leaders by showcasing infamous quotes across their clothing for the school community to read.

At the Columbia Campus, scholars, pictured right, researched and presented on black leaders they admire. At our Neponset Campus, fourth grade scholars, pictured right, shared their dreams for our community and how they can be leaders of change.



Student Council at Lower Mills

To celebrate our community during **Catholic Schools Week**, the Lower Mills Campus embarked on a Service Project to highlight the theme of **Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed**. We decided that we would like to support **Boston Children's Hospital**, particularly children and families who are staying multiple days or months to receive care. We were so proud to collect over 150 pairs of pajamas from our staff and Lower Mills school community. Five middle school students (Joby Frejuste, Sanai-Love Brandao, Linh Le, Jaylen Wright and Nevaeh Gay) accompanied Principal Warshafsky to deliver the pajama donation to **The Hale Center for Families at Boston Children's Hospital**. During our visit, Child Life Specialists met with our students to explain the powerful impact the pajamas will have and share some data about the hospital. We learned that 100% of beds at Boston Children's Hospital have been at capacity since January 2018 and they serve over 18,000 families. We were blessed to be joined by our amazing partners, the **Corey C. Griffin Foundation**, who were so generous to match our pajama donation and join us for the afternoon at Boston Children's Hospital. Thank you to all of the Lower Mills families for their support of this project, we showcased our amazing #commUNITY!



FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

His Last Days

Students will once again be performing "His Last Days" this Lenten season under the direction of Ms. Janet Feld. These performances are very powerful and we invite parents to view one of the performances. Please check your campus newsletter for dates and times.

Spring Concerts

Mark your calendars for the dates of our Spring shows!

Columbia Campus

Tuesday, May 7 at 9am

Lower Mills Campus Grades 2.9 - K2

Tuesday, May 14 at 9am

Lower Mills Campus Grades 1 - 8

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm

Neponset Campus- Grades 2.9 - 1

Wednesday, May 15 at 9am

Neponset Campus- Grades 2 - 8

Thursday, May 16 at 7 pm

February Vacation Program

During February vacation, students took part in the annual vacation Fine Arts Program, participating in violin, dance, musical games, art classes and even Spanish classes. All students rotated through classes each day and enjoyed every aspect of the program. A special thanks to all teachers and helpers who made the week possible!

January Artists of the Month

Congratulations to our January Artists of the Month!

Columbia Campus:

Adrianna Ochoa, Grade 2 & Elsa Foley, Grade 2

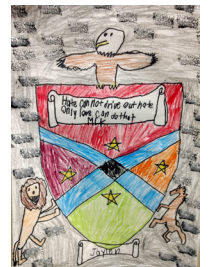
Lower Mills Campus:

Jayla King, Grade 2 & Fredricka Vilbon, Grade 5

Neponset Campus:

Jaylen Mendes, Grade 4 & Molly Hearing, Grade 6

Check out our Fine Arts page at www.sjp2ca.org and click on Academics to view the artwork!



WEEKLY OPEN HOUSES

COLUMBIA CAMPUS

Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:30 am - 11:00 am
790 Columbia Rd.

LOWER MILLS CAMPUS

Wednesdays
8:30 am - 10:30 am
2222 Dorchester Ave.

NEPONSET CAMPUS

Tuesdays
8:00 am - 9:00 am
239 Neponset Ave.



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