THANK YOU!

A HUGE Thank you to all students and families who participated in our Annual Fall Fundraiser. It was certainly different this year without our Chocolate Bars, but still fun nonetheless!

Stay tuned and we will update you on Prizes, Amount Raised, and any other important information.

I also want to express my gratitude for the emails and phone calls regarding our most recent COVID situation. This was something that we had prepared for but hope to not have to utilize certain aspects of the plan. I also have said that it was not a matter of if but when it would happen.

*Please remember that it’s often the actions and decisions that we make outside of school that will impact whether we are able to continue in-person learning or have to move to all virtual.*

Thank you for your continued support and understanding!

*UPDATE* HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Students in grades PK-5 are allowed to wear costumes to school on either Thursday or Friday of this week. Teachers will coordinate and provide more information in the coming days. Costumes should not restrict or prohibit learning or movement. Costumes should not be gory, scary, contain weapons, or scary/inappropriate facial coverings. The only mask a student should have on should be the mask that is required daily.

As a reminder, no parent volunteers are allowed to be in the school. If you would like to send in treats, please make sure that all treats are in packages and unopened. No bakery items are allowed.

All homeroom teachers will be communicating more thoroughly their expectations for the day and costumes.
**Little Knights and Kindergarten may be celebrating differently. Please look for communication from your child's teacher.**

SAINT COLUMBKILLE SCHOOL

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – OUR GOAL 150 WREATHS!**

Dear SCS Families:

I am excited to involve and encourage the entire school to participate in this year’s new annual event. Our school will be raising funds to purchase wreaths through the honorable organization known as Wreaths Across America. These wreaths will be placed at the tombstones of our Military Personnel at *Westview Cemetery located in Brunswick, Ohio on Saturday, December 19* at noon.

Families may donate any domination to help support this event using the designated order form attached to this letter. *Each wreath costs $15 and our school will receive $5 back for every $15 spent to be used towards any upcoming events that supports the Military here at St. Columbkille School.* This event will continue to demonstrate how our SCS community supports Military personnel and aligns with the Purple Star mission.

If you have other family members or friends that would like to help support this event, you can find this letter and order form on the Military Google Classroom Webpage. Your child can sign into using the code: k2zrpy4.

Please fill out and return the attached order form to Mrs. Brezina *no later than Friday, November 6* to ensure that all the wreaths are purchased in enough time.

Thank you for your amazing support and contribution to this beautiful event.

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Brezina

**CHANGE OF ROUTINE**

Just a friendly reminder that it is necessary to fill out and send in a Change of Routine form each time you are changing your child's normal method of transportation home.

This helps the teacher, office staff, and your child know how he/she is getting home.
A NOTE FROM OUR KITCHEN CREW

On Friday, October 30, the school kitchen will be charging the childrens' lunch accounts for the milk that was purchased during the two weeks the school kitchen was closed. (September 21 - October 2).
Milk is $.40 each.

ORCHESTRA AND BAND OPPORTUNITIES

We are lucky and blessed to have Padua Franciscan High School working with us to bring Orchestra and Band lessons to Saint Columbkille School.
Please reach out to Mrs. Carrie Woodie, Program Coordinator, for more information at cwoodie@paduafhs-elem.org

WINTER SPORTS SIGN UPS – CYO

CYO Winter Sports registration ends on October 31st.

Visit https://www.stcolumbkilleschool.org/athletics to sign up.

ILLNESS AND REMOTE LEARNING

As we end of the first quarter, we are just as quickly approaching our typical cold/flu/sick season. We felt this was the perfect time to remind families about what Remote Learning is and isn't.

Remote Learning is not an alternative choice for a daily or isolated absence.

Remote Learning is possible via links to allow access to the required LIVE classes; getting the occasionally absent student this information the morning of her/his absence may not be possible, and remember, our policy has been that if a student is out sick a day, we believe the child should be resting in order to allow the body to heal and be back at school as soon as possible; previously, homework requests were honored for students out for one day, we will not offer that until a student had been absent two or more consecutive days.

As we communicated was our belief before returning for the 2020-2021 school year, we continue to be in agreement with many organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics that most elementary students are more successful and better benefit from in-person learning as it is important beyond just the academics. Remote learning is possible per a commitment from the parents and/or under certain circumstances.
As has been previously stated, the remote (distance) learning choice when in-person instruction is offered must be a quarterly basis commitment unless unforeseen circumstances occur. Please review the Online Learning Contract.

In order to increase efforts to make Remote Learning as successful as possible, it is imperative that as parents you communicate regularly and work with teachers and administration.

Your student always has access to his/her Google Classroom and can review daily assignments there.

Any and all absences, early release requests, or late arrival notifications must be called into the Main Office at 216-524-4816. **Absences must be reported to the Main Office no later than 8:00 AM.**

**FLAGS TO HONOR A LOVED ONE**

We would like to begin a new tradition at Saint Columbkille School where you have the opportunity to donate a flag and it will be flown in honor of any living or deceased member of your family who served in the Military.

The honoree will be celebrated on our school website and short video posted each Monday to Mr. Richards’ Instagram page.

If you would like to participate in this new tradition, please email Mr. Richards to coordinate a time.