



January 27, 2012

Dear Friend;

Today's Catholic schools are not simply institutions of high educational quality, but effective, grace-filled vehicles of a total Christian formation. Catholic schools offer our children a place in which parents and teachers, guided by the Holy Spirit, collaborate in giving children an education for life. Our schools are different because our students have the opportunity to integrate learning and life in an atmosphere of acceptance, trust, and respect.

These are exciting times for the Columbia Campus community. We are blessed with a diverse and talented student body that comes from over thirty countries. We invite prospective students and families to find out more about the PJPII experience by contacting our office at (617) 265-0019 ext 7101.

We hope that you will enjoy your visit to the web site, and that you will leave with a better understanding of the educational and spiritual growth opportunities that are provided for the children who attend our school

This year we will be posting more forms and information on the web site for your convenience. The monthly calendar will be posted on line only. We will continue to send home the weekly reminder each week.

## Catholic Schools Week Schedule

### Monday 01/30

- *Regular School Day* – 7:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.
- *Award Ceremony* - The students will honor each other for the First Report Card.
- *Decorate Door Contest* – The classes will be decorating the homeroom doors celebrating the theme of CSW. We will need judges on Friday to help determine the winners!!!!!!!!!!!!
- *2A Library Walk*
- *Extended Day* – 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM ~ Please make sure you pick up your child on time.

### Tuesday 01/31

- *Regular School Day* – 7:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.
- *Decorate Hat Day* – Students come to school with a HAT decorated in their favorite time of History. Students in Grades Pre K through Grade KII will decorate their hat with their favorite Book Character.
- *G.R.E.A.T. Program* – Students in Grades 5 & 6 will have Officer Buchanan today.
- *Academy Choir* – Today the students will try out for the Academy Choir.
- *Extended Day* – 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM ~ Please make sure you pick up your child on time.

### Wednesday 02/01

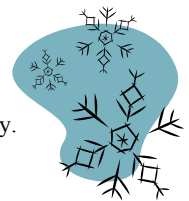
- *Regular School Day* – 7:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.
- *Progress Reports* – The reports are DUE today SIGNED.
- *Open House* – We will host an open house from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Everyone is welcome!!!!
- *K Classroom's Color Day* – Each class is honoring a color.... The students are to come dressed in that color for the day.
- *Grade 7* – Field trip for the grade to Frog Pond. The students will have a skating party!!!!
- *Extended Day* – 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM ~ Please make sure you pick up your child on time.

### Thursday 02/02

- *Regular School Day* – 7:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.
- *Grade 4A & 4B* will be attending the parish liturgy at 8:00 AM today.
- *Crazy Sock Day* – Today everyone can express their personality through their socks....It should be a colorful day.
- *Game Day* – The classrooms will turn into game rooms in the afternoon. Make sure you ask your child what did he / she play today.
- *Extended Day* – 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM ~ Please make sure you pick up your child on time.

### Friday 02/03

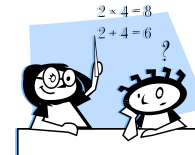
- *Regular School Day* – 7:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M.
- *Patriot's Spirit Day* – Everyone should come to school in RED, WHITE and BLUE or wear Patriot Gear for the day. Let us cheer for our team!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- *SURPRISE EVENT* – The teachers will inform the students of the special event. Make sure everyone wears sneakers!!!!!!
- *Extended Day* – 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM ~ please make sure you pick up your child on time.



# NEWS FLASH

## Calendar Reminder

- January 28<sup>th</sup> High School decisions mailed
- January 29<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools Week begins: *Faith, Academics, Service*
- February 1<sup>st</sup> Open House for perspective families @ Columbia...9:00 – 11:00 AM
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Open House for perspective families @ Lower Mills...6:00-7:30 PM
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Financial Aid Open House @ Columbia... 1:30-5:00 PM
- February 4<sup>th</sup> Financial Aid Open House @ Regional Office...9:00-2:00 PM
- February 6<sup>th</sup> Spelling Bees for grades 4-8 begin this week
  - WE NEED TO BEGIN TO PLAN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- February 8<sup>th</sup> Puppet Show for Grades Pre K through Gr. 5
- February 10<sup>th</sup> St. Scholastic's Feast DAY
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Retreat at Lower Mills
- February 13<sup>th</sup> Grade 1 Parent Corps Morning Social at 7:15 AM ~ All welcome!!
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Bake Sale!!!!!! All donations are welcome.
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Rep. Martin Walsh visiting the school.
- February 16<sup>th</sup> Columbia Campus Open House for all New Families ~ 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM!
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Presidents Bee for Grades 3 through 8.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Kicks off Vacation Week!!!
  - Ash Wednesday is during vacation week.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Kicks off READING WEEK!!!!!!
  - Many activities are being planned for the week. If you are interested in participating or have an idea please contact Mrs. Megoon; 617-265-0019 ext. 7102
    - Guest Readers in the classroom
    - PJ Day
    - Story Tellers.....Celebrating Diversity
    - Dr. Suess' B-day .....
    - WE NEED other ideas!!!!!!!



## Columbia Parent Corps Grade 2 Morning Social

We kicked the New Year off with Grade 2 having the Parent Corps Morning Social. It was a great hit!! Parents, students, and faculty enjoyed danish, muffins, juice, and our very own Bishop's Blend Coffee brewed to perfection by Mrs. Sheridan. The event will open at 7:15 AM for the Grade 1 students and family members. We had enough breakfast treats to feed both the students and the adults for the week. The response and support is fantastic and we are grateful for each of you. Grade 1's social is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15AM!!!!

## Weekly Community Liturgy

Our weekly parish liturgy series was and is a wonderful way to celebrate the different church seasons. Each class attends the parish weekly mass and many of our families join the students in prayer. This is a wonderful way to begin our day.....in prayer with our loved ones. Please look for the weekly reminder for the schedule of masses.



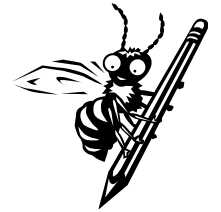
## Columbia Parent Corps First Annual State & Capital Bee

The campus was buzzing with States Facts. The students competed in the First Annual State & Capital Bee of the Columbia Campus. We had students from Grade 3 through 8 participate.

We are proud of all our students!!!! The winners of the First Annual Math Bee;

First Place	Angela Chernicki	Grade 6A
Second Place	Meirit Martinez	Grade 4A
Third Place	Mark Tran	Grade 3A

***Congratulations to our WINNERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***



## Campbell Soup Labels & General Mills Box Tops

Please save any product labels for the school. Drop off the labels or box tops to the school. Your help is greatly appreciated.



## Around the World in 180 Days!!!!

Students in our Middle School History Class are continuing to take trips around the world. They are creating journals of their experiences as they visit new and exciting places. We were thrilled to have a member of the United States Armed Forces visit to teach us about Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, we had a friend of Mr. Nesti's come speak about their trip to South Africa; it was amazing. Please call or email Mr. Nesti if you would like to present a Country. We are looking for people who would love to share their traveling experiences or the history of their culture. Please check the web site for pictures and stories of their adventures.

## Honor Assembly!!!



The students that received First & Second Honors were honored on Monday of Catholic Schools Week. Each child was awarded a certificate of excellence for a wonderful first term.

We are at the half way point for the second term and expect even more Honor Students. Congratulations to are students!!!



## Columbia Parent Corps Meeting

We set the calendar with enrichment for our students. The students have enjoyed the Academy Bee's and the Socials. The events were great new additions to our Campus. In addition, Mr. Wilson is looking for two representatives from our Campus to meet at the Academy Corps Regional Meetings. Please send me your name if you are interested. Look for the meeting times & dates in the Weekly Reminders.

*We, at Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy, hope you & your family have a wonderful month filled with Christ's love and joy.*

Regards,  
Claire F. Barton Sheridan  
Principal

**"Always let your light shine"  
Grade 8**

