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What is the morning procedure?

We have two bells in the morning. The first bell rings at 7:50 and serves as a five-minute warning. The second bell at 7:55 signals the start of the school day. We begin each day in the hall to have morning prayer/assembly with the rest of the St. Columbkille community. When the 7:55 bell rings, your child should be in the hall, in line with classmates, and ready to participate in morning prayer. Anyone arriving after this bell will be marked tardy. Waiting outside or by the classroom will lead to your child being marked tardy; they must be **IN THE HALL** when the second bell rings in order to be marked on time. We understand there may be some confusion as the Transitional Kinder parents wait outside the classroom next door with their children; however, TK does not join the rest of the school for morning prayer and thus are an exception to the rule. Thanks for your help and cooperation!

Can students wear sweaters other than those with the school logo?

No. Children must wear the sweaters that have been designated as part of the school uniform. This means children have two options: 1) On Tuesdays for P.E. the school hooded sweatshirt with the logo on it, or 2) On all other days of the week, the cardigan with the school logo on it. If a student wears any other sweater that is out of uniform, he/she will be asked to take it off. Students will be given a dress code infraction notice to be signed by parents and returned the following day. On rainy days children may arrive to school with raincoats, which will be taken off and hung to dry as soon as we enter the classroom.

What should I do if my child does not like the school lunch?

Pre-purchased monthly lunch calendars are provided so that you can look ahead at the lunch that will be given every day. If your child does not like a particular day's lunch you can send a home-made packed lunch (such as a sandwich or Lunchables) for him/her. Be aware that students do not have access to any heating devices, so lunches such as Cup O'Noodles are not acceptable. Please fill out one of the notes (provided within the behavior folders) on the day your child will have home lunch to ensure school lunch is not ordered for them that day.

Does Kindergarten have a Graduation?

Yes! We do have a Graduation/Culmination Ceremony followed by a small reception for the Kinder Graduates and their families. Please check your family calendar for details.

What happens if my child has one of his/her folders?

If your child loses his/her Behavior folder, or St. Columbkille folder, he/she will be provided with another one by the teacher. Simply send me a note or just let me know if you are unable to find a particular folder. Folders will be replaced 3 times during the school year. Please encourage your child to be responsible with his/her belongings as well as avoid placing stickers on the folder covers.

My child lost his/her sweater. What can I do?

The school keeps a Lost and Found box outside of the office. You are welcomed to come and check to see if your child's sweater has been turned in. It was asked that first initial and last name be embroidered onto the front chest area of the sweater to eliminate any confusion as to who the sweater belongs to, and your child's sweater can be identified much more easily if it is lost. If your child accidentally takes home a sweater that does not belong to him/her, please make sure to return it as soon as possible. Thank you.

Tell me about P.E.?

Physical Education classes are taught by Mr. B. and held every Tuesday afternoon. On Tuesdays students should come to school dressed in their P.E. uniform (royal blue t-shirt and shorts or sweatpants). Hooded sweaters may be worn on these days. P.E. uniforms and sweaters may be purchased in the school office. On these days the students may wear tennis shoes in colors other than black. Please send your child in their P.E. clothes as we do not have extras for them to change into in the classroom.