

St. Columbkille Families,

Hello! Some of you may remember when we organized a yearly sock drive for the homeless called **Socktober**. Well...we are bringing it back for the month of October!

### **WHAT IS SOCKTOBER?**

"Each night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets. This October, we want 2 million people to show that even a small act of love, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless" (Montague, 2021). In October 2011, Brad Montague, the creator of Socktober, realized there was a large population of homeless people in his hometown. He wanted to do something about it, so he researched the needs of the homeless. Montague soon learned that socks are the items **least donated to homeless shelters**. So...Socktober was born. Ten years later, the effort is still going strong!

### **HOW CAN I HELP?**

This year, the 6th grade students helped organize the **Socktober** sock drive for our school. The 6th graders are reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio in Mrs. Yarpe's Literature class, and this effort is a great way to put the themes of kindness and generosity into action. **Starting October 1st, we challenge every student at St. Columbkille to donate at least one pair of socks to be given to a local shelter or charity.** Each homeroom will set their own goal for Socktober. If every homeroom meets their goal by the end of the month, the students will be invited to participate in a **SOCK HOP for the WHOLE SCHOOL!**

### **WHAT TYPES OF SOCKS SHOULD I DONATE?**

Socks donated should be NEW. Adult and youth sizes are accepted! Dark-colored socks are preferred.

We are excited to celebrate Socktober 2021 with your students and can't wait to get started on October 1st!