

**Saint Ignatius Loyola weekly**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is so hard to believe that Christmas is a week away and that there are only a few days left in 2009. At this time of year, there may be some mixed feelings. Some people look back with fond memories, yet others think to themselves that they will be glad to ring out the old and ring in the new.

As much as it is a time to reflect on what we may want to do differently in the New Year, it is also a time to take stock of the good you may have done to help make someone's day a little brighter. As a member of the Saint Ignatius Loyola School community and the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, I have the opportunity every day to witness the many ways the members of this community support each other, truly defining the word community. So as you reflect on the year gone by, feel good about the smile you may have forced one rainy, cold morning. For all you know, you probably changed the course of someone else's day.

On behalf of Father Witt, Ms. Savarese, the Faculty and Staff, I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2010.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin  
Principal

Attached to the weekly is the following:

CulinArt Lunch Menu January 2010 – Grade K-8

**\*Important to Note:**

- **A Reminder**

There have been a high number of phone calls of late to the Main Office regarding information that is already listed in the Weekly and on the School Calendar. I ask that you review the Weekly prior to inundating the office with calls.

- **Pageant Updates/Reminders**

As the anticipation builds with the excitement of the Christmas Pageant tomorrow evening, it is important to review previous Weeklies that detailed the children's costume requirements by grade level and the time the children are due back to school.

The Church doors will open at 5:45 p.m. As a reminder, the Church is a sacred place, so I will ask that you refrain from bringing coffee, juice, etc. into the church during the Pageant.

- **Christmas Pageant DVDs:** The Pageant will be videotaped and the DVD copies will be available for purchase for \$40. If you are interested in purchasing a DVD, kindly fill out the order form on the last page of the weekly.
- Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Pageant** at 6:00 p.m. in Church.
- Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> **Advent Prayer Service** Grades K-4.

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- **Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Recess begins at 3:00 p.m. dismissal. There is NO after school care.**
- Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Recess No School.**
- Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Day.**
- Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> **Christmas Recess No School.**
- Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> **New Year's Day.**
- Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> - **School Resumes.**
- Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – **Liturgy** at 1:30 p.m. Grades K-8. All are welcome to attend.
- Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – **Last day to submit Regular Kindergarten Applications.**
- Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – **Special Events Committee Meeting – Spring Chair Persons** at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- **Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal.**

**\*New from the Music Department:**

- **Cast of Sound of Music**

Dear parents,

If your child auditioned for the Sound of Music, but you did not personally attend the mandatory parent meetings last week, we will assume your child will not be accepting his/her role in the musical. Roles will be recast on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 due date!

- **Christmas Pageant Reminders**

**Eighth graders** are to meet in the music room at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**All Kindergarten through seventh grade children** are to be dropped off, to McKinnon Hall, in their costume, by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

All **first and second graders** should report to their classroom.

All **third graders** should report to their classroom.

**Orchestra** members should report to the music room.

**Choir and Nations** should report to McKinnon Hall.

The doors to the church will open at 5:45 p.m.

On Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> there is rehearsal for all eighth graders and the pageant choir from 3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. On Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> there is rehearsal for all parade of nations participants and eighth grade nation leaders from 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

- **Christmas Pageant Costume Information**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade ANGELS**

All white clothing-ropes and dresses are preferable

**Optional Halo**-We will only allow children to wear a halo that sits directly on the child's head. A halo that sits on wire above the head will be removed as it blocks other children standing behind.

**Optional Wings**-We will only accept small, soft wings. Large, stiff wings will be removed as they take up room on the altar.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade SHEPHERDS**

Colorful robes-any color will do, but blue and brown are preferable

Shepherds head-dress- you can make this easily with a hand towel and elastic.

NOTE: We will not permit the shepherds to carry a staff.

FORWARD

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade People of Bethlehem**

Solid black, brown, or gray pants, no sweats or jeans  
Solid red, green, blue, brown, white, gray or black long sleeved shirts  
Black school shoe

**Intermediate and Advanced Orchestra**

Solid Black dress pants, ankle length skirts or dresses  
Solid Black or white dress shirt  
Black socks or tights  
Black school shoes No sneakers  
Optional black tie or bowtie for the boys

**Choir**

Solid Black dress pants or ankle length skirts  
Solid Red long sleeve shirt, blouse, turtleneck, or long sleeve tee  
Black school shoes No sneakers

**Parade of Nations**

Costumes of heritage

**\*Parent Information:**

• **Save the Date**

Get ready for the **First Annual S.I.L.S. Science Family Night and Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest**. The event will take place in McKinnon Hall on Friday night, January 29, 2010, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Students in Grades 3 - 8 are eligible to compete in two divisions: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. First, Second and Third place prizes will be awarded in each division. Students may work in teams of two or they may work alone!

• **Innisbrook Wraps**

The remaining orders have now arrived; please pick up yours as soon as possible! If you have any questions, please call the Development Office.

• **Christmas Fair – Last Chance!**

The last day to ‘shop the stage’ will be tomorrow, Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. There are still lovely items, so if you have a last minute gift to buy, remember Saint Ignatius Loyola School. We also have a number of school logo items for purchase – the adult fleeces are in, and there are just a few school ornaments left, so stop by and get your official Saint Ignatius wear tomorrow!

• **Teacher/Staff Collection**

The gifts are coming in – thank you! So that we may give these before the break, kindly send in your gifts by Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

• **Donation News**

Thank you to all who have already sent in their donations to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund. Thank you too to chairs Josephine and Jeff Goetz for personally signing more than 500 letters to kick off this year’s Fund. As noted in the letter, donations to the Fund can be made throughout the school year, but if you want a tax deduction for 2009, please send in your gift by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Starting in January, we will periodically post each grade’s level of giving, and there will be a phone-a-thon as well.

Annual statements for pledges to the Capital Campaign will be going out in January, but if you want to make your gift count for this tax year, please send in your pledge and/or gift by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A donor list will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

- Former staff member will have roommate space available beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. If you know of someone who will be looking for a space, please contact her at christinegrenier\_1@hotmail.com

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**Christmas Pageant 2009 DVD Order Form**

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of DVDs requested: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 per copy = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature

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Date

