

Saint Ignatius Loyola Weekly
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you had much a deserved rest over the Thanksgiving week-end. As we settle into the season of Christmas with the hustle and bustle of shopping and parties, it is important to keep ever present "the reason for the season." Over the course of the next four weeks, the school is preparing the children for Christmas when we come together for our weekly Advent prayer services.

On Tuesday, December 8th, for The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the school will join together as a faith community at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The school doors will open at 8:10 a.m. in order for the children to be seated in church by 8:25 a.m. If you are running late on Tuesday morning, please bring your child directly to the church. A teacher will be stationed in the back of the church to sit with any latecomers. Students in the Kindergarten to the Eighth Grade are to be in full uniform. All parents are welcome to join us at Mass.

I am looking forward to spending time with you over our many Christmas celebrations this weekend.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 2
The Parent Safety Patrol Calendar for January 2010 Grade 4
Bracelets for Brunch with Santa – Reservations only

Please review these materials and promptly return those that need to be returned.

***Important to Note:**

- **Christmas Pageant** – The costumes for the annual Christmas Pageant are in need of garment bags. There are the same costumes used each year so it is necessary to protect them. If you have any suit size zippered bags that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office marked for Christmas Pageant. Thank you for your support.
- Friday, December 4th – **Last day for Kindergarten Early Admission Applications.**
- **Friday, December 4th – Faculty Meeting Early dismissal at 12:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday, December 8th – **Feast of Immaculate Conception - School is in session.** Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. from Grades K-8. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, December 9th - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.
- Friday, December 11th - **Last day for Kindergarten Early Admissions Testing.**
- Tuesday, December 15th - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- Wednesday, December 16th - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.

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***Sixth Grade Information:**

- A special thanks to the 6th graders who generously collected \$1,000 to feed the hungry at the Bowery Mission. The children gave their allowances, movie money, candy, and lemonade stand money to this very worthy cause. May God bless you, dear children, for your wonderful kindness to the needy.

***Seventh and Eighth Grade Information**

- On Tuesday, December 8, 2009 there will be a meeting for those 7th and 8th grade students interested in joining the Thurgood Marshall Junior Mock Trial Competition team. The meeting will take place immediately following dismissal and will be held in the cafeteria. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend! Please plan for a half hour information session.

***Parent Information:**

- Thursday, December 3rd - **Christmas Fair Set-up in McKinnon Hall.**
- Friday, December 4th – **Christmas Fair Set-up in McKinnon Hall and Cafeteria.**
- Saturday, December 5th **Christmas Fair Parents Only Cocktail Party** from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Sunday, December 6th - **Special Event Christmas Fair** from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
Brunch with Santa - 3 seatings – Reservations only.
- **Teacher/Staff Christmas Gift**
Over the Thanksgiving week-end, you should have received information about this very special annual opportunity. Replies are already coming in and the response looks terrific for our group gift. Please send your contribution in by Thursday, December 17th. Thank you for your participation! Any questions, please call your class parent.
- **Innisbrook Wrap Update**
Thank you for your patience while Innisbrook takes care of this snafu. We have received word that the missing orders have shipped out; as soon as we have a confirmation on a delivery day, we will let you know.
- **Christmas Brunch**
We still have seating available at the 1:00 p.m. time slot. Because this is a catered event, we must have reservations only – no one will be admitted at the door. So, if you have not yet done so, please send in your reservations by THIS THURSDAY. Bracelets went home today with the Weekly, so if you have questions, please call the Development Office.
- **Christmas Fair**
Thank you to the many wonderful chairs and volunteers who have spent countless hours shopping, tagging, inventorying, and getting everything ready for this week-end of fun. Below is a chart of those who volunteered to help – if you have questions regarding your assignment, please call the chair responsible for that specific area. SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!
- **Thank You**
This year's Fair will feature beautiful handcrafted trees and chocolate treats aplenty, thanks to all the parents who took time out to attend our annual Craft Night. Our thanks to all the moms who shared their time and talents, not to mention laughter and great conversation! We also want to thank Nancy McGloin and Evelyn Rossi for the tasty treats that were enjoyed by all, and Chair Jackie Altruda for planning a great evening.
- **Parish Information**
On December 9 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Sister Kathryn King is giving an hour of quiet prayer in The Lady Chapel all are welcome to attend.
- **Christmas Tree Sale**
Thank you to all who responded to our inquiry regarding the offering of fresh Christmas trees. Unfortunately we did not receive enough of a response to pursue this further, so we will not be hosting a tree sale this year.

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