

**Saint Ignatius Loyola weekly
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to thank the scores of you who gave so much of your time to transform McKinnon Hall this past weekend.

As we all know, Christmas is not about the lights, the tree, the packages with all their ribbons and bows. It is about doing for others. This year a new tradition was started at the Christmas Fair. The Girl Scouts asked if they could sell handmade "coffee warmers" that they created out of old jeans. The idea was a hit and the money raised was donated to the school to be put toward scholarship.

A part of the mission of Saint Ignatius Loyola School is our community service. It is something we all take pride in. Watching the girls so excited to set up early Sunday morning and be a part of the Fair, was a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Yearbook Collection Guidelines – Grade 8
Health Records Notice – Grades K-8
Chase Community Giving Program Flyer – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

• **Calendar Clarification**

It seems there has been some confusion this past week regarding the school calendar and the times listed on the calendar regarding Christmas Pageant practice. The school calendar is **correct** with respect to pageant practice. Practices are held throughout the week, although some children are not expected at all the practices and not expected for the duration of time listed on the calendar.

Your child will be directed by either Ms. Danyi or Ms. Schenck as to when they are expected to be at practice, what time their practice is scheduled for and on which day of the week. Again, the school calendar is correct.

- Friday, December 11th - **Last day for Kindergarten Early Admissions Testing.**
- Tuesday, December 15^h - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- Wednesday, December 16th - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.
- Thursday, December 17th **Christmas Pageant** at 6:00 p.m. in Church.
- Tuesday, December 22nd **Advent Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- Tuesday, December 22nd **Christmas Recess begins at 3:00 p.m. dismissal. There is NO after school care.**

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- Wednesday December 23rd through Friday, December 25th **Christmas Recess No School.**
- Friday, December 25th **Christmas Day.**
- Monday, December 28th through Friday, January 1st **Christmas Recess No School.**
- Friday, January 1st **New Year's Day.**
- Monday, January 4th - **School Resumes.**

***News from the Music Room:**

- **Christmas Pageant Reminders**

Day of Pageant

- *Eighth graders are to meet in the music room at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17th.
- *All Kindergarten through seventh grade children are to be dropped off, to McKinnon Hall, in their costumes, by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 17th.
- *All first and second graders should report to their classrooms.
- *All third graders should report to their classrooms.
- *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. for guests.

Rehearsal Information

- *On Thursday, December 10th there is rehearsal for all eighth graders and the pageant choir from 3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- *On Friday, December 11th 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

1st and 2nd 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.

1st and 2nd Grade SHEPHERDS

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

Shepherd's headdress- you can make this easily with a hand towel and elastic.

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

3rd 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:**

- **IMPORTANT!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY!!!**

We have finally received confirmation that our request to be listed as one of Chase Bank's charities of choice for their Chase Community Giving program has been approved!!

In partnership with Facebook, Chase has launched a charity initiative that could mean money for Saint Ignatius Loyola School. It is up to all of us to try and make that happen. You do not need to be a client of Chase but you DO NEED TO BE ON FACEBOOK.... here's how to vote:

⇒Go to www.Chase.com

⇒Scroll down to the box with the blue handprint that features Chase Community Giving.

⇒Click on "Vote Now on Facebook" - this will take you to the window asking for the name of the charity. We are listed as **St Ignatius Loyola Parochial School**. There are several St Ignatius charities so make sure you check the address—48 East 84th Street—so we get your vote.

The deadline is Friday, December 11th to send in your vote!

Please let all your family and friends know about this too! Thank you!

- **Teacher/Staff Christmas Gift**

The response so far has been wonderful. Please participate by sending in your contribution by next Thursday, December 17th. Thank you to all who have contributed! Any questions, please call a committee person: Lucille Adamec, Nancy Amigron, Myriam Bernardino, Joanne Bonner and Patricia Ptucha.

- **Innisbrook Update**

Innisbrook has assured us that the remaining orders have been shipped. As soon as we have information on their arrival, we will let you know. Thank you for your patience.

- **Still Time To Shop**

As they say on TV, "for your shopping pleasure," we have moved the Christmas Fair items to the stage so that you can still shop for those last minute gifts. The stage will be open for families to shop on Thursday and Friday of this week, and Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at the following times: 8:10 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the Development Office.

- **Did you attend the Christmas Cocktail Party?**

At this past Saturday's parent/guardian Christmas Cocktail Party, a coat switch occurred. We are in possession of a man's coat with an iPod in the pocket; another of our parents is missing his coat (his business card is in the pocket). Since everyone was dressed up, we believe that whoever mistook this coat may have just put it back in his own closet after the event. Would you please check and see if you are missing your coat and have another by mistake? Mr. Jim Daly has the remaining coat; if you realize you do not have your coat, please contact him so that an exchange can occur. Many thanks!

- **Tis' The Season To Say Thank You...**

It was an amazing week-end, as were all the days that led up to our Christmas events; nearly 200 parent volunteers lent a hand decorating, ticketing, counting, pricing, serving, shopping, before sharing a yuletide toast or brunch together. We are deeply grateful to all who shared their time and talents with us to make these events successful, and especially thank the following chairs for their enthusiasm and support: Michael and Sheila Vestergom for creating our beautiful atmosphere; Jean Gallagher and Nancy McGloin for making Brunch with Santa a delight; Nuala Gioia for providing us with a delectable feast at the cocktail party and Christine Hannifin for her follow-up and encouragement to involve prospective attendees; Joy Auletti and Patty Ptucha for their care in providing a wonderful shopping place for the children; Terri Daly and Michele Balkovic for an incredible gourmet basket section; Lora Stubin-Amelio for making children's crafts a fun addition to the day; Karen Anderson for heading up the jewelry and personalized ornament tables; Eileen Leigh for the incredible wreath offerings; Joelle Kelly for expanding the logo offerings; Terri Blackman for chairing the religious table; and Susan Kwok and Pattie Jordan for presenting a great Granny's Attic. Last and very far from least, we wish to thank our overall co-chairs, Malina Mannarino and Evelyn Rossi, for the countless hours they dedicated to ensure the success of this Christmas week-end...we are most grateful!

- **Community Raffle News**

Thank you to all who purchased raffle/dress down passes. We are excited to share with you that we had FIVE winners!!! Congratulations to the Reilly, O'Neill, Kelly, Koutsos and Burgess families.

- **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.

- **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: 3rd – 5th Grade and 6th – 8th 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! Please see Ms. Doubleday for contest rules and entry fee. Hope to see you all there!

***Please update your telephone directory with the following:**

- Liam Brady Class 7-1 and Evan Brady Class 4-1 phone # 347-306-8817.

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