

**SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY**  
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February 24, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a much deserved rest. The children were so excited to see each other again. With the days getting longer, the hope of spring is right around the corner as is Easter and the school's preparation for it.

This week we began our Lenten journey with our Lenten Prayer Services, led by Ms. Cunneen for Grades K- 4, and Mr. Cortegiano for Grades 5-8. As you prepare your children for Lent, now is a good time to remind them that Lent is not just a time for giving up that favorite television show or video game; it is also a time to do something for someone else, to try and be a little kinder to a sibling, to avoid excluding a friend from a game or to volunteer to help with a chore at home.

I am very proud to share with you the final total of money that your children collected for the people of Haiti. Yesterday I was able to send off a check of close to four thousand dollars to the Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, who have long been a part of the Haitian community. We are most grateful to the children and to you for this wonderful outpouring of support.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 4  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Yearbook Directory – Grade 8  
Yearbook Donation Memo/Tear off Sheet - Grades K-8  
CulinArt Lunch Menu March 2010

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

**\*Important to Note:**

- As in school protocol morning drop off and afternoon pickup are not the place to engage in conversation regarding your child, the curriculum or any other school related issue or concern.

As a reminder, as we settle back into the routine of school, accompanied by some rain and a threat of more snow, “UGGS” are not a part of the school uniform. I appreciate that it is cold and some mornings you hurriedly leave the house and shoes are forgotten, but please remember to send your child with shoes he/she can change into.

- **Christmas Pageant DVDs:** The DVDs are available for pickup. Please stop by the office.
- Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.
- Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – **Faculty Meeting – Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.**

**OVER**

- Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.

**\* Kindergarten Information:**

- Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – **100<sup>th</sup> Day Kindergarten Celebration** at 9:00 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.

**\*Second Grade Information:**

- Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – **First Holy Communion Parent Make-up Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – **First Holy Communion Family Night of Prayer** from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - **First Holy Communion Family Night of Prayer** from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

**\*Eighth Grade Information:**

- Copies of letters of acceptance, wait list and not accepted were due to the eighth grade homeroom teachers. Additionally, if your child has been offered a merit scholarship, a copy of the letter(s) must be submitted to Mrs. Rodriguez. If we do not receive a copy of the scholarship letter that you received from the school, your child's name will not be mentioned at graduation.

**\*Parent Information:**

- **Admin/ Parent Coffee Meeting**  
Due to a scheduling conflict, the Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Admin/Parent Coffee Meeting has been CANCELLED.
- **Class Parents**  
In anticipation of the auction and class projects the grade level teachers must approve the time and date for visiting the classroom. As a recommendation optimal teaching time is in the morning so we ask when planning to work on your projects you keep this in mind.
- Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – **Class Parent Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- **Attention parents of violin students:**  
Beginning Orchestra and Advanced Orchestra are CANCELLED today, Thursday and Friday. They will resume next week.
- **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
School will be open on May 28<sup>th</sup> to make up for the snow day on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will be at 12:00 p.m. I appreciate and understand that for some families child care may be a concern, however May 28<sup>th</sup> was originally scheduled as a school holiday.
- **Girls Basketball News**  
Congratulations to our Saint Ignatius Loyola Girls' Basketball Team, whose win on Monday evening advanced them to the championship game! The Team will be playing for the first time in the C.Y.O. Manhattan Championship Game this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The game will be played at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Bronx. Please come out to support the team. We would love to see you there. Go Lions!

The address for Our Lady of Mount Carmel is: 2465 Bathgate Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458

FORWARD

- **Celtic Celebration**

Now that the break is over, it is time to get ready for our annual Celtic Celebration, taking place next Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The menu will include all the epicurean delights found at a traditional St. Patrick's meal, along with some kid favorites too! Reservations are limited, so be sure to send in yours as soon as you can. So that we may plan the food accordingly, please send in your reservation form by Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't forget to take a chance on our wonderful raffle – you could win a \$600 voucher to travel to the Emerald Isle or anywhere else you may choose to wander!

- **Auction Updates**

The online auction will begin in just 4 weeks! Thank you to those who have already sent in their auction gifts; we are excited to share with you some goodies already in-house: Hotel stay in London; tour of Yankee Stadium; voucher for theatre tickets; golf foursome; gift cards to Bliss; Tory Burch Handbag and party.

When wondering how you can support this fundraiser, think about asking your favorite restaurant, dry cleaners, kid's place or sports venue for a donation. Our donation form can be found online, and there are extra forms at the office window.

This Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to ***“Solicit our Neighbors”*** with fellow Saint Ignatius parents. Volunteers will be given street assignments and be sent out to solicit items for our upcoming auction from our local business neighbors. The fun will begin at 12:30 p.m. and finish around 2:30 p.m. so that the volunteers can return in time for dismissal. If you are interested in participating, please call Siobhan O'Driscoll at 646-596-7744 to lend a hand.

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PARENTAL REQUEST FOR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION  
IN A SCHOOL SPONSORED FIELD TRIP

February 24, 2010

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child \_\_\_\_\_ of Class 4-1, 4-2 to attend the field trip to the 1945 49<sup>th</sup> Street “Astoria Lanes”, NY which will be held on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Transportation to and from the above destination will be by bus. I understand that my child will leave the school at 9:15 a.m. and return at approximately 2:15 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$16.

I understand that the school authorities will take reasonable precautions against accident, personal injury and loss of, or damage to, property while going to, from and at the site of the trip, but they or the Archdiocese of New York are not assuming any legal liability for any such occurrence except any liability based on their failure to take such reasonable precautions.

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Parent Signature

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Home Address

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Telephone