

honored as a guaranteed reservation for next year only if the current tuition payment is up to date.

Any parent/guardian who wishes to pay with a credit card may do so by speaking to our Office Manager, Mr. Gus Racanelli, who will facilitate this process for you. Due to the banking fees that we incur for using this form of payment, only charges of \$1,650 will be honored.

Father Witt and I hold the educational tradition of Saint Ignatius Loyola School in highest esteem. We are proud of the long list of academic and athletic success. As always, I am available for any questions you may have. May God bless you for your commitment to your children's education at Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

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Please tear off and return by Friday March 5, 2010.

Saint Ignatius Loyola School 2010 – 2011 Registration Reservation Form

My child/ren **will be returning** to Saint Ignatius Loyola School for the 2010-2011 School Year and I will submit the \$1,650 **per child** Building Fund Fee by Friday, March 5th to hold my child/ren's seat.

My child/ren will **not be returning** to Saint Ignatius Loyola School. He/she will be attending

_____.

Name of school to submit transcripts
(**Only if tuition is current will transcripts be forwarded.**)

Name of Student/s _____ Class _____
_____ Class _____
_____ Class _____

Attached to the weekly are the following:

First Holy Communion Letter and Data Sheet – Grade 2 (3 Sheets)
Permission Slip – Grade 3

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

***Important to Note:**

- **I appreciate and understand it is cold outside. I ask that you do not sit in the vestibule upon arrival in the morning and at dismissal.**
- February 4th – **Winter Wonderland Concert** in McKinnon Hall from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Week of February 8th – **Regular Kindergarten Admissions Notification** being mailed.
- Thursday, February 11th – **Admissions Testing Grades 1 -7** from 12:30-3:00 p.m. - **Early Dismissal 12:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, February 12th – Professional Day No School.**
- **Monday, February 15th through Friday, February 19th - President's Week No School.**
- **Monday, February 22nd – School resumes.**
- Tuesday, February 23rd – **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- Wednesday, February 24th **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.

*** Kindergarten Information:**

- Thursday, February 4th –**Report Card Conferences** from 3:15-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 11th – **Report Card Conferences** from 12:30-3:00 p.m.

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***Second Grade Information:**

- Saturday, February 6th – **Reconciliation** at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. Children should wear their Sunday best.
- Monday, February 22nd – **First Holy Communion Parent Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- Thursday, February 25th – **First Holy Communion Parent Make-up Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- Copies of the letters that you received from your child's high school must be submitted to your child's teacher by Tuesday, February 9th. As I have noted on several occasions, the high schools do not notify the school to let us know if your child was accepted, wait listed, not accepted or received a scholarship.

A form was sent home earlier this week so that you could complete your yearbook sentiment for your child. If you have any questions regarding your ad, please contact Mrs. Brinster or Mrs. Amigron. Those ads are due this week.

***News from the Computer Room:**

Scholastic Click for February is due to the office Wednesday, February 10th. If you are interested, forms can be found in the lobby. Please label your envelopes, Scholastic Click.

***Parent Information:**

- Friday, February 5th – **Ladies Night Out in McKinnon Hall** from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, February 25th – **Administration/Parent Coffee Meeting** from 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.
 - **Attire for Gym on Dress Day**
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At Friday's Class Parent Meeting the question was posed about what to wear when gym class is scheduled on a school wide dress down day. If your child/ren have gym class on the aforementioned day, they are to wear sweat pants to gym class, preferably Saint Ignatius Loyola School sweat pants. If you do not have Saint Ignatius sweat pants, any other sweat pants are acceptable, as long as there is NO writing on the seat of the pants.

The question was asked if leggings were acceptable to be worn in place of sweat pants. Leggings and a long shirt are not acceptable attire to be worn to school on a dress down day.

If your child chooses to wear dress down on another day that is not a school scheduled dress down day, but it is your child's gym day, again he/she should wear sweat pants. My suggestion is that, unless it is a school scheduled dress down day on the day your child has gym, they should not come in dress down in order to avoid any confusion.

- **Variety Club Reminder**

To all who are participating in this session of Variety Clubs as a reminder, there are NO REFUNDS and NO CLUB TRANSFERS. The deadline was 9:00 a.m. Friday, January 22, 2010.

- **Saint Ignatius Loyola School Quilt**

As you wandered the halls of The School this morning, you may have noticed a picturesque quilt hanging on the fifth floor. I would like to thank Ms. Donoghue and the following students for their fine work: Adrianna Oropello, Alison Palmer, Caitlin Bonner, Christina Berardino, Claudio Torres, Drake Martin, Dylan Rogers, Emma Bautista, Gabriela Calero, Isabel Frohnhof, Jacqueline Pierse, Michael Nelson, Michael Yango, Michaela Fahey and Mikaela O'Sullivan. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done!

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- **From the Physical Education Department**

The deadline for the Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart collection is this week. Kindly return the envelopes with your check or cash as soon as possible. Checks should be made out to The American Heart Association. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gordon.

- **Sunday's Tour**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who gave your time on Sunday to show the school to our parishioners. Spending time in collegial conversation with you in McKinnon Hall (while waiting patiently for a guest or two to arrive), was a nice way for us to start Catholic Schools Week.

As families exited they could not say enough about our parents and our student government representatives. I would like to extend an additional thank you to Terri Daly for organizing our parent volunteers.

- **Ladies Night Out**

This Friday evening, moms, aunts, sisters, best friends, and co-workers will be joining one another at our Ladies Night Out – 6:30-9:30 p.m. So that we may appropriately plan for our guests, all reservations must be in by this Thursday (tomorrow); regretfully we will not be able to accept guests at the door. There will be a ticket check-in when you arrive, which includes a wine tasting, a libations ticket, hors d'ouvres and a light supper, followed by the chocolate fountain! Guests will be treated to our incredible sample sale and Judy the Jewelry Lady will be here too. To cap the evening, each guest will leave with a wonderful swag bag, so if you have not yet sent in your reservation, please do!

- **Auction Update**

Thank you to those parents who have already contacted us regarding possible donations for our upcoming Auction. We have had a few questions about the kinds of items we are looking for, so here are a few suggestions:

SOLICITATION SUGGESTIONS:

In order to make the evening a success we count on our parent body's creative thinking and giving attitude! We ask that each family try to donate at least one item in support of this important fundraiser that benefits all our children. Parents often ask what donations bring in the most money. Below is a "wish list" of items:

Sports: Tickets (football, baseball, hockey, basketball, tennis), autographed memorabilia, round of golf etc.

Entertainment: Catered dinner parties, birthday parties, theater tickets, opera tickets, ballet tickets, movie screenings, magazine subscriptions, etc.

Vacations/Week-ends in Private Country Homes or Favorite Inns: A stay at a resort, hotel, or guest house. Do you know someone with a beach or vacation house who could offer it for a wonderful week or week-end away? Frequent flyer miles to combine with hotels, airline tickets, train journeys – all are great!

Children's Birthday Parties: Do you know clowns, magicians, or storytellers who might offer to entertain at a party or a place where it is fun to have a party at?

Spa outings: Gift certificate for a manicure/pedicure, massage, facial, makeover, etc.

High quality jewelry, handbags, leathersgoods, crafts, furniture: These are NEW items that are ready to sell.

An adventure that would be difficult to come by on one's own: Meeting a celebrity or political figure, attending a special opening, having an evening catered with entertainment, being an extra in a movie or talk show, visiting Sesame Street, Great Adventure, or the David Letterman Show, front row seats at the Thanksgiving Day Parade, etc.

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Photography / Paintings / Sculptures: Artwork and photography sessions are always popular.

Think of your connections business and personal: Some of the most successful items are gifts you can't buy.

Are you a chef or do you have a friend or family member who caters events? Then what about offering to prepare a fancy candlelight dinner for four? Do you know an author who would be willing to attend a book club?

Over the next few weeks, the Acquisitions Committee will be following up with all those donors who have been so generous in the past, so if you have a personal relationship with a business that you plan on soliciting, please let Siobhan O'Driscoll know so we do not duplicate requests.

David Oing Golf Tournament 2010 – Save-The-Date

This year's Tournament is taking place on Tuesday, May 11th (please note this is a change of date from the calendar). Anyone who is interested in helping out with this year's golf tournament is invited to a committee planning session on Wednesday, February 10th, 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. All newcomers most welcome!

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**Saint Ignatius Loyola School
48 East 84th Street
New York, NY 10028**

February 3, 2010

To: Families of First Holy Communion Children

Re: First Holy Communion

As you are aware, the First Holy Communion Liturgical celebration is scheduled for May 1st at 10:00 a.m. As the primary educators of your child's spiritual development, it is essential for you to continue to work with your child in helping him/her understand the significance of this special day and the spiritual blessings that will be with your child for the rest of his/her life. Your role modeling, your inquiries about your child's religious studies and your own family celebrations of daily prayer and weekly service are all necessary spiritual food for your child's growth and development of faith.

The following are a few practical points to highlight:

- Please fill out the Communion Data Sheet. This information is necessary to make sure our files are accurate. Return this form to the office by February 23rd.
- What to wear? This question sometimes takes a life of its own and becomes more of a focus than the day's event. Please keep in mind what is customary for your family's tradition, what is cost effective and what is comfortable for your child. These points will enable you and your family to focus on the essence of the day...receiving Jesus for the very first time. Some guidelines:

For Boys – A jacket, dress slacks, white shirt, white tie and dress shoes are basic components. If you wish to purchase a suit, that is your choice. There is no color scheme requirement. As an administrator of a Catholic School, I have seen a variety of attire from blue suits, white suits, navy blazer/white slacks to navy blazer and khaki slacks. Just remember to keep “practical and comfortable” in mind. The office will order “**white boutonnières**” for the boys' lapel and **white traditional ties**.

For Girls- A white dress is traditional and appropriate of any length below the knee but not floor length. White anklets or knee socks with white low heel shoes are wonderful accents...just remember “comfortable”. The office will order “**flower wreaths**” as a headpiece for all of the girls. **Please fill out the tear off form and return it by February 23rd.**

- The children are not to carry any items with them to Mass on that day (gloves, prayer books, flowers etc.).

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- If you wish to purchase Communion Remembrance items, arm sashes, veils, pocket books etc., they are available at Saint Paul's Book and Media Center 150 East 52nd Street between Lexington and Third 212-754-1110 or order online from Chiarelli's Religious Goods, Inc. www.Chiarellis.com. The school will not purchase any of these items directly.

- Your attendance at the Prayer Services and Practice in the coming months is required. Please mark your calendars now. Communion Meetings are: February 22nd, February 25th, March 1st, March 8th and April 29th.
- The Liturgy will be approximately one hour in length. If you are planning a celebration afterwards, please leave another 45 minutes leeway just to be on the safe side.
- Life Tough Photographers will be available for portrait pictures beginning at 8:00 a.m. More details to follow.

Father George Witt, Ms. Joanne Cunneen, the faculty and administration look forward to the next few months of assisting you with this most important area of our partnership: teaching and guiding your children in their spiritual life. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of any service to you regarding your child's program.

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Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FLOWER WREATH HEADPIECE ORDER FORM

Child's name: _____ Class _____

_____ **Yes, please order a flowered wreath for my daughter**

_____ **No, I will make my own arrangements**

Parent's signature

Date

***SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA SCHOOL
48 EAST 84th STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10028
212-861-3820***

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATA SHEET

CHURCH OF BAPTISM: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

DATE OF BAPTISM: _____

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT.

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

February 3, 2010

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of Class 3-1, 3-2 to attend the field trip to the Nitche Children's Museum of Native America, 550 West 155th Street, NY which will be held on Wednesday, February 10th. Transportation to and from the above destination will be by bus. I understand that my child will leave the school at 9:45 a.m. and return at approximately 1:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$10.

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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