

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY
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January 20, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was nice to spend time with so many of you as we celebrated "The Year of the Tiger" at Chinese New Year Bingo on Friday night. It was a perfect evening to get a bit of a respite from studying for midterm exams.

As we look forward to the start of the third quarter in the coming week, I would like to share with you some additions and changes to the Saint Ignatius Loyola School community. Effective Tuesday, February 2, 2010, Ms. Jessica Gushee will join the faculty of Saint Ignatius Loyola School as a third grade teacher. She will be the homeroom teacher for Class 3-1 and will teach math to the students in Class 3-1 and Class 3-2.

Ms. Gushee is no stranger to Saint Ignatius Loyola School. She was a third grade teacher here from 1998 to 2000, when she took a leave of absence from teaching to be a "stay at home" mom. During Ms. Gushee's leave of absence, whenever called upon, she would assume the role of substitute teacher in the school; she has also been a part of the kindergarten admissions testing process. Ms. Gushee has a Masters' Degree in Education from Fordham University. As the saying goes, "You can always go home again," and I am happy to welcome Ms. Gushee home.

There has also been an addition to the Fifth Grade teaching team. Beginning Monday, January 25, 2010, Mr. Robert Cortegiano will assume the position of Religion teacher for Class 5-1.

Mr. Cortegiano has been a part of the Saint Ignatius Loyola faculty in a part-time capacity since September of 2006. During these past four years, Mr. Cortegiano has taught religion to the students in seventh and eighth grade. Mr. Cortegiano has a Masters' Degree in Pastoral Council from Fordham University. This past December, Mr. Cortegiano also completed his Masters' Degree in Divinity from Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Cortegiano joined the faculty full time on January 1, 2010.

I know that you will join me in welcoming Ms. Gushee back to Saint Ignatius Loyola School and wishing Mr. Cortegiano continued success in his role as Religion teacher.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Report Card Conferences Memo – Grade K
Parent Safety Patrol Calendar March 2010 – Grade 6
Ladies Night Out Flyer and Raffle Sheet – Grades K-8 (2 sheets)

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Haiti**
So many of you have come forward to ask about finding a way to help those who are suffering from the devastation of the earthquake that took place last week in Haiti. After considering several possibilities, we have put in place two opportunities for the students to show their support for this most worthy cause. At the suggestion of a student and with our blessing, a jug has been placed in the prayer corner of McKinnon Hall for all to donate money. In addition, a dress down day is planned for this Friday.

OVER

- **Dress Down Day**

On Friday, January 22nd, we are having a Dress Down Day, with all proceeds going in support of Haiti. The money collected from the jug in McKinnon Hall and the Dress Down Day will be sent in conjunction with the Parish collection to the Jesuit Refugee Service/USA. Below find a blog excerpt from a Jesuit who is there and ministering to the Haitian community:

“To give and not to count the cost” is from the prayer of St. Ignatius, the founder of my religious order. Somehow through a strange course of events, I have found myself with a group of men who are living these words to their fullest. In spite of the difficulties, the struggle for organization, and lack of everything medical, the team I am with is making an incredible difference. After today’s work many will lose limbs, some may not walk, but others had the first chance at life in 6 days.

The motivations for each of us on this team is different. I am here because of my faith in Jesus Christ. If you share my faith, I would ask that you pray for the people of Haiti, and pray for the men I am with. Please make both a prayer of thanksgiving, for the people of Haiti are beautiful, and the team is as well.

Brother Jim Boynton, S.J.”

If you would like to send in a check, it should be made payable to “Jesuit Refugee Service/USA.” Please clearly note “Haiti Earthquake Relief” in the memo field on the check.

- Thursday, January 21st - **Regular Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**
- Friday, January 22nd - **Regular Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**
- Thursday, January 28th – **Violin Orchestra Concert** at 6:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, January 29th – **Class Parent Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- Friday, January 29th – **End of 2nd Quarter.**

***Seventh and Eighth Grade Information:**

- Friday, January 22nd - **Social Dance** in McKinnon Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- Thursday, January 21st – **Parent Confirmation Make up Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- **Eighth Grade Mock Trial**
Junior Mock Trial for the Eighth Grade has been canceled due to low enrollment.

***Parent Information:**

- **SIL Donor Open House**

On Sunday, January 24th, after the 11:00 a.m. Masses, we will be hosting an Open House for all those who have made donations to the Opening Doors Campaign. All of our SIL families are invited to stop by and take a tour of the school if you have not already done so. In addition to viewing the beautiful renovation of our classrooms and spaces, naming plaques for those who have completed their pledges will also be on display.

- **Catholic Schools Week Used Uniform and Book Sale**

On Wednesday, February 3rd, parents are invited to the Open House to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Also taking place at that time - our annual Used Uniform and Children’s Books sale. The sale will take place from 8:30 a.m. (the time the continental breakfast begins) and will continue until 11:00 a.m.

If you have donations of clean and gently used uniforms, please drop them off in McKinnon Hall on the stage, beginning on **Monday, January 25th**. If you have extra buttons that would be great too!

The winter is a great time to enjoy a good book, so we will be accepting donations of **children’s books only** for the sale; they can be dropped off starting January 25th as well.

Volunteers are needed to help sort items, set-up and staff the sale, so please contact our chairs to let them know how you can lend a hand. Eileen McStay, 212-439-1724, Moira Voss, 212-759-5149.

FORWARD

- **Logo Items – Get Yours During Catholic Schools Week**

We will be featuring our logo items during the Parent Open House on Wednesday, February 3rd. Adult fleeces, children's long sleeved shirts and other items will be available for sale.

- **Thank You....**

A wonderful time was had by all at last Friday's Chinese New Year Bingo. Guests were treated to an original choreographed dance to celebrate the Year of the Tiger, along with lo mein, dumplings and other tasty fare direct from Chinatown. We extend our thanks to all who donated water, soda, desserts and prizes, and to all who attended and made the evening such fun. We especially want to thank our volunteers for set-up, serving and clean-up, and last but very far from least, our tireless chairs for planning a wonderful event...Chris Fahey, Norma Keller, Lily Wong Stanger and Alena Robert...thank you!

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

- New student: Peyton Stewart Class 2-1 - Barry and Carmela Stewart home phone 212-300-4347.

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SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA SCHOOL

January 22, 2010

Dear Kindergarten Parents and Guardians,

At this time, we would like to offer you the opportunity for a conference with your child's teacher. The conference will be limited to 10 minutes.

Appointments will be scheduled for THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH and THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH. Please fill in the section below and return it to your child's teacher NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH.

We will have a REGULAR DISMISSAL on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH and THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH dismissal will be at 12:00 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

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Conference request must be returned by **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH** to your child's teacher. Check one option. We will try our best to accommodate you.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Please make my conference for THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH between 3:15-5:00 PM _____

Please make my conference for THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH between 6:00-8:00 PM _____

Please make my conference for THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH between 12:30-3:00 PM _____

Dear _____

Your scheduled time to see me is _____.

Thank you,