

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY
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January 27, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was so nice to have so many of you join us this past Sunday at the dedication celebration. As I noted on Sunday, the renovation of the school would not be possible without the generosity of so many of you. Additionally, the number of volunteers who stayed on designated floors to offer tours to our guests and to serve coffee and cookies is a special testament to whom we are as a community. So again, I thank you.

As we look ahead to Catholic Schools Week, there are just a few housekeeping reminders. The students' class schedule does not change even though there are visitors in the building. It is a regular, working school day. All students are to be in full uniform from Monday through Friday. If your child has a scheduled physical education class, he/she should wear the summer uniform under the school uniform. During your visit, I would ask that you not engage your child or his/her teacher in conversation or attempt to have your child sit on your lap. I agree that it is exciting to see your children sitting at their desks and the inclination is to want to join them, however, a key part of learning, especially for our kindergarteners and first graders, is fostering independence. They are most eager to share their day with you, just as I look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Confirmation Retreat Letter/ Retreat Permission form/Data Form – Grade 8
VSA Arts and CVS Caremark all Kids Can Flyer – Grades 4-8
Jazz Band Flyer – Grades 5-8
Auction Donation Letter/Auction Donation Form – Grades K-8 (2 sheets)
CulinArt Lunch Menu February 2010 – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Tuition:** Tuition was due by January 19th. You must submit a separate check for the lunch program.
- 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 Great Room.
- Friday, January 29th – **End of 2nd Quarter.**
- February 1st through February 5th – **Catholic Schools Week-Dividends of Life: Faith, Morals, Knowledge, Discipline.**
- February 2nd – **Catholic Schools Week Liturgy** Grades K-8 at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.
- February 3rd – **Parent Open House** from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and **Continental Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- February 4th – **Winter Wonderland Concert** in McKinnon Hall from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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- Week of February 8th – **Regular Kindergarten Admissions Notification** being mailed.
- February 11th – **Early Dismissal** at 12:00 p.m. due to **Admissions Testing Grades 1-7**.
- February 11th – **Admissions Testing Grades 1-7** from 12:30-3:00 p.m.
- February 12th – **Professional Day No School**.

*** Kindergarten Information:**

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

***Second Grade Information:**

- Saturday, February 6th – **Reconciliation** at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

***Parent Information:**

- **Catholic Schools Week Uniform and Book Sale, Wednesday during Open House**

Thank you to all those who have already dropped off their donations for the sale. We are still looking for used uniforms in good condition...buttons are also in demand! Children's books in good shape are also needed and welcome. Please call Eileen McStay and Moira Voss if you are able to lend a hand at the sale.

- **Safety Note**

For the safety of all of the Saint Ignatius Loyola students, parents, faculty and staff, cars should **NOT** be backing up 84th Street when you are dropping off your children and picking them up in the morning and afternoon. The street is not closed to accommodate private parking for Saint Ignatius Loyola School families. As always, the welfare of our children is our first concern.

- **Faculty and Staff Bake Sale**

On Friday, January 29, the faculty and staff will be hosting a bake sale during the children's lunch periods. All items will be \$1.00. The money raised will be donated in support of the victims of the Haitian earthquake and sent to the Jesuit Refugee/Service USA.

- **Spaghetti Bridge Contest, Friday, January 29th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Bridges must be built and completed at home and brought to school **the evening of the contest**. Bridges are not to be left on the stage prior to Friday evening. There will be NO exceptions. Also note that there will be sandwiches, chips and soft drinks sold at the event.

- **Volunteer Listing for Sunday's Parish Open House**

Our Student Government representatives from the sixth grade to the eighth grade will be guiding the tours on Sunday, and we will also have parent volunteers stationed on each floor. Below find the list of volunteers. If you have any questions regarding volunteers, please contact Terri Daly or the Development Office. Many thanks to Terri and all our volunteers!

- February 5th – **Special Events – Ladies Night Out** from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Please note time.

Ladies Night Out News

A Coach wallet has just been added to the raffle for Ladies Night Out, as has a gift card to a spa...all this and the chance to win an exquisite 14k diamond bracelet too, so please remember to send in your raffles as soon as you can! Reservations are limited, but don't forget to invite your best friend, your co-workers and your mom for what promises to be a great evening!

- **2010 Auction and Casino Night**

There are many parents who have been hard at work for several months, acquisitioning items to be offered at this year's Auction. So that the Auction can be as successful as possible, we ask that every family reach out to their businesses, families, vendors, shops, restaurants and venues they frequent to try to get donations for the auction. Attached to this Weekly you will find a solicitation letter and a donation form to be used when soliciting donations. These forms can be copied, or, if you need an original, call the Development Office. Donation forms are also available from our website. If you have an idea but are not sure how to proceed, please call a member of the committee; they will be most happy to help! Auction 2010 Committee: Sheila Vestergom 212-628-8524, Ellen Bratina Kaufman 212-316-5441, Kim Kramer 212-744-2848, Siobhan O'Driscoll 646-596-7744, Susan Russo 212-579-0246.

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- **Opening Doors Update**

Thank you to all who joined us this past Sunday for the dedication and blessing of our school. A few questions arose, so we thought it best to answer them through the Weekly.

Since the project is nearly done, do I have to pay the rest of my pledge now?

Most pledges were made over a five year period, reflective of the time frame we believed was needed for the project's completion. We understand and respect that many of our families are comfortable with the payment schedule as it was originally agreed upon and we do not wish to change that. If you are able and have a desire to complete your pledge early, that too would be fine.

I didn't find my dedication on Sunday, when will my plaque be put up?

It is Saint Ignatius Loyola School's policy that recognition plaques do not get placed until a pledge is fulfilled. A majority of our naming plaques have yet to be installed because our donors are still in the process of completing their pledges.

Are there still naming opportunities available?

Yes! Please call the Development Office to learn how you can participate.

Has everyone given to the campaign?

We continue to solicit on behalf of the campaign, and we are committed to asking every member of our community to be a part of this historic initiative, especially those families whose children will enjoy the benefits of our new classrooms and spaces throughout their school life at Saint Ignatius. Additionally, if you know of someone whom you would like to have contacted on behalf of the campaign, please forward that information to the Development Office.

**SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA SCHOOL
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January 27, 2010

TO: Eighth Grade Parents
RE: CONFIRMATION RETREAT

As the April 21st Confirmation Ceremony approaches, your children will be focusing on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the special graces this Sacrament of Initiation brings to them in their religious journey. As the primary educators of your child's spiritual development, it is essential for you to work with them in understanding the significance of this special blessing and how their lives of action to live out their faith becomes a crucial component to their way of life. Your role modeling, your inquiries into their religious studies and your family celebration of weekly liturgies are all necessary "food for their soul". The following are a few essential points to highlight:

Confirmation Retreat

On March 15th, the students will participate in a "Spiritual Retreat" at the Saint Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset, Long Island. This mandatory retreat is a vital component to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please make reference to the attached sheet and return all necessary information to your child's teachers by March 3rd.

Please take the time to write a personal letter to your child. This letter will be given to your child during the closing prayer service on the March 15th Retreat. This letter should be positive, offer words of encouragement and should express what you would like to say to your child at this time in his/her young life. Any and all family members may include a letter.

This letter should be handed in **directly to the office** by March 3rd, in a sealed envelope with your **child's name** and **Confirmation Retreat Letter** clearly marked on the front. **Please do not** give this letter to your child to deliver to the office.

It is essential you write a letter for your child otherwise on that day he/she will have nothing.

Confirmation Names

The candidates should be encouraged to keep their baptismal names.

(Remember that Confirmation is a reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism – NOT something separate or apart from Baptism.)

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If they do choose to add a name

The candidate must write a paragraph on why they selected the name. A sheet should be attached to the data form.

- Why does he/she wish to add a name?
- Where does the name come from?
- If the candidate is selecting a person's name from family/friend - who is the person?
What role does the person play in the candidate's life?
- If the candidate is adding a Saint's name - who is the Saint?

This name should NOT be after a star, a sport figure or the most popular celebrity of the week!

A girl can add a boy's name, or a boy can add a girl's name.

(Ex. A girl can add her grandfather's name)

Sponsor

1) Best choice would be the Baptismal godparents.

If not a Godparent then...

2) A person of faith - in good standing with the church, who themselves have received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Sponsor should be at least 16 years old, but exceptions have been made by permission - see Joanne Cunneen if necessary.

A person who does not go to church or has stopped believing is NOT a good choice.

3) Parents may be sponsors.

Service – A few words about community service...

We do not count "hours" at Saint Ignatius Loyola. We are supposed to be People of Service always.

Service is when you would rather be doing something for yourself (playing ball or with friends) and instead you give that time to help others.

- You may not receive any pay for your service. If money is paid to you, that is a job.
- Only under certain circumstances is helping at home service. As part of a family, we should be part of doing what we can around the house to help our families.
- Altar serving on weekends is service.

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- Choir is also service.
- Ushering at Mass and helping with the young children is service.
- Anything else in question, please see Robert Cortegiano or Joanne Cunneen.

Odds/Ends

- Your attendance with your child at the April 19th 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice is required. Please mark your calendars and “save the date”. Since many sponsors travel far, they **Do Not** have to be present but may attend if they are available.
- Your child will be measured for his/her Confirmation gown. All gowns will be distributed as soon as they arrive. They are yours to keep.
- Life Touch Photographers will be present on April 21st beginning at 4:00 p.m. if you wish a portrait of your child. More information to follow.

Father George M. Witt, Ms. Joanne Cunneen, the faculty and I look forward to these 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 and call us if we can be of any service to you regarding your child’s program.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attachments: Permission Slip for “Retreat Day”/Medical Release
Confirmation Data Sheet

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CONFIRMATION DATA SHEET

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

CONFIRMATION NAME _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

FATHER'S NAME _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____
(First name and Maiden name)

Church of Baptism _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Date of Baptism _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT.

**PARENTAL REQUEST FOR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION
AT THE SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE**

January 27, 2010

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of
Class 8-1, 8-2 to attend the field trip to the Saint Ignatius Retreat House, Searingtown Road, Manhasset,
NY which will be held on Monday, March 15th. Transportation to and from the above destination will be
by bus. I understand that my child will leave the school at 7:45 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. The trip has
been pre-paid by your Confirmation Fee.

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

Home Address

Telephone

Please sign below if your child needs a particular medical attention.

Parent's Signature

Medication