

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful, much deserved vacation. As we begin the second half of the school year, now is a good time to have your child/ren clean out his or her back packs to file away old tests and old notebooks.

As the children organize themselves and continue their reviews for their midterm exams, I feel it is also a good time to review school expectations and policies.

School Arrival

I have been asked in recent weeks what the school policy is for when the school doors open. The school doors open at 8:20 a.m. I appreciate and understand that it is cold outside, however there is no supervision for the children before our start time and they can not be left unattended. The teachers are not required to be in their classrooms until 8:20 a.m. If you are concerned that your child will be outside in the cold, my suggestion is to not drop him/her off until the doors open. In the case of extreme weather, allowances can be made, however the allowances are deemed by administration and are decided on a case by case basis and are not the school policy. On mornings when the students are assembling in McKinnon Hall, I would ask that you drop off the children and exit immediately for the safety of the children.

School Dismissal

I have asked on several occasions that you refrain from sitting on the steps of Regis High school and the ledge of the high school. Regis has been clear that our families and babysitters not loiter in front of their school.

Upon dismissal, it is necessary to keep your children with you and remind them they should not be running, jumping off the fire hydrant or scooting down the apartment building driveway. It is for the safety of your children and to prevent any accidents from happening. I appreciate that the children want to be with their classmates, but someone is going to get hurt.

School Uniform

Leggings and boots are not a part of the school uniform. If your daughter wears leggings and/or boots to school, she is required to remove them upon arrival. If your daughter is in a lower grade and is not able to manage changing upon arrival, I would suggest ordering the school uniform pants.

For children in the lower grades, now is a good time to continue working with them on buttoning and zipping their coats, putting on their hats and gloves and taking their boots off and on. Achieving these milestones are expectations in learning and are essential in fostering independence in your child.

Main Office

The main office continues to receive innumerable phone calls about dismissal, school liturgies, and school events. The Weekly and the School Calendar are your sources of communication. It is essential that you read the Weekly and review the calendar. As we expect the children to review their assignment books each evening, there is the expectation that the adults will review their "assignment pads" as well.

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Mid term Exams and Catholic Schools Week

During midterm exams and Catholic Schools Week, students in the Kindergarten to the Eighth Grade are expected to be in full uniform. Even though the kindergarten does not take midterm exams, they are apart of the Saint Ignatius Loyola School community and are therefore expected to be in full uniform as well.

As a community, I feel it is necessary for us all to adhere to the same expectations and school policies. We are role models for the children and it is our pleasure to partner with you in this most important role.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

- Permission Slip – Grade 1
- Parent Safety Patrol Calendar for February 2010 – Class 5-1 and 5-2
- Academy of American Studies at Notre Dame School-Flyer and application – Grades 7-8 (Boys and Girls)
- The Chinese New Year Bingo Night Flyer – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, January 7th – **Last day to submit Regular Kindergarten Applications.**
- Friday, January 8th – **Special Events Committee Meeting – Spring Chair Persons** at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- **Friday, January 8th – Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal.**
- Week of January 11th – **Early Kindergarten Admissions Notification.**
- Monday, January 11th – **Applications Available Grades 1-7.**
- **AT THIS TIME, ALL TUITION MUST BE UP-TO-DATE. MR. RACANELLI WILL CALL YOU. DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE.**

MID-TERM SCHEDULE GRADES 1-8

Gr. 4-8	Wednesday, January 13th	Thursday, January 14th	Friday, January 15th
	A.M. Social Studies P.M. Grammar/Wrtg	Reading Religion	Math Latin (5-8)
Gr. 1-3	Wednesday, January 13th	Thursday, January 14th	Friday, January 15th
	A.M. Social Studies	Reading	Science

FORWARD

Gr. 4-8	Tuesday, January 19th	Wednesday, January 20th	Thursday, January 21st
	A.M. Science	Make ups	Make ups
	P.M. Spell/Vocab.		

Gr. 1-3	Tuesday, January 19th	Wednesday, January 20th	Thursday, January 21st
	A.M. Math	Religion	Make ups

- Friday, January 15th – **Regular Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**
- Monday, January 18th – **Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL.**
- Tuesday, January 19th – **Final Day to submit Admissions Applications Grades 1-7.**

***Kindergarten Information:**

- Friday, January 15th – **No school due to Regular Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- Thursday, January 14th – **Confirmation Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. Wallace Hall.
- There will be a **Yearbook** meeting on Tuesday, January 12th, 6:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. All are encouraged to attend to learn how you can lend a hand with this important keepsake for the Class of 2010.

***News from the Music Department:**

- **ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS:** Advanced Band rehearsals in January are from 3:05-4:05 p.m. in the cafeteria. All beginning band classes will stay on their original schedule until further notice.

***Parent Information:**

- **Our Thanks**
On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I thank all of you for your generosity this Christmas season. Your collective gift was remarkable and most appreciated by all of us. I also wish to thank the parent chairs who gave their time to this endeavor: Lucille Adamec, Nancy Amigron, Myriam Berardino, Joanne Bonner and Patricia Ptucha...we are most grateful.
- **Parent Reminder**
If you have not returned the form with your child's height and weight to his/her teacher it must be submitted by Friday, January 8, 2010.
- **Scholastic Click**
Ms. Donohue is holding a Holiday DVD from Scholastic Click, which was ordered by someone whose name is not clear. If you recall making an order but did not receive it, please get in touch with Ms. Donohue to collect your purchase.
- **Chinese New Year Bingo Night is Next Friday**
Although we are only back at school a few days, it is time to come together to celebrate Chinese New Year and have some Bingo fun too. Escape the cold and enter the warmth of this wonderful evening, which will offer mouth watering Chinese food and some entertainment surprises too! The flyer is going home today, so don't wait...and join the fun!
- **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! All parents are welcome to observe the competition.

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

January 6, 2010

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of Class 1-1, 1-2 to attend the field trip to the 92nd Street YMCA, 1395 Lexington Avenue, NY which will be held on Tuesday, January 12th. Transportation to and from the above destination will be by walking. I understand that my child will leave the school at 9:45 a.m. and return at approximately 12:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$6.

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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