

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The last few weeks have seemed like a whirlwind in the school. It feels as if each week has been a stop and go of school days – with a snow day, winter break and another snow day. Hopefully snow is fast becoming a distant memory.

In the middle of what has felt like never ending winter, Wallace Hall was filled on Friday night with the warm glow of green, orange and gold as many of us came together at the Celtic Celebration. When the children danced, the look of pride on so many of your faces made the event the success that it was!

In the busyness of weather and school events, we are also journeying through Lent. As the children prepare for Easter, they are encouraged to do something in addition to giving something up. As role models to the children, it is a good time for us to stop and take a moment and think about what we are doing personally as we prepare for Easter.

A Caring Thought

There is no greater pleasure
Than to help a friend in need,
A simple act of kindness
A smile, a word, a deed.

A little comfort given
To those who are alone.
A little thought for others
To their needs and not our own.

Dolores Karides

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Parent Safety Patrol Calendar April 2010 – Grade K
Academy of American Studies All Hallows High School – Grades 7-8
Cathedral Prep Program – Grade 8 (Boys)
Auction 2010 – Casino Night – Grades K-8
Musical Tickets Sale Flyer – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Christmas Pageant DVDs:** The DVDs are still waiting for your pickup in the office.
- Monday, March 15th – **Reconciliation** Grades 3-5 at 1:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 16th – **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-4.

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- Tuesday, March 16th **Reconciliation** Grades 6-8 at 1: 15 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day – No School.**
- Friday, March 19th – **Saint Joseph’s Day.**
- **Monday, March 22nd – Professional Day – No School.**
- Tuesday, March 23rd – **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- Week of Monday, March 22nd – **Admissions Notification** for Grades 1-7 will be mailed out.
- Wednesday, March 24th - **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.
- Wednesday, March 31st – **Holy Week Service** has been changed to 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:15 a.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend.
- **Grades 3 – 8 Bake Sale**
On Friday, March 12th, the Student Government will be hosting a bake sale for students in Grades 3 -8 at lunch time. The money raised will be donated to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

***Second Grade Information:**

- **First Holy Communion Data Forms** and **Request Forms for Flower Wreaths** were due February 23rd. These forms must be submitted to Mrs. Rodriguez.

***Sixth Grade Information:**

- Friday, March 12th – **Open Gym Night** from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

***Seventh and Eighth Grade Information:**

- Friday, March 12th – **National Latin Exam.**

- **Seventh and Eighth Grade Science Olympiad News**

On Saturday, March 6th, under the direction of Ms. Lydia Doubleday and Mr. Raul Socorro, twenty of our seventh and eighth graders competed in the New York City Regional Science Olympiad Competition for the first time. Twenty-two public, private and parochial schools from Queens, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Manhattan participated in this year’s competition. Our S.I.L.S. team competed in 18 different events including Anatomy, Car of Tomorrow, Elevated Bridge, Dynamic Planet, Ecology, Meteorology, Fossils, Experimental Design, Road Scholar, and Solar System, just to name a few. We are pleased to announce that Saint Ignatius Loyola’s team, placed 11th overall and thirteen of our students were top ten finishers.

- 1st - Science Crime Busters...William Kurach and Jacob Duszka
- 4th – Can’t Judge a Powder...Miguel Martinez and Maria Bederson
- 5th – Disease Detectives...Andreas Nolan and Matthew Hilado
- 6th – Solar System...Miguel Martinez
- 6th – Birds...Chris Russo and Yashar Martinez
- 7th – Dynamic Planet...Daniella Rossi and Miguel Martinez
- 7th – Helicopter...Liam Curtin
- 8th – Anatomy...William Kurach (8) and Chiara Mannarino (8)
- 9th – Physical Science Lab...William Kurach and Chris Russo
- 9th – Ecology...Dylan Prada and Liam Curtin
- 10th – Road Scholar...Miguel Martinez and Liam Curtin
- 10th – Bio Process Lab... Jacob Duszka and Aisling Coffey
- 10th – Fossils...Dylan Prada and John Villarroel

2009-2010 Science Olympiad Team: Maria Bederson, Aisling Coffey, Liam Curtin, Jacob Duszka, Gabriella Elezovic, Matthew Hilado, Dylan Hennessy, William Kurach, Christopher Lee, Frank Loughran, Chiara Mannarino, Miguel Martinez, Yashar Montoya, Andreas Nolan, Dylan Prada, Daniella Rossi, Christopher Russo, Monique Smallman, Kenneth Talbott-LaVega, John Villarroel, and Nia-Ceri Young.

Science Rules at Saint Ignatius Loyola!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congratulations to all the winners and to all those who worked every Wednesday afternoon to help make the competition such a success! Thank you to Ms. Doubleday and Mr. Socorro for giving their time to prepare the children.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- Monday, March 15th – **Confirmation Retreat** located at Saint Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset, New York. Busses will be leaving the school at 7:45 a.m. and returning at 3:00 p.m.

- **High School Letters** - 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.

***Summer is coming:**

- **Summer Camp Update**

Hey students - how do you want to spend your summer?

Do you want to be a star on the stage? Develop dance fever? Become a violin virtuoso? Perfect your skills in a variety of sports? Be a master mathematician or wonderful writer? Spend the summer with some of your favorite SIL teachers?

It's up to you!

We still have open spots in our Saint Ignatius Loyola 84th Street STARS Day Camp!

The application form is available within this Weekly. You may choose any or all of four weeks. Just indicate which weeks you wish to participate in and what areas you are interested in being a part of. A specific camp schedule will follow based on enrollment.

Open spots will be filled as applications and deposits are received. You will be notified if your child's area of interest is filled. See you this summer!!!

***Parent Information:**

- Sunday, March 21st – **Children/Family Stations of the Cross** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church.

- **Spring Musical:** Friday, March 26th – Evening: 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, March 27th – Matinee: 1:30 p.m. Evening: 7:00 p.m.

- **Parent Information**

As a reminder, homework will not be faxed or emailed to you when your child is absent from school. Additionally, homework that is faxed and emailed to us is not acceptable. A student taking responsibility for his or her own homework is a part of fostering independence as a learner.

In a case where an assignment is due and you do not have a printer or your printer does not work, please have a conversation with your child's teacher about the best way to get the assignment in.

- **Mentor Planning Meeting**

If you expressed an interest in being on the committee, or are interested in being involved with our Mentor Program, please join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday, March 16th, 8:30 a.m.

- **Auction News**

The first 'Solicit Your Neighbors' Walk was so fruitful, we are planning on hosting another! If you are interested in helping the Auction Acquisitions Committee, please join us for another walk around the neighborhood to collect items for the auction. We will be walking on Friday, March 19th, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Contact Siobhan O'Driscoll with any questions you may have.

Attached to today's Weekly find our underwriting and sponsorship opportunities. Our auction committee has come up with some great ideas, which underwriting would help make happen, just please know that every gift is important to the success of this event, so we thank you for your consideration.

- **Many Thanks**

This past Friday evening's Celtic Celebration was a wonderful, family evening together. The volunteers worked hard so that it would be so, and we are grateful to the bakers, decorators, dancers, raffle purchasers, volunteers and attendees for making this event successful. We would also like to extend our thanks to: Mrs. Diane Boyle for handling the Parish invites, Mrs. Denyse Burgess for heading up the face painting booth, Mr. Brendan Scanlon for stepping up as Master of Ceremonies, the incredible musicians - Tom Dunne, Barry Morse, May Roney, Stephen Scanley, Sean O'Neill, Ronan Conlon, and Eugene Cottrell – and last and very far from least, our wonderful co-chairs - Terri Daly, Barbara Hennessy, Joelle Kelly and Marie O'Neill, whose dedication to this event made for a most special evening. Thank you all!

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