

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the children's excitement builds for *The Sound of Music*, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and various school trips that are scheduled in the upcoming weeks, you may experience evenings where you find yourself bargaining a deal to encourage your child to finish the dreaded workbook page or go over the vocabulary words one more time. Know that all that you do is not in vain and your hopes and dreams for your children will come to fruition.

Our Children Are Like Seeds

*Our children are like seeds,
given to us in unmarked envelopes.
We sprinkle them with love
and daily let them shine in the sun.
Their roots are well grounded,
and their shoots are many.
We do not yet know when they will bloom
Or what their flowers will be.*

Rebecca K. Wyss

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Fordham College/Summer Reading Skills Programs - Grades 1-8
The Dominican Academy Open House Flyer - Grade 7 (Girls)

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.
 - Friday, March 19th – **Saint Joseph's Day.**
 - **Monday, March 22nd – Professional Day – No School.**
 - Week of March 22nd – **Admissions Notification** for Grades 1-7 will be mailed out.
 - Tuesday, March 23rd – **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
 - Wednesday, March 24th - **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.
 - **Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday.**
 - Tuesday, March 30th – **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-4.

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- Wednesday, March 31st – **Holy Week Service** at 9:30 a.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, March 31st – **Easter Recess Begins – Dismissal at 3:00 p.m. There will be no after school care.**
- **Gentle Reminder**
Students in Grades Kindergarten to the Eighth Grade are expected to be in full uniform when we attend church.

***Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Parent Information**

- **Mandatory Parent Meeting**
Father Witt and I will be hosting a mandatory meeting on **Tuesday, March 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.** in McKinnon Hall for parents of students in the **Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade**. It is essential that you make every effort to be in attendance.

***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.

- **Easter Outreach**

A message from Mrs. Mirra: This year the Yorkville Common Pantry has requested food items instead of our usual Easter baskets. Due to these difficult economic times, more families are in need of food and other basic items. So, they have requested the items on the following list; I would ask that each class bring in the items suggested.

1st grade – children’s books FOR ages 3 to 12 years of age.

2-1 – 24 pack crayons

2-2 - Coloring books and a pack of pencils

3rd. and 4th grade – Pancake mix

5th and 6th grade - Cold Cereal preferably sugar free and NO NUTS

7th grade – Maple Syrup

8th grade – Very important – Powered Milk. PARMALAT

All items should be turned in NO LATER than March 29th because they will be picked up on March 30th. Please be generous because the need is very great. May God reward you for your kindness to those less fortunate.

- **School Club Make-Up Date**

Any School Club that lost a session due to snow days will be making up these sessions either the week of March 29th or the first week when we return from Easter Break (the week of April 12th). Please check with your club’s teacher to confirm what day they have chosen.

- **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!!!

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- **Auction 2010**

Thank you to those who have sent in donations this week! Happy bidders will vie for hotel stays, children's parties and enrichment programs, dining certificates, spa days, designer items and more. We are not there yet...we need every family's support to make this auction a success.

Underwriting: When hosting a fundraiser, the actual expense is real; catering, entertainment, prizes – wouldn't it be great if we entered the event knowing that all of our expenses are taken care of?

Additionally some of you have requested information on specific underwriting suggestions for our always popular teacher packages: bus for a teacher/student outing, a Benihana Dinner package, a Build-A-Bear package, a sports package...every underwriting gift, no matter how big or small, will allow us to reach our goal.

New to the Event: We are excited to announce that we are expanding the menu for the evening to include food stations to enjoy while you peruse the auction offerings, or try your hand at a game.

Check us out online: In next week's Weekly we will be giving you details on how to find our online auction – don't be shy about inviting your friends and family to the site!

Attend the Event: Your invitation will be arriving in the mail very soon; please feel free to bring along family, friends, co-workers to the event...it is a really great evening out, and for the best of causes, your children's school.

- **Development Update**

It is the time of year when we update you on how the year is progressing with our fundraising calendar. The Special Events, Annual Fund, and Capital Campaign are the three key elements of our fundraising program. Each plays an important role in the overall fiscal health and community life of Saint Ignatius Loyola School. Keeping in mind that these are unaudited numbers, below you will find a chart with targeted and actual numbers for the events that have taken place so far this year.

Please note that the Annual Fund is a part of our fundraising program. We are grateful to all those who have already sent in their Annual Fund gift. We have not yet reached our targeted dollar goal of \$50,000, and our class levels of giving are minimal. Please consider joining with your fellow parents in making a gift to this year's Fund. In early May, we will be initiating a phone campaign.

The Opening Doors Campaign statements are in the process of being sent out. If you have given, thank you; if you are still deciding the best way to support this effort, please call us with any questions you may have. Just as the families who made this remarkable renovation possible through their initial gifts to the campaign, so we ask those who are new to us to also make a donation; it is through community effort that we will continue to make a difference in the bottom line.

It is important to know that all of these events are helmed in partnership with the Special Events Committee members, who are SIL parents, and you, the many parents/guardians who volunteer your time and expertise to making these events successful. It is all of you, your joy in service, your enthusiasm, talent, and generosity that continues to make a difference. We are grateful to those who have already given and will continue to give their time, and to those with events still to come...together the goal is a most reachable one....thank you!

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