

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Although we have been back from break for two weeks now, prior to vacation if you remember, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. I would be remiss if I did not recognize one of the highlights of that week, the Modern Woodsman Speech Contest. On Thursday, February 4th, the students in the Fourth to Eighth Grades gathered in McKinnon Hall to support their classmates. Sixteen fifth to eighth grade students competed in front of 300 of their peers and shared their thoughts on this year's topic, "If I Were President." The children were incredibly poised and eloquent and they are all winners!

The sixteen children who competed on Thursday were:

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| Eoin Mills | Michelle Berardino |
| Natalie Vestergom | Johanna Lawton |
| Cuchulainn McGloin | Dylan Hennessy |
| Sam Musmanno | Christopher Russo |
| Henry Kaufman | William Kurach |
| Christina Berardino | Alexander Donovan |
| Sean Celli | Chiara Mannarino |
| Bridget Scanlon | Victoria Frost |

The three students who will represent Saint Ignatius Loyola School in the district speech bee are:

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| Johanna Lawton | First Place |
| Michelle Berardino | Second Place |
| Bridget Scanlon | Third Place |

Again, I congratulate your children and I wish our three winners the best of luck in the next phase of the competition. Whatever the results, the students of Saint Ignatius Loyola School are all winners and very special young people!

Beginning March 12th, we will launch our sixth year of financial assistance via the *School and Student Service for Financial Aid*, known as SSS. This organization is recognized as the industry-leading tool for schools that desire to manage a financial aid program with professionalism and sensitivity. If a family chooses to apply, SSS will provide our school with an objective and confidential third party report that will guide us in appropriating funds for tuition assistance. The following principles are in effect for any family who wishes to be considered for financial assistance:

1. Saint Ignatius Loyola School will never be in the position of **funding full tuition or half tuition dollars** via the SSS procedure until we build up a scholarship endowment fund.
2. Each family member who is enrolled at Saint Ignatius Loyola School for the current 2010-2011 school year and wishes to apply for financial assistance must be able to offset 60% of the given base tuition for the current year. (Catholic \$3,960/Non-Catholic \$5,049) This does **NOT include the Building Fund Fee of \$1,650**. Parents and Guardians must request in writing to the Principal for a formal application and information brochure. The deadline for the request is April 30, 2010.
3. The school will provide a Parent Financial Statement Form (PFS), which must be completed and filed with SSS. Please mail the form and processing fee directly to SSS.
4. The family will submit to the school's Principal a copy of their latest filed income tax return (2009) to complete the SSS/PFS process before a determination of financial assistance will be made. All information is held in the strictest confidence within the administration.
5. Saint Ignatius Loyola School continues to seek funding for scholarship via the Annual Fund to various constituents of our school community including parents, past families, alumni and other organizations to offset the Financial Assistance budget line.

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6. For the 2010-2011 school year, \$50,000 will be the budget line reserved to assist families within the above guidelines. For 2010-2011, 80% of this fund will be used for current families who have already proven their commitment to the mission of the school. The remaining 20% of this financial assistance budget will be applied to a family who has accepted the invitation to join our school community for the 2010-2011 school year and requests in writing a PFS form.

Please know I am available to meet with you to discuss any concerns, including financial obligations that you may have for your child's continued education at Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 6
Bracelets for Celtic – 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 available for pickup. Please stop by the office.
- **Building Fund Fee**
Friday, March 5 The Building Fund Fee of \$1,650 per child is due in order to reregister for the 2010 – 2011 school year. If the fee is not received by Friday, your child's seat will be released. If you have a question or concern regarding the fee, contact the office.
- **Dress Down Day**
Friday, March 5th will be a \$2.00 Dress Down Day. The money raised will be donated to the Tome Jesuit Residence in Jamshedpur, India in memory of Father John J. Deeney, SJ.
- **Friday, March 5th – Faculty Meeting – Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, March 9th – Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- **Wednesday, March 10th - Lenten Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.
- **Monday, March 15th – Reconciliation** Grades 3-5 at 1:15 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 16th – Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- **Tuesday, March 16th Reconciliation** Grades 6-8 at 1: 15 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day – No School.**

*** Kindergarten Information:**

- **Thursday, March 4th – 100th Day Kindergarten Celebration** at 9:00 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.

***Second Grade Information:**

- **Thursday, March 4th – First Holy Communion Parent Make-up Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall
- **Monday, March 8th - First Holy Communion Family Night of Prayer** from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

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***Sixth Grade Information:**

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

***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.

- **For 8th Grade Parents/Guardians**

The Class of 2010 extends a cordial invitation to their parents/guardians to attend the Sullivan Cup, to be held this Friday, 9:00 a.m., at Loyola High School Gym. This special treat for our students and 8th grade families will see Mr. Sullivan and other Faculty Members take on our all-star 8th graders in a game of basketball. Cheering is welcome!

- **8th Grade Yearbook Reminder**

The next yearbook meeting is Thursday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All items for the yearbook should be in at this time; if you have received a call from the committee regarding the parent message, directory permission or event photo, please respond as soon as possible. The final deadline for inclusion in the book is this Thursday, March 4th.

A gentle reminder: If you are interested in making an underwriting gift to the Class of 2010's yearbook, your donation must be received by Friday, March 5th so that it can be included in the book. Thank you.

***News from the Music Department:**

- **Musical News and Updates**

The Sound of Music rehearsals end promptly at 5:45 p.m. Just as you are rushing home in the evening to be with your family, the teachers' evenings are also busy and they want to get home to their own families. Any student who is not picked up on time, will be assessed a \$25.00 fee on your bill.

On Friday, March 5th, we have FULL CAST rehearsal and costume check for those not renting from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. There will be a pizza lunch offered (\$5.00 for 2 slices of cheese pizza and a soda). Pizza money must be turned in to Ms. Schenck or Ms. Danyi before school begins on Friday. Students may bring a sack lunch, but there will be no microwave available.

Costume Information - At rehearsal yesterday, we confirmed which students had rented costumes. If you have rented, please remember that you will need to provide appropriate shoes/socks/tights, etc. that fit with the costume you rented. For those who have not rented their costumes, please bring them to school this Friday for approval.

Saturday, March 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. we have a make-up rehearsal for ALL Nuns, Mother Abbess, Von Trapp Children, Captain and Frau Schmidt. Any conflicts should be discussed as soon as possible.

Congratulations to our stage crew! Wisam Bellan, Collin Scanley, Jacob Duszka, Liam Curtin, Kaitlyn LiPuma, Scott Horn, Connor McStay, Trystan Cruise, and Laura Oing. Stage crew should report on Saturday, March 6th from 10:00am-11:30am and all rehearsals following. Please see Ms. Danyi or Ms. Schenck if you need a rehearsal schedule.

Also, if you have yet to turn your production fee of \$35.00 please do so by the end of this week. Thank you!

***Parent Information:**

- Due to the snow day, the Class Parent Meeting will take place on Monday, March 8th, at 8:45 a.m. in the Great Room.

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- **Celtic Celebration – It's this Friday!**

Bracelets are going home today for those who have already made their reservations. We will not be able to accept reservations at the door, so if you would like to come, you MUST have your reservations in by Thursday (tomorrow).

There is also still time to take a chance on some incredible raffles ~ 24 ways to make this St. Patrick's celebration a memorable one!

1. \$600 Travel Voucher
2. 4 Tickets to a Week-end Performance of Riverdance
3. iTouch
4. Waterford Centerpiece Bowl
5. Beckett's Restaurant Certificate
6. Stone Street Tavern Gift Certificate
7. The Dubliner Pub Gift Certificate
8. Waterstone Grill Gift Certificate
9. Sterling and Jade Claddagh Bracelet
10. Clover Bangle Bracelet Set
11. Pewter Celtic Cuff
12. Bailey's Presentation Basket
13. Claddagh Ring and Book
14. Sterling and Crystal Necklace
15. Irish Music & *Chocolate* Basket
16. Wine Basket
17. Irish Coffee Basket
18. Irish Food Basket
19. Wine Basket
20. Tea & Chocolate Basket
21. Tea & Biscuits Basket
22. Beer Tasting Basket
23. St. Patrick's Day Cookie Decorating Basket
24. Irish Snack Set

Desserts and Soda Bread are still needed and most welcome! If you are donating a dessert, please drop it off Friday morning. If your items need refrigeration, please indicate that in writing on the package when you drop it off.

Below, find the volunteer listing for Friday's event. If you have any questions or are attending and would like to lend a hand, please contact Barbara Hennessy or Joelle Kelly.
Thank You!

Celtic Celebration Volunteers

Set-up

8:45 a.m.

Sean Haggerty
Eileen McStay
Evelyn Rossi
Sheila/Michael Vestergom
Michele O'Mara
Jean Gallagher
Joelle Kelly
Barbara Hennessy
John Roney
Brendan Scanlon
Isabella Gargone
Mary Jane Lawton
Joelle Kelly

Face Painting

Denyse Burgess

MC

Brendan Scanlon

Food:

6:15-7:30 p.m.

Jane Fazzalari
Meena Cottrell
Sharon Lafferty

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Katie Haggarty
Eileen McStay
Rosemary Kaplan

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Chris Fahey
Anne Holker

Shop

6-7 p.m. Loretta Bradbury, Marion Fisher

7-8 p.m. Evelyn Rossi, Loretta Bradbury

8-9 p.m. Isabella Gargone, Joelle Kelly

Bartending

6-7 p.m. Michele Sullivan, Diane Frost,
Marie O'Neill

7-8 p.m. Declan Hennessy, Sean Haggerty

8-9 p.m. Megwin Hoopes

Craft

6-7 p.m. Siobhan O'Driscoll

7-8 p.m.

8-9 p.m.

Raffles 50/50

Student Volunteers

Clean-up

Denise O'Dea
Michael Burke
Sharon Conlon
Ines Pelaez
Mary Jane Lawton

FORWARD

- **Auction Updates**

The ‘Solicit your Neighbors’ Walk will take place this Friday, after a short committee meeting. Volunteers will meet in the vestibule at 9:30 a.m. and will visit neighborhood businesses on behalf of the auction. Siobhan O’Driscoll is organizing this initiative, so if you are able to lend a hand, please give her a call.

A clarification on the Drop-Off Days: In the Auction timeline, we noted specific days for drop off of items; these are twofold in purpose – the dates serve as a reminder and it helps in facilitating the logging in of the items. If these dates and times are not convenient for you, items can be accepted at the office during the school day. It is also a good idea to let a committee member and/or the Development Office know that you have dropped something off so that it can be processed in a timely way.

As we continue to work together for the success of this event, we welcome and all questions you may have (our numbers can be found in the school directory). This year’s Auction Co-Chairs are: Sheila Vestergom, Ellen Kaufman, Kim Kramer, Susan Russo, Siobhan O’Driscoll, and Donna Campbell.

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**OPEN GYM NIGHT
GRADE 6
FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

March 3, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The following regulations will be strictly enforced so that the students will have a safe arrival and dismissal:

Only Saint Ignatius Loyola 6th Grade students are permitted to attend.

A permission note signed by the child’s parent/guardian must be handed to the homeroom teacher **prior to each “Open Gym Night” event.**

The school must know in advance (written out on the permission note) the **name of the adult** who will pick up your child at the end of the event, and an emergency contact phone number must be included.

Students will not be allowed to enter the gym if an older sibling (under 21 years of age) is designated as the adult in charge at dismissal.

There is a \$12 entrance fee to cover the cost of pizza and soda.

Once a student enters McKinnon Hall, he/she will not be allowed to leave before 8:00 p.m. unless the designated adult enters the gym to sign the child out.

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Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Permission Slip for the 6th Grade “Open Gym Night” – Friday, March 12, 2010

I give my child _____ of Class _____ permission to attend “Open Gym Night” on Friday, March 12th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

My child will be **picked up** at 8:00 p.m. by _____.
(Please Print Name)

Parent/Guardian’s Signature

Date