

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the State of the School meeting last week, Mr. John O'Brien, Parish Trustee and Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, discussed the cost of the school renovation project. He referred specifically to the long-term financing being negotiated with the bank to pay back the funds borrowed from the Archdiocese of New York for the project.

In his discussion, Mr. O'Brien noted that the Building Fund Fee for the 2009 – 2010 school year will be increased by approximately \$400. However, this is not a set amount since the fee will be based on the yearly debt service established in the loan agreement. The details of the loan are still being worked out between the bank, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Fernando Castro, our Treasurer. We hope to close on the loan by the end of the year, at which time we will publish the actual building fund fee.

We recognize how important it is for you to know the amount of the fee so that you can plan accordingly. Be assured that we will communicate this to you as soon as we are able.

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Rev. George M. Witt, S.J.
Pastor

Attached to the weekly are the following:

First Grade Report Card Conference Letter - Class 1-2
Christmas Fair and Brunch with Santa Packet – Grades K-8 (5 sheets)

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

***Important to Note:**

• **H1N1**

I have had several calls over the past week from concerned parents that the school is “infected” with H1N1. I assure you the school is not infected. We have had 12 confirmed cases of H1N1. Students have been absent from school for sore throats, viruses, seasonal flu, colds, etc., as well.

I ask that you respect the privacy of our Saint Ignatius Loyola families when a child is out sick and not contact a family to ask the reason for their child's absence.

If your child is sick, please keep him/her home from school. I understand there are child care issues however, it is best for your child and the overall health of the students in the school. If your child is home sick, he/she must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

As previously noted the anticipated date to start vaccinations for H1N1 was November 9, 2009, as of today I have not received any further notification about when the vaccine will arrive. It is necessary to note that only H1N1 is going to be administered, not the “seasonal” flu shot. The vaccine will be administered by the school nurse. As soon as I have a date I will send a letter home with the date and time your child will be vaccinated

Prior to the administration of the vaccine, you will receive a call from us verifying that you still wish to have your child vaccinated. Parents who wish to do so will be permitted to be with their children during the administration of the vaccine.

All consent forms had to be returned for the Kindergarten by Monday, November 2nd, and for Grades 1–8 by Tuesday, November 3rd as mandated by the Department of Health.

Again, I ask that you be in contact with your pediatrician with regard to your child receiving the vaccine. It is a conversation between you and your child's doctor.

- **Items Left in the Main Office**

I would ask if you are hosting parties in your homes, food items do not get left in the main office. The Office Staff is not here to receive such items for such events.

- **Coats**

As the days get colder it is important that the children come to school in a coat. They are required to wear the school blazer; however the blazer should not be worn in place of an overcoat.

- **Morning Arrivals**

As a reminder for the safety of your children, the street does not close until 8:10 a.m. Prior to that, students should not be dropped off. There is no morning supervision for the children and it presents a safety concern for your child.

- **Phones**

Last Wednesday evening, November 4th, the school experienced a school wide phone outage. As a result any voice messages that were on faculty, staff and administration voice mail were lost and could not be recaptured. If you left a message and did not receive a return call, I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

- **Tuition** – Tuition was mailed on Tuesday, November 10th and due by Wednesday, November 18th. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Racanelli Ext. 102.

- Thursday, November 12th and Thursday, November 19th – **Report Card Conference Grades 1-8 from 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. No After school care.**

- Thursday, November 12th and Thursday, November 19th - There will be **Advanced Band only** in the Cafeteria. Also, the **Orchestra** will also meet on November 12th and November 19th.

- Friday, November 13th – **Early Admissions Kindergarten Testing.**

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- Friday, November 20th – **Special Event – International Performance Grades 1-3.**

- Saturday, November 21st - **Alumni Events - Opera Gala** has been cancelled.

- Wednesday, November 25th - **Thanksgiving Recess begins – Dismissal at 3:00 p.m. No after school care.** There will be no Weekly on Wednesday, November 25th due to the Thanksgiving break.

*** Kindergarten Information:**

- Thursday, November 12th and Thursday, November 19th – **Parent Conferences** from 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

***Fifth Grade Information:**

- Monday, November 16th and Tuesday, November 17th – **New York State Social Studies Test.**

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- **TACHS Test**

The TACHS Test will be administered on Friday, **November 13, 2009**. The TACHS admission tickets were distributed today **November 12, 2009** to avoid the possibility of tickets being lost. Your son/daughter must bring the admittance ticket with him/her to the test. He/She will not be admitted without the ticket.

On the ticket you will have the opportunity to list your child's three high school choices with the corresponding code. I ask that you double check the code with the school.

The Eighth Grade girls will be taking the TACHS test at **Dominican Academy**. **Your daughters should arrive by 8:15 a.m. to Dominican Academy. The girls must have a form of identification with them to gain entrance to Dominican Academy.**

Total testing time, including breaks, is about 2 hours and 30 minutes. The girls are NOT required to return to school after the test. The girls do not have to wear their uniforms. However, they are representing Saint Ignatius Loyola School and should dress neatly and casually appropriate.

Dominican Academy
44 East 68th Street
Testing time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Eighth Grade boys will be taking the TACHS test at **St. Agnes High School**. **Your son should arrive by 8:15 a.m. to St. Agnes High School. The boys must have a form of identification with them to gain entrance to St. Agnes High School.**

Total testing time, including breaks, is about 2 hours and 30 minutes. The boys are NOT required to return to school after the test. The boys do not have to wear their uniforms. However, they are representing Saint Ignatius Loyola School and should dress neatly and casually appropriate.

St. Agnes High School
555 West End Avenue
Testing time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- **Graduation Pictures**

If you submitted your payment late for your child's graduation pictures, your pictures should arrive in about 2 -3 weeks.

- **Iona Prep Scholarship Test**

Iona Prep has scheduled its Annual Academic Scholarship Test for Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in having your son take the scholarship test you will need to contact the Office of Admissions at Iona Prep at 914-632-0714.

***News from the Music Department:**

- **Musical**

Auditions for The Sound of Music have been going on this week in music classes. Thanks to all who have auditioned! Callbacks are Friday, November 13th from 3:15-5:00pm. The cast list will be posted on Wednesday, November 25th.

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Everyone who auditions will be cast in the musical. Rehearsals are primarily on Mondays and Fridays after school beginning January and continuing through March. The show dates are Friday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 27th at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All parents must attend a mandatory meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall or on Wednesday, December 9th at 3:15 p.m. in the Great Room. Please mark your calendars now if your child has auditioned.

***Parent Information:**

- **Thanksgiving Sharing:**

Grades K-8 Turkey Time! Yorkville Common Pantry's Thanksgiving Drive –
Give thanks by helping the families of YCP have a Happy Thanksgiving. We ask you to donate:

- Grade K - Boxes/Bags of Stuffing
- Grade 1 - Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Grade 2 - Canned Vegetables (Corn, Carrots, and Green Beans)
- Grade 3 – Cake Mix or Brownie Mix
- Grade 4 – Frosting
- Grade 5 - Boxes of Instant Potatoes
- Grade 6 – Canned of Sweet Potatoes or Yams
- Grade 7 - Canned Gravy
- Grade 8 – Apple Sauce

Due by November 20th. All food items can be delivered to McKinnon Hall and placed by the Blessed Mother.

- **The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola's Children's Choir**
Date Correction

On Friday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m. The Children's Choir will be performing at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Center, New York.

- **1-3 International Night**

Thank you to all who have sent in their children's costume and ticket forms and to those who have sent in their reservations. Some families have sent in for the child and not the adult, and the reverse is true as well; please remember that your child cannot come unaccompanied to this event and that if he/she is participating, the full amount of the form is needed. We are in the process of following up on these requests. Once this is completed, if there are any additional tickets available, we will put the information and offering in the next Weekly. Space is always a consideration, so we thank you for your understanding. This is a special night for our first, second and third grade students and we are grateful for your support. If you have any questions regarding this, please call the Development Office.

- Monday, November 23rd – **Family Evening of Prayer** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall. All are welcome. Donations for Goldwater Hospital will be accepted.

- **Christmas News**

- **Christmas Craft Night**

- A great start to the Christmas season, we invite our Saint Ignatius Loyola School adults to join us for a Christmas Craft Night on Tuesday, November 24th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. We will be decorating mini trees and making chocolate treats to be sold at the Fair. So that we may plan the refreshments, please RSVP to Jackie Altruda, 212-879-3130 by Friday, November 20th.

- **Christmas Volunteer Forms**

- Today you are receiving your packet for our upcoming Christmas events. All of these events require substantial volunteer participation to be successful. Please take a moment to determine how you can give some time in support of these fundraisers. Thank you!

***Please update your telephone directory with the following:**

- **New Student: Lucas Origlia Class 2-2 – Parents: David and Corinne Origlia home number 860-518-6647.**

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