

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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November 4, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The last few days have been a whirlwind of activity. We ended the month of October all attired in our "Halloween Best." I would like to thank the Class of 2010, Mr. Raul Socorro, Mrs. May Konopka, Mrs. Patty Fallone, Mrs. Vicky Donovan, Mrs. Sharon Abruzzo and the countless Eighth Grade parents and volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make Friday such a success.

I also would like to thank all of you who were able to attend Monday evening's 2008 – 2009 State of the School address. As many of you remarked on Tuesday morning; to hear and see how hard your children work and to hear Father Witt's words on how other Pastors look upon The Church of Saint Ignatius Loyola and Saint Ignatius Loyola School is a testament to who we are as a Parish Community and a School Community. We are truly blessed!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Parent Conference Memo – Grade K
Permission Slip – Grade K
International Ticket Flyer – Grades 1-3
Report Card Conference – Grades 1-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **H1N1**

As I mentioned on Monday at The State of the School meeting, we have had three confirmed cases of H1N1. I ask that, **if your child is sick**, you must 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.

In last week's Weekly and on Monday night, I noted that the anticipated date to start vaccinations is 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.

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

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

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.

OVER

- **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.

- If you wish to contact a teacher to schedule an appointment, call for an absence, etc., please remember that you can dial his/her extension directly. You do not need to dial "O" first. Please call the teacher by 8:00 a.m.

- **Reminder:** Tuition was due by October 23rd. Any questions, please call Mr. Racanelli, Ext. 102.

After School Care must be paid by **separate check**.

- Friday, November 6th – **End of 1st Quarter.**

- A reminder to the **Class Parents and Committee Members** - there will be a short planning meeting on Friday, November 6th, 8:20 a.m. in the Cafeteria.

- **Wednesday, November 11th Veterans Day No School.**

- The **Weekly** will be distributed Thursday, November 12th due to no school on Veterans Day.

- 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 Band and after school care.**

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

- 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 – **Social Studies Test.**

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- **Three TACHS Schools**

We should now have your child's filled out index card with the necessary TACHS codes and Catholic High School information. If your child's card has not been completed, you need to contact Ms. Larkin right away.

TACHS Test

The TACHS Test will be administered on Friday, **November 13, 2009**. The TACHS admission tickets will be distributed on **Thursday, 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.**

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.

FORWARD

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.**

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.

- **Specialized High Schools**

Admissions tickets to the Specialized Public Schools test will be distributed on **Friday, November 6th** to avoid the possibility of tickets being lost.

If your child is scheduled to take the exam in the morning, the school requests that your child arrive by 8:00 a.m., but no earlier than 7:30 a.m. If your child is scheduled to take the exam in the afternoon, the school requests that your child arrive by 12:30 p.m., but no earlier than 12:00 p.m.

***News from the Music Room:**

- **International Night Grades 1-3**

All parents of first, second, or third graders should turn in the International Night form that was in last week's weekly. The forms were due today. Even if your child is unable to participate, they must still turn in the form indicating they will not participate. Thank you.

- **Musical**

The 2010 Saint Ignatius Loyola School Spring Musical will be *The Sound of Music!* Auditions begin November 9th during music classes. All fifth through eighth graders are welcome to audition by singing a short section of a song of their choice. A callback list will be posted on Thursday, November 12th at 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Callbacks will be on Friday, November 13th from 3:15-5:00 p.m. Fourth graders do not need to audition to participate; please watch an upcoming Weekly for sign-up information.

***Parent Information:**

- **Correction**

For those who attended the State of the School, please note that on the slide listing the number of donors in the \$25,000 category, the listed number of gifts read 89; the correct number is 28.

- **Save the Date**

Ronald McDonald Kids Charity Fun Run

As Saturday, November 7, 2009 draws near, the anticipation builds for the Ronald McDonald Charity Fun Run. There is still a great need for more Saint Ignatius Loyola Runners. If you have the afternoon available, what a great Community Service project it would be to run for those children who are not as healthy and cannot run for themselves. The warm up for the day will begin at 10:00 a.m. Run times vary depending on the age group. The more students of Saint Ignatius Loyola School who participate, the more we benefit a good cause. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Nancy Coughlin.

- **Save the Date**

Pot Luck Dinner for Single Parents

For those of you who did not have the opportunity to join us last year, the evening was filled with conversation, sharing and getting to know each other. We come together again on Tuesday November 10th, with Dr. Grace Pilcer and Dr. Judith Halle for our Second Annual Pot Luck Dinner for single parents. Single dads and single moms are all welcome to attend.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. All single parents attending are invited to bring a dish to share. If you are planning on joining us for dinner, contact Mrs. Rodriguez at extension 130 by Friday, November 6th to confirm and to let her know what you will be bringing for the meal.

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

On Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. The Children's Choir will be performing at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Center, New York.

- **Christmas Fair Meeting**

Our opening meeting will take place on Friday, November 6th, **8:45 a.m.**, in the cafeteria. All are invited to come and learn more from the chairs of our Fair, Parents' Cocktail Party, and Santa Brunch. No experience necessary – just lots of enthusiasm! If you are unable to attend but want to be a part of the fun, please contact co-chairs Malina Mannarino and Evelyn Rossi.

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

- Cuchulainn McGloin Class 5-2 - Mrs. McGloin no longer has a home phone. Please use her cell #646-982-6242.

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

November 4, 2009

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of Class K-1 to attend the field trip to the Yorkville Public Library, 222 East 79th Street, NY which will be held on Thursday, November 19th. Transportation to and from the above destination will be by walking. I understand that my child will leave the school at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 11:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is free.

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

Home Address

Telephone

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

November 4, 2009

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of Class K-2 to attend the field trip to the Yorkville Public Library, 222 East 79th Street, NY which will be held on Thursday, November 12th. Transportation to and from the above destination will be by walking. I understand that my child will leave the school at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 11:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is free.

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SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA SCHOOL

November 4, 2009

Dear Kindergarten Parents and Guardians,

At this time, we would like to offer you the opportunity for a conference with your child's teacher. The conference will be limited to 10 minutes.

Appointments will be scheduled for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH and THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH. Please fill in the section below and return it to your child's teacher NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH.

We will have a REGULAR DISMISSAL on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH and THURSDAY,

NOVEMBER 19TH dismissal will be at 3:00 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Conference request must be returned by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH** to your child's teacher.
Check one option. We will try our best to accommodate you.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Please make my conference for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH between 3:15-5:00 PM _____

Please make my conference for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH between 6:00-8:00 PM _____

Please make my conference for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH between 3:15-5:00 PM _____

Please make my conference for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH between 6:00-8:00 PM _____

Dear _____

Your scheduled time to see me is _____.

Thank you,

Teacher's signature _____

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA SCHOOL

November 4, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grades 1– 8,

At this time, we would like to offer you the opportunity for a Report Card Conference with your child's teacher. The conference will be limited to 10 minutes.

Appointments will be scheduled for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH and THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH. Please fill in the section below and return it to your child's teacher **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**.

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Please make my conference for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH between 6:00-8:00 PM _____

Please make my conference for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH between 3:15-5:00 PM _____

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Child's Name _____ Class _____

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