

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the feel of autumn in the air and the proverbial “frost on the pumpkin” it is a good time to stop and take a few minutes for you. It is important that no matter how busy we are, wherever we are rushing to, whether it is when we are walking to the subway or just after morning drop off, that we pause to take a few minutes just for ourselves. Here is a reflection that is good to remember:

Take time

Take time to think...

It is the source of power.

Take time to play...

It is the source of perpetual youth.

Take time to laugh...

It is the music of the soul.

Take time to pray...

It is the greatest power on Earth.

**Words written on the wall of the Missionaries
Of Charity Children's Home, Calcutta, India**

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 2

Harvest Dance Raffle Sheet – Sports/Movies/Beauty Basket - Grades K-8

Halloween Carnival – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Community Raffles:** The office has received extra tickets so if you need extra raffle tickets, please feel free to pick them up. Reminder that all community raffle tickets are due by Friday, October 16th.
- **Winter Uniform**
There was some confusion this week about which uniform to wear on the days we attend a liturgy. As noted in the 2009 -2010 Parent Handbook on page 27, students in Grades K – 4 are **NOT** permitted to wear their uniform sweat pants to liturgies in the church.

The uniform sweat pants can be worn to school in lieu of the uniform on gym days beginning **Monday, November 2 for students in Grades 2 – 4. Students in Grades K – 1** can wear the uniform sweat pants **effective immediately**. Again if the school is attending Mass, the students may **NOT** wear the uniform sweat pants.

There was also some confusion about the wearing of the school turtle neck. The turtleneck is for students in the Kindergarten to the Second Grade only.

Uniform pants can be worn from **December 1** to the spring uniform change, which is noted on the school calendar.

OVER

- **LT.B.S/CoGat Testing**

All students in the First Grade to the Eighth Grade began the I.T.B.S tests today. Testing will continue until October 21st. As noted in last Wednesday's Weekly, the tests were traditionally given in March; however this year the Archdiocese of New York has mandated that all schools administer the tests in October. All the children in the Archdiocese are being tested at the same time so the norms will be adjusted accordingly.

- Friday, October 16th – **Progress Reports** will be mailed.
- Thursday, October 29th – **All Saints Day Prayer Service** at 10:00 a.m. in church. Parents are welcome to attend.

***Second Grade Information:**

- Wednesday, October 14th – **Reconciliation Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- Monday, October 19th - **Reconciliation Make-up Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- **Three TACHS Schools**

Three Catholic High schools and the schools' corresponding TACHS codes must be submitted on an index card to the Eighth Grade homeroom teacher no later than Monday, November 2, 2009. When completing the card, make sure the name of the school matches the code. You need to keep a copy of the card since it will be needed on the day of the TACHS test.

TACHS Test

The TACHS Test will be administered on Friday, November 13, 2009.

Specialized High Schools

LaGuardia High School

Admissions tickets to LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts were sent home today. They must be returned completed to Ms. Larkin by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 16th. It is essential that you check off the appropriate studio(s) your child plans to audition for. I will forward the completed ticket to LaGuardia High School.

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

Public High school Applications

For those who requested an application, they will be sent home today, Wednesday, October 14th. Applications must be returned directly to Ms. Larkin no later than 9:00 a.m. Thursday, October 29th, in an envelope clearly marked "public high application." I would ask that you complete in its entirety all the personal information that is requested.

***Parent Information:**

- **Save the Date**

State of the School

The State of the School Meeting will take place on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. This is a mandatory meeting, so please put the date on your calendar and plan on attending.

- **Ronald McDonald Kids Charity Fun Run**

Ronald McDonald Charity Fun Run will be held on **Saturday, November 7, 2009** at 1:00 p.m. The students of Saint Ignatius Loyola School are once again invited to participate.

- **Pot Luck Dinner for Single Parents**

On Tuesday, November 10th, Dr. Grace Pilcer and Dr. Judith Halle are hosting a Pot Luck Dinner for single parents. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. All single parents are invited to attend and bring a dish to share. If you are planning on joining us for dinner, contact Mrs. Rodriguez at extension 130 by Friday, November 6.

FORWARD

- **Phillipines Relief Drive**

We have all seen much in the news lately about the natural disaster that is affecting the Phillipine Islands; our donation drive this past week yielded many wonderful items to be sent there. Our thanks to all who donated and to Mrs. Kaplan and Mrs. Limchayseng for heading up this effort and coordinating the drop-off at the relief center.

- Friday, October 23rd – **Administration/Parent Coffee Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.

- **Innisbrook – It's a Wrap on Friday!**

All Innisbrook orders must be in by Friday, October 16th. If you are having difficulty in placing your order on line, you may submit it to us and Innisbrook will process it for you. Please remember that there will be prize to the class who has the highest dollar amount in sales!

- **Harvest Dance 2009 is around the corner!**

Dance Exclusives:

New raffles just added, along with the following fun stuff for you to come and enjoy at the Dance: Face Painting - \$5 per child – a great way to enjoy the fun! New This Year – The Photo Booth! Remember those photo booths at the arcade that produced black and white pictures of the funny faces you made? Meet your friends, family or come individually, but don't miss the photo booth...\$10 for each photo session with 3 keepsake photos for you to keep or share! If you wish to preorder your Face Painting or your Photo Session, please send in a check for the appropriate amounts for those activities you wish to enjoy. Don't forget to list your child's name and class on the reservation!

Volunteers Needed:

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with Face Painting that night, please contact Michele Sullivan at babybrid@aol.com or specify it on the volunteer sheet. No experience necessary...but a reservation is, so please make yours today!

- ***The Journal Deadline is Approaching:***

This year's Journal is dedicated to welcoming Fr. Witt to our school community. If you have not yet done so but would like to, please take out an ad! All ads need to be in by Monday, October 19th so they can be included.

As in the past, we are offering a \$25, one line note for the children of Saint Ignatius to send well wishes to the honoree, a teacher, a family member, a favored pet! Please submit these in writing and accompanied with a check made payable to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Don't forget to offer the journal to businesses too!

Absolute Deadline for all entries: Monday, October 19th.

- **HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL 2009!!!**

Calling all trick or treaters, the Halloween Carnival is coming. Get ready to show your support for our 8th graders and have loads of fun doing it!!! Please look over the three fliers attached to the Weekly.

There is a form for pre-ordering a hot dog lunch for the day of the Carnival, and for pre-ordering your tickets. You need tickets to do everything at the Carnival so make sure to order plenty!

Please Note: There will be no Hot Lunch Program on October 30th. The 8th Grade parents will be preparing a hot dog lunch for sale.

On the day of the Carnival, each student will receive an envelope with his or her pre-paid tickets and a wrist band for lunch.

Halloween Carnival \$1,000 Grand Prize Raffle... You gotta be in it to win it! Purchase your tickets today to be eligible to win \$1,000! Drawing will be held on October 30th.

Tickets for the Halloween Basket Raffles can be purchased now as well. We will be raffling off an i-Touch as well as other goodies.

There will be a Café at the Carnival where all friends and family are welcome to stop by for a sweet or savory treat.

Additional tickets and raffles will be available at the Carnival. If you have any questions, please call Patty Fallone @ (917)375-6966 or Vicki Donovan @ (917)667-6566

THE 8TH GRADE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

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

October 14, 2009

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of Class 2-1/2-2 to attend the field trip to Central Park, NY which will be held on Wednesday, October 28th. Transportation to and from the above destination will be by walking. I understand that my child will leave the school at 11:00 a.m. and return at approximately 2:00 p.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

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