

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last week as you may recall, the students in Grades 3 – 8 attended Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. As the Head of the School, I have the distinct privilege at these liturgies to look out on the children when I am on the altar. Since I am admittedly partial when it comes to the children of Saint Ignatius Loyola School, it is nice to hear someone else's glowing perspective on what I get to witness every time we come together at Mass. I would like to share with you an excerpt from an e-mail I received from Sister Kathryn King (Sister Kathryn is a pastoral associate in the Church).

...I want to tell you how wonderful the children were at the Grammar School Masses this week. I was present for both and they are well trained and it is a joy to see how they participate and how they know what to do in the Eucharist. You are to be congratulated....

Sister Kathryn's e-mail message brought home the truth that, when life at Saint Ignatius Loyola School gets so busy, our faith remains central to whom we are as a school.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Family Telephone Directory – Grades K-8 (Family)
Parent Safety Patrol Calendar – November 2009 - Grade 2
Harvest Dance Reserved Attendance Bracelets- Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Eighth Grade 2009 Graduation CDs** are in the office. Please pick it up as soon as possible.
- Friday, October 23rd - **Kindergarten Sibling Applications** are due this Friday the latest.
- Friday, October 23rd – **DRESS DOWN DAY THIS FRIDAY (October 23rd); donation of \$2 per student, with the proceeds benefiting the Goldwater Hospital.**
- Thursday, October 29th – **All Saints Day Prayer Service** at 10:00 a.m. in church. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **Friday, October 30th - Halloween Carnival Sponsored by the Eighth Grade.**
Safety first - The day is intended to be a "fun day" for everyone. Students who ride public transportation should not wear costumes to school and home from school to avoid issues. Parents are to use good judgment in sending their children to school in their costumes. Students who do use public transportation may change into their costumes when they arrive at school.

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Schedule for classes to attend the Halloween Carnival on Friday, October 30th in the auditorium:

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	-	First Grade - Parents are encouraged to come.
9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	-	Kindergarten - Parents are encouraged to come.
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	-	Sixth Grade
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	-	Third Grade
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	-	Fourth Grade
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	-	Fifth Grade
12:10 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	-	Eighth Grade Lunch Carnival closed
12:40 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.	-	Second Grade
1:10 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.	-	Seventh Grade
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	-	Eighth Graders organize to lead Parade
2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	-	“Parade Finale” All Parents are welcome to join us outside. Wallace Hall if it is a rainy day.

- Sunday, November 1st – **All Saints Day.**
- Friday, November 6th – **End of 1st Quarter.**
- Thursday, November 12th and Thursday, November 19th – **Report Card Conference. No Band.**
- **Further Clarification on the Winter Uniform**
There was some further confusion 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 sweatpants 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 sweatpants.

Many of you contacted me this week with respect to the turtleneck and the students in the Third Grade. I know many of you have purchased the turtlenecks for this year. This will be the last year the turtleneck will be a part of the uniform for the third grade.

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

- **I.T.B.S/CoGat Testing**
Make ups for the I.T.B.S. will be administered **October 21st through October 23rd.**

***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.** The **Eighth Grade girls** will be taking the TACHS test at **Dominican Academy.**

Dominican Academy
44 East 68th Street

The Eighth Grade boys will be taking the TACHS test at **St. Agnes High School.**

St. Agnes High school
555 West End Avenue

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.

FORWARD

Public High School Applications

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:**

- Friday, October 23rd - **Administration/Parent Coffee Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- Friday, October 23rd - **Harvest Dance – Hope to see you there!**

We still have space available, so if you are able, plan on joining us at this wonderful event, which this year includes our school's official welcome to Fr. Witt. There will be a DJ, photo booth and face painting accompanied by a seasonal themed buffet created by CulinArt, our in-house caterer.

Event reminders:

→ There will be NO tickets sold at the door; so if you are planning on attending, please send in your reservation by THURSDAY, October 22nd.

→ Please remember also that students cannot attend without an adult.

☺ There is a sensational silent auction happening at the Dance – the lucky high bidder will win 6 front row seats for the 1-3 International Night Show (Friday, November 20th)! Bidding sheet will be at the raffle table.

☺ There is still time to purchase your raffles for our 50/50 (jackpot prize is already over \$300); there is a photography package, a San Francisco week-long stay, a flat screen TV, a basket of cheer, a movie party basket, a beauty basket, a sports basket with Yankee signed memorabilia and other sport goodies, and the New York package which includes a week-end stay at the Michaelangelo, dinner at Maz Mezcal, tickets to New York Historical Museum and 2 movie passes.

- **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. The warm up for the day will begin at 10:00 a.m. Run times vary depending on 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.

- **Pot Luck Dinner for Single Parents**

On Tuesday November 10th, Dr. Grace Pilcer and Dr. Judith Halle will host 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 6th to confirm and to let her know what you will be bringing for the meal.

- **Innisbrook**

All orders should be in by now; if you have any questions, please call Mrs. Rojas or the Development Office. Once everything is tallied, we will announce the top selling winning class....Thank You!

- **1-3 International Night**

It's official – Grade 1 will be representing Belgium, Grade 2 will be representing the Philippines, and Grade 3 will be representing Brazil. The committee will be meeting this week to finalize the event, so please look in the Weekly for updates and information.

- **Christmas Save-The-Date**

Our opening meeting will take place on Friday, November 6th, 8:30 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!

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