

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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October 7, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This past Sunday, the Children's Choir sang at the Wallace Hall mass. As I watched the families of the children in the choir, it warmed my heart to see the pride in their faces. The children in their red robes were looking straight ahead at their choir director, Ms. Mary Huff, but every now and again you could see them glancing over at their families to see if they were watching...this is what memories are made of. At a time when we have so much going on in our lives, it is nice to remember that there is one thing we all share and that is central to who we are – our faith and our sense of community at Saint Ignatius Loyola.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Community Raffle Memo /Raffle Books – Grades K-8 (Family)

Permission Slip – Grade K

Permission Slip – Grade 1

All Hallows High School Saturday Academy Flyer – Grades 7, 8

Loyola School H1N1 Speaker Event - Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Life Touch Individual Photos – Only for those classes that were not able to take their Individual Pictures on Monday, October 5th will be able to take it on Friday, October 16th. Please wear your winter uniform.**
- **Sibling Kindergarten Applications** should be returned to the office as soon as possible.
- **Tuition: Reminder** – Tuition was due by September 23rd. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Racanelli Ext. 102.
- If you wish to contact a teacher, please remember that you can dial his/her extension directly. You do not need to dial "O" first. Parents need to call the teacher's extension when a child is going to be absent or late.
- Thursday, October 8th **Band begins.**
- **Friday, October 9th – Faculty Meeting – Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.**
- Student Government will sponsor the first **dress down** of the school year Friday, October 9th. The cost is \$2. You must follow our dress down guidelines – no shorts, ripped or overly baggy jeans, tank tops, or extremely short skirts. This money raised will be donated to Autism Speaks.
- **Monday, October 12th – Columbus Day No School.**
- Tuesday, October 13th - **Winter Uniforms** are to be worn.

OVER

• **I.T.B.S/CoGat Testing**

Starting on Wednesday, October 14th, all students in the First Grade to the Eighth Grade will take the I.T.B.S. Test. Traditionally the tests were 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.

***Second Grade Information:**

- Wednesday, October 13th – **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.

***Third through Fifth Grade Information:**

- Tuesday, October 13th - **Liturgy** at 12:10 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

***Sixth through Eighth Grade Information:**

- Wednesday, October 14th – **Liturgy** at 12:10 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

***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 School

A letter of request for an admissions ticket for the Specialized Public High School test is due to Ms. Larkin no later than **9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 13**. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS. Regis scholarship candidates must clearly state in their letter their request to take the Specialized Test on Sunday, November 8, 2009. This option is ONLY available to Regis scholarship candidates.

Regular Public School Application

A letter of request for an application for a Regular Public School application is due to Ms. Larkin no later than **9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 13**. The letter must clearly state your request for a Regular Public School application.

Catholic High School Fairs

Westchester

Iona College Preparatory

Thursday, October 8

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Borough High School Fairs

Saturday, October 24 and Sunday October 25

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bronx

Theodore Roosevelt Educational Campus

Manhattan

Martin Luther King, Jr. Educational Campus

Brooklyn

Edward R. Morrow High School

Queens

Francis Lewis High School

Staten Island

New Dorp High School

FORWARD

***Parent Information:**

- **H1N1 Policy for the Archdiocese of New York**
This past Friday I received a letter from Dr. Timothy McNiff, the Superintendent of Schools in the

students in the schools. Dr. McNiff noted in his letter that, in response Archbishop Dolan's consultation with Bishop DiMarzio regarding the H1N1 flu, the decision has been made to have a consistent policy in the New York City Catholic schools. Both dioceses will observe the following practices:

As more information becomes available, I will be in contact with you.

- **Food and Clothing Drive for the Philippines**

On Friday, October 9th, the school will be accepting donations of clothing, blankets, food items etc. for those who have been affected by the typhoon in the Philippines. The items should be clearly labeled and left on the stage in McKinnon Hall. Mrs. Rosemary Kaplan has offered to deliver the donations to the Philippines Relief Center in Manhattan. As you know, space is a commodity in Saint Ignatius Loyola School, so all of the items will be delivered to the Relief Center on Tuesday, October 13th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

- **Innisbrook – soon it will be a wrap!**

If you have not yet done so, please remember to get your Innisbrook orders in. The deadline for placing orders is October 14th.

- **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**

Date Correction

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 Pilcer and Dr. 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.

- **Harvest Dance**

Last week you received your packet for the Harvest Dance. This year the journal will be dedicated to welcoming Fr. Witt, so we ask that if you are interested in placing an ad, to welcome Fr. Witt, to honor a teacher or a child or to advertise your business, that you get your information in by the deadline. Thank you!

Additional fun at the Harvest Dance - a Silent Auction for 6 front row seats to the 1- 3 International Night! Additional raffles to be added next week - a sports basket with great memorabilia and items and other great things...we'll keep you posted!

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

October 7, 2009

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of Class K-1, K-2 to attend the field trip to Green Meadows Farm, Floral Park, NY which will be held on Wednesday, October 21st. Transportation to and from the above destination will be by bus. I understand that my child will leave the school at 8:45 a.m. and return at approximately 1:30 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

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Parent Signature

Home Address

Telephone

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Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of Class 1-1, 1-2 to attend the field trip to the Queen County Farm Museum, 73-50 Littleneck Parkway, Floral Park, NY which will be held on Tuesday, October 20th. Transportation to and from the above destination will be by bus. I understand that my child will leave the school at 8:50 a.m. and return at approximately 12:45 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$7.

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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