

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to once again, on behalf of Saint Ignatius Loyola School, wish Father Witt all the best as he assumes his role as the Pastor of The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. It was heart warming to see so many families from the School present at Father Witt's Installation Mass and his reception. It is a true testament to the sense of community the School and the Parish share.

At this time, I would like to welcome a new part-time addition to the staff of Saint Ignatius Loyola and to the Development Office – Mrs. Karen Guzzardo. Many of you may recognize Mrs. Guzzardo as an alum parent. A former member of the Special Events Committee, she volunteered for countless school events, in addition to playing a very active role as a member of the Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish.

This week marks our first of many fun filled events as we prepare for Back-to-School Bingo on Friday evening. As a reminder, students must be accompanied by an adult in order to attend the event. If you are unable to attend the event and your child is going to be present at Back-to-School Bingo with another school parent, you must submit a note directly to me no later than 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 25, stating with whom your child will be attending.

I have included in the Weekly a letter and a fact sheet that I received from the Office of the Superintendent of the Archdiocese of New York that discusses how the Archdiocese wishes the schools to move forward with respect to the H1N1 virus. Schools in the Archdiocese of New York will not be distributing or administering the H1N1 vaccine.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

- Family Day Brochure – Grades K-8 (Oldest in Family)
- Permission Slip – Class K-1
- Community Service Guideline – Grade 8
- Carnival Letter – Grade 8
- Parent Reception Invite – Grades K, 1, 2
- FIT-ness Group Letter and Form – Grades 3-8 (2 sheets)
- Superintendent of School Letter – Grades K-8
- Preventing Influenza Fact Sheets – Grades K-8 (2 sheets)
- CulinArt Lunch Menu October 2009 – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Gentle Reminders**

I would remind anyone sitting outside in a car at dismissal to refrain from moving out of your parking spot until the bell has rung and all the children are safely on the sidewalk. I appreciate and understand that everyone is exiting and hurrying to start the next part of their day, but the children are scattered on the street and the sidewalk and their well being is our utmost concern.

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As I noted last week, kindly refrain from sitting on the steps and ledges of Regis High School. I would also ask that you keep your child/ren close to you at dismissal. The children should not be standing on the top of fire hydrants and playing tag. I know they are excited to be outside with their friends but again, it is a safety issue.

After School Care ends promptly at **5:45 p.m.** as was noted on the After School application. If you are running late, please call the office. If you are late, you will need to sign your child out in the office and you will be assessed **\$30** per day on your monthly billing.

- **Thursday, September 24th - Professional Day No School.**

- Monday, October 5th – **Life Touch Individual Pictures** for Grades K-7. **Students must be in full uniform.**

***Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Information:**

- Wednesday, September 23rd – **Back-to-School Night** from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- Monday, October 5th – **Life Touch Graduation Pictures.** Boys must wear a white button down shirt.
- Tuesday, October 6th – **Life Touch Class Group Photo and Church Photo. Students must be in full uniform.**
- Tuesday, October 6th – **High School Fair** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.
- It is essential to contact Mrs. Rodriguez to schedule an appointment to discuss the high school admissions process with Ms. Larkin, Ms. Savarese or Mr. Sullivan. The eighth grade student and parent are expected to attend the meeting.

TACHS Class begins this Saturday, September 26th. Please remit payment of \$200 to **Mrs. Mirra by Friday, September 25th.** Students are to meet at the **Park Avenue gate entrance. The doors will open at 8:25 a.m. and will be locked at 8:30 a.m. Students MUST be pre-registered.**

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 High School test is due to Ms. Larkin no later than **Tuesday, October 13th**. 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 **Tuesday, October 13th**. The letter must clearly state your request for a Regular Public School application.

Catholic High School Fairs

Bronx

Cardinal Hayes High School
Thursday, September 24
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Cardinal Spellman High School
Tuesday, September 29
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Manhattan

Fordham University at Lincoln Center
Sunday, September 27th
12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Westchester

Iona College Preparatory
Thursday, October 8th
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Citywide Public High School Fair

Brooklyn Technical High school
Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Borough High School Fairs

Saturday, October 24th and Sunday October 25th
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

***Parent Information:**

- **The Pocket Calendars are in!**

You may purchase yours at this evening's Back-To-School Night or at the office window. They are \$3 each.

- The school patches have arrived and are available in the supply room. They are \$3 each.
- Friday, September 25th - **Special Events Committee Meeting Fall Chair Persons** at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- Friday, September 25th – **Back-to-School Night Bingo** in McKinnon Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 25th – **Innisbrook Gift Wrap** orders are due.
- Friday, October 2nd – **Ad Hoc Committee Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- Wednesday, October 7th – **Dr. Grace Pilcer Parent Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- **Innisbrook Wraps** – IMPORTANT!
When the Innisbrook materials came home to you last week, they included a cover letter that directed you to input all your orders online. We were unaware that Innisbrook had included this new option, which you are welcome to do, but please know that **you do not have to do this**. If you prefer, please collect your orders and payments just as you have in the past and bring them in to school by the deadline. Please also be reminded that checks should be made out to Saint Ignatius Loyola School. If you have any questions, please call Onelia Rojas, Joelle Kelly or Danielle Klyap for clarification.
- **BINGO – It's Almost Here!**
Back-To-School Bingo is this Friday night and we are nearing sellout level, so please get your reservations in as soon as you are able....come join the fun!

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- **The Special Events Committee Meeting – Please come!**

The Special Events Committee is a six member parent group invited by Administration to assist with the planning and implementation of fund and friend raising activities sponsored by our school. It is our honor and pleasure to introduce to you this year’s Committee:

**New Committee Members
As of September 2009**

Rosemary Kaplan
rose@thecopyspecialist.com

Kim Kramer Math
kramerk@mskcc.org

Mary Oing
mary_hom@hotmail.com

**Committee Members
Term Ending June 2010**

Terri Daly
nycdaly@worldnet.att.net

Megwin Finegan Hoopes
megwin.finegan@gmail.com

Sheila Vestergom
msvesti@verizon.net

Please join them at our first planning session for our Fall events, this Friday, September 25th, at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria. All are welcome and encouraged to come and learn more about the upcoming events and how you can help.

Event Chairs 2009-2010

We would first like to thank all those who took the time to complete the annual parent survey. Your comments – and compliments - are most appreciated. The Special Events Committee members have been very busy this past two weeks

trying to reach everyone who volunteered to chair an event.

A few things to note:

~everyone who filled out the form and volunteered to be a chairperson has been given an activity he/she expressed

an interest in;

~there is still time to volunteer to be on a committee... everyone's help is needed and most appreciated!;

~if for some reason you can no longer chair something or there is an error in the information below, please contact

the Special Events Committee member listed (to the right) and let her know.

A few of you suggested new events for the coming year; please know that we will be 'changing things up' a bit with

next year's event offerings, so if you have additional ideas, please let us know!

EVENT	CHAIRS	SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE Member Overseeing Event
Annual Fund	Goetz	Principal, Development
Harvest Dance	Kaplan, Smallman, Anthony, Foley	Kaplan
Wrapping Paper	Rojas, Kelly (J), Klyap	Oing
Christmas Fair, Overall Chairs	Mannarino, Rossi	Vestergom
<i>Brunch With Santa</i>	Gallagher, McGloin	"
<i>Gourmet</i>	Daly	"
<i>Children's Shopping</i>	Ptucha, Aulletti	"
<i>Granny's Attic</i>	Kwok, Blasi, Jordan	"
<i>Children's Art</i>	Stubin-Amelio	"
<i>Christmas Greenery</i>	Kinney-Stefanou, Altruda, Leigh	"
<i>Christmas Cocktail Party</i>	Hanifin	"
1-3 Intl. Night	Brown, Kilb, Paelez-Perez	Hoopes
Back-To-School Bingo	Mannarino, Robert	Hoopes
Chinese New Year Bingo	Keller, Wong-Stanger, Fahey	Kaplan
Intl. Street Fair	Hoopes, M. Vestergom	Hoopes
Logo Sales	Kelly (J)	Vestergom
Cath. Schools Week Sale	Voss, McStay	Daly

Celtic Celebration	O'Neil, Hennessy, Kelly (J)	Daly
Ladies Night Out	Donovan, Preston, Balkovic	Vestergom
Golf	Brinster, Buono, Math	Oing
Book Fair	Daly, Balkovic	Daly
Musical Concessions	Ringlestein	Kramer
Mentor Breakfast	Rossi	Daly
Teacher Collections	Ptucha, Bonner, Berardino, Adamec, Amigron	Principal
Auction Overall Chairs	Vestergom, Kramer, Kaufman, Russo, O'Driscoll	Vestergom
<i>Acquisitions</i>	Nugent, Webb	"
<i>Catalog</i>	Follana, Kaplan	"
<i>Physical Event</i>	Kaplan	"
<i>Class Reps</i>	Anthony, Preston	"
<i>Class Projects</i>	Campbell	"
Walk-A-Thon	Kramer	Kramer, Oing

- Dear Parents & Guardians:

Welcome to Daisy Troop 3033! We are excited to welcome our returning girls and our new members.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The Daisy program consists of girls in grades K and 1, and provides an introduction to girl scouting, and a learning of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

This year's journey will take the girls on a virtual cross-country road trip, exploring and appreciating the many different ecosystems of the United States, while learning geography in a fun and exciting way. We will incorporate songs, crafts and games. The Daisies we will also take part in an "environmental" service project. Also, if you have any ideas for service projects, let us know. We are focusing on the environment this year.

Meetings

Daisies will meet the first Monday of each month, **beginning October 5th** (dates listed below), from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. If you are enrolling your daughter in Daisies, please provide a note to your teacher letting them know that your daughter will be picked up by Daisy Leaders, Bridgette Foley or Christine O'Keefe, on these dates.

Dismissal is at 4:30 p.m. at the Park Avenue doors. We would appreciate your promptness at pick-up. ***(If your child is in the after-school program, please let us know and upon dismissal they will be sent to their after school classrooms.)*** Also, please notify us if your daughter will miss a Daisy meeting, especially if she is in school that day, so that we know she is safely accounted for.

Uniform

The uniform is not required, but the girls love it, and all the Daisies will be earning patches that can be displayed on their Girl Scout uniform. For Daisies, the uniform consists of the **blue vest**. (Returning Daisies continue to wear the same vest as last year.) The vest can be worn to school on meeting days or carried in their backpack. (I realize that our first meeting date is a day of school pictures, so it may be best to have them carry their vests in their backpacks.) If ordering, be sure to order the following items (see photo attached): Total cost of the items below is approximately \$28.00. The Daisy uniform can be ordered on-line at goshop.girlscouts.org or can be purchased at the Girl Scout store at 420 Fifth Avenue at 39th Street.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Item # (if ordering on-line)</u>
Blue Daisy Vest	0312
Gold Troop Numbers "3033"	1412
Wavy American Flag Patch	14301
Gold Insignia Tab	14141
World Trefoil Pin	09062
Gold Daisy Girl Scout Membership Pin	09032

<u>Meeting Dates:</u>					
October 5th	November 2nd	December 7th	January 4th	February 1st	March 1st
**April 12th					
			May 3rd	June 7th	
** No Meeting on April 5th because of Easter Vacation					

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Registration

- If your daughter will be enrolling in Daisies, please send me an e-mail with your daughter's name and class room (if you haven't already done so) Bridgette Foley thefoleys@nyc.rr.com
- Please leave a note with your daughters teacher letting them know that your child is enrolled in Daisies and will be picked up by Bridgette Foley or Christine O'Keefe on Daisy meeting dates.
- Registration forms will be handed out at the first meeting, and should be returned to the school by Friday, October 9th along with the registration fee.
- Registration fee is \$100. This cost includes the Girl Scout Council Fee, a Daisy Journal, afternoon snack, parties, badges, ceremonies and insurance. Checks should be payable to "GSCGNY".
- Registration forms and fee can be left at the front office of school and labeled "Daisies". We are always in need of parent volunteers to assist with our meetings, even on a part-time/occasional basis.
If there is a date that you'd like to attend, please let us know.

We look forward to a great year together. We will periodically update you on our activities and achievements, but don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or suggestions.

Thank you.

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Christine O'Keefe 917-402-8087
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PARENTAL REQUEST FOR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN A SCHOOL SPONSORED FIELD TRIP

September 23, 2009

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of Class K-1 to attend the field trip to the Firehouse, East 85th Street between Lexington and Third Avenue, NY which will be held on Wednesday, September 30th. Transportation to and from the above destination will be by walking. I understand that my child will leave the school at 9:45 a.m. and return at approximately 11:15 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
