

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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September 30, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to thank the parents and guardians from the Kindergarten to the Fifth Grade for their patience last Wednesday evening when 84th Street became a frozen zone in anticipation of the President's arrival.

Over the course of the past few weeks, you may have asked, "Is it Friday, yet?" Now that September is coming to an end, it is a good time to stop and take a breath and remember you are not alone in the daily 'busyness' of your life. Your guardian angel is always with you. Friday, October 2nd is the Feast Day of Guardian Angels, so on Friday take a moment to say this prayer.

Angel of God
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide,
Amen.

It is important in the rush of our daily lives to remember to stop and take a minute for ourselves.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

- Permission Slip – Class K-2
- The Parent Safety Patrol Calendar – Grade 1
- Life Touch Order Form – Grade 8
- Class Picture – Complimentary
- Church Picture - \$12 Charge
- Life Touch Order Form Graduation Picture Cap and Gown – Grade 8
- Jazz Band Memo-Application – Grades 4-8
- Academy of American Studies at Notre Dame School Offering and Application – Grades 7/8 Girls
- Life Touch Order Forms – Grades K-7
- Harvest Dance Packet – Grades K-8
- Parent Safety Patrol Letter – Grades K-8 (front and back)

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Great News**
Ms. Sarah Danyi's music classes will begin on Monday, October 5th. Ms. Schenck's classes began yesterday, Tuesday, September 29th.
- **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.

OVER

- 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.
- **Life Touch Individual Photos - Picture Day**
On Monday, October 5th, students in Grades K – 7 will have their individual pictures taken. Since the students are still in their summer uniform that is the uniform they should wear for their pictures.
- Tuesday, October 6th – **Life Touch Class Photos** – Students in the Kindergarten to the Eighth Grade will have their class photos taken.

Students must be in full uniform.

- Wednesday, October 7th – **Chamber of Commerce Raffle begins.**
- Thursday, October 8th **Band begins.**
- Friday, October 9th – **Faculty Meeting – Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.**
- Monday, October 12th – **Columbus Day No School.**
- Tuesday, October 13th **Winter Uniforms** are to be worn.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- **Life Touch Graduation Photos** -Eighth Grade Students will have their individual Graduation pictures taken on Monday, October 5th. The Eighth Grade boys are to wear a white collared dress shirt with their school tie for the picture. Eighth Grade girls are to wear their white school shirt.
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- 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.

• **Eighth Grade Information**

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 **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 **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.

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.

FORWARD

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

***Parent Information:**

- 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.
- **Save the Dates - Ronald McDonald Kids Charity Fun Run**
On Saturday, November 1st at 1:00 p.m., Saint Ignatius Loyola School will once again participate in the Ronald McDonald Kids Charity Fun Run.
- **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. Evelyn Rodriguez and let her know what you will be bringing.

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

September 30, 2009

Dear Ms. Larkin:

Please allow my child _____ of Class K-2 to attend the field trip to the Firehouse, East 85th Street between Lexington and Third Avenue, NY which will be held on Wednesday, October 14th. 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

September 30, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Safety Patrol Program is set to begin for the 2009-2010 school year. The October calendar is being distributed in this Wednesday's Weekly to the first grade. We have received supportive feedback on the merit of the program and for joining the SUN Alert Network. At the same time, we understand that new parents may have some questions regarding the program which warrant clarification at this time.

We hope the following information will help you understand the program and our decision to implement it at Saint Ignatius Loyola School. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jim Daly, SIL Parent Safety Coordinator at extension 157. We have made a commitment to see this program flourish with 100% parent participation so that our school neighborhood has a visible presence in helping keep our children safe.

1. What are my responsibilities while I am on patrol?

Your main responsibility is to be a visible presence, on an established route, not only for our children but for all children who are on their way home from school. Your presence is a deterrent to a potential situation that may be lurking for meandering children. You are keeping a watchful eye for any potential concerns that may warrant a phone call to 911. You are not to take action. The mechanics of the patrol are simple: you are expected to sign in ten minutes before you begin your patrol, don the safety patrol vest, pick up the patrol map, and sign out when your patrol time is finished. You will not have a walkie-talkie, so your cell phone is a critical component to getting help quickly. (If needed.)

2. How will I know when it is my turn to patrol?

The first grade has been assigned the month of October. The second grade has been assigned the month of November. Please be aware that your child will receive the safety patrol calendar with the weekly one month in advance.

3. What are the times I am required to patrol?

The daily time to patrol is 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year parents will be patrolling on half days from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m..

4. What if I have more than one child in Saint Ignatius?

No matter the number of children you have enrolled in Saint Ignatius Loyola School, you will only be assigned to walk with one grade level.

5. Are my children allowed to come with me while I am on patrol?

When you are patrolling, your children may be placed in After School Care free of charge. It is not advisable to have your children patrolling with you.

6. Do I need to report on duty if it is raining?

Yes, you will be expected to patrol. However, depending on the weather, Mr. Daly will advise you on the designated ending time.

7. Do you know the calendar at this time?

The following grade assignments are in place for this calendar year:

October – First Grade
November – Second Grade
December – Third Grade
January – Fourth Grade
February – Fifth Grade
March - Sixth Grade
April – Kindergarten
May – Eighth Grade
June – Seventh Grade

8. *What if I can't patrol on my designated day?*

It is the designated parent's responsibility to contact another parent on any grade level to arrange for coverage for that assigned day. You may use the Community Telephone Directory.

9. *If I lose my calendar will I be able to retrieve the information from the school website?*

October will be on the website in the next week. As the year progresses, the other months will be added to the website. (www.SaintIgnatiusLoyolaSchool.com).

10. *Where can I get more information on the SUN Network?*

The Schools Unite Network "SUN" is an internet information exchange system activated in cooperation with NYPD Manhattan North and Parents to assist with spotting signs of trouble involving children. "SUN" transmits information in "near real time" for quick action. "SUN" also transmits information back to schools and the community if NYPD action was taken. Participating in "SUN" is critical in strengthening our neighborhood safety network; for more information, log on to www.SUNnyc.org. Click on "receive email alerts" at the top of the page to register and you will receive information regarding potential concerns within our community.

We thank you in advance for your continued support for this and all the programs that help define the mission of Saint Ignatius Loyola School and its commitment to its students.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin

Rosalie Savarese

Saint Ignatius Loyola School Music Department

Jazz Band 2009-2010

The Saint Ignatius Loyola Jazz Band is looking for great musicians to enroll in our program's fourth year! All 5th-8th grade musicians are welcome, as well as 4th graders on an individual basis. Musicians that have been playing for at least one year are welcome to join, as well as bassists, guitarists and pianists that learn privately outside of school. Jazz Band is a great way for students to improve their instrumental skills, as well as get a chance to shine with solo opportunities. We will meet **Tuesdays** in the music room from **3:00-4:15 p.m.** each week school is in session, with the exception of December 15th. **Semester I for Jazz Band will end February 4th, when we perform at the Winter Wonderland Concert at 6 pm in McKinnon Hall.**

Semester I for Jazz Band is from **October 6th-February 4th, 2010**. The fee for Semester I is \$400, which includes a materials fee and 15 rehearsals.

If you wish, you may pay for Semester II as well, which is \$325.00 (12 lessons + materials fee.)

Please note that instruments are NOT provided, with the exception of the drum kit and keyboards. Also please be aware that jazz band is not a substitute for the concert band and students are strongly encouraged to be members of both.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the program at extension 143.

Ms. Schenck

Please detach and return the bottom slip along with your payment no later than October 2nd. Spots are available on a first come, first serve basis.

My child, _____, would like to be a member of

Jazz Band. Her/his instrument is the _____.

Parent Signature

date