

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As I have shared on numerous occasions with you through my Weekly letter or in conversation, I feel extremely blessed to be a part of the Saint Ignatius Loyola School community.

On Thursday, we attended Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It was the first time we came together as a school community since the inception of the New Roman Missal.

I could not have been more proud of the students. You send your children to Saint Ignatius Loyola School with the expectation that they will receive a faith-filled education. Their Catholic School teaching was evident in Mass on Thursday. It was so clear that their teachers have been working with the children, familiarizing them with the changes to the Mass. Your children were fully engaged and responded confidently and clearly.

At a time when there is much change afoot in the schools in the Archdiocese of New York, we are truly blessed at Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

On behalf of Father Witt, Ms. Savarese, the Faculty and Staff, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening at the Christmas Pageant.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

- Class of 2012 Yearbook Packet – Grade 8
- Parent Safety Patrol Calendar-January 2012 – Grade 2
- Audition Information - Fame - Grades 5 -8
- Auction Solicitation Letter/Form - Grades K-8 (2 sheets)
- Christmas Pageant Information Sheet – Grades K-8 (front and back)
- CulinArt Lunch Menu – January 2012 – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, December 15th – **Pageant Practice** at 9:30 a.m.
- **REMINDER**
As we prepare to gather in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola on Thursday, December 15th for the Annual Christmas Pageant, I would ask that you remember that we are in a sacred space. Please refrain from placing your coats, attaché cases, shopping bags, etc. on the side altars or in the aisles. Since we are in church, I ask that you not drink coffee, soda, etc. or eat snacks. If, for medical reasons, a member of your family requires water or some type of snack, please do not leave the empty bottles or wrappers in the church upon your exit.

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All aisles need to remain clear for the children's passage, so please do not stand in the aisle or come up to the front during the performance. The Pageant is being filmed. Strollers should be left on the side in the Narthex.

All doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Seating is first come, first served, so I ask when the doors open that you remember you are on line to enter a church, not Wal-Mart on Black Friday. I appreciate that you are anxious to get a good seat to see your child, however, the safety of those waiting to get into Church should be, if not first and foremost, equally important.

- Thursday, December 15th – **Christmas Pageant** at 6:00 p.m. in Church.
- Tuesday, December 20th - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- Wednesday, December 21st - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.
- There will be **no Weekly** on Wednesday, December 21st due to the Christmas Holiday.
- Thursday, December 22nd – **Christmas Recess begins. Dismissal at 3:00 p.m. No After School Care.**
- Friday, December 23rd – **Christmas Holiday No School.**
- Sunday, December 25th – **Christmas Day.**
- **Monday, December 26th through Friday, December 30th – Christmas Recess.**
- Sunday, January 1st – **Happy New Year.**
- Monday, January 2nd – **Holiday No School.**
- Tuesday, January 3rd – **School Resumes.**
- Wednesday, January 4th – **Liturgy** Grades K-8 at 1:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Friday, January 6th – Last day to submit **Kindergarten Applications.**
- Friday, January 6th – **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal.**
- Wednesday, January 11th - **Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**
- Thursday, January 12th – **Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**
- Friday, January 13th - **Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**

***Kindergarten Information:**

- Friday, January 13th – **No School for Kindergarten.**

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- Monday, January 9th – **Parents Confirmation Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- Tuesday, January 10th – **Parents Yearbook Meeting** in the Great Room at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 12th – **Parents Make-Up Confirmation Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

***Parent Information:**

- **Ronald McDonald House**
There is still time to drop off new face cloths, wash cloths and bath towels for the Ronald McDonald House. We will be collecting the new towels from Grades K – 8 through Friday morning, December 16th. Your child should bring the towels to his/her classroom.

- **Mercy Center**
Canned goods for the Mercy Center will be collected until Thursday, December 15th. Donations should be left under the prayer table in McKinnon Hall.
- **Free Wigs for Kids – \$2 Dress Down Day**
On Friday, December 16th, the Student Government will host a dress down day for the students in the Kindergarten to the Eighth Grade for “Free Wigs for Kids.” The goal is to raise \$1,000. The \$1,000 will be used to give a child a wig and the maintenance of the wig for a year.
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Christmas Gift**
Thank you to all those who have responded as of today. Please remember to send in your gift. If you have any questions, please call a committee member for information: Lucille Adamec, Myriam Berardino, Catherine Frank, Patty Ptucha, Judy Taylor or Jennifer Sweeney.
- **Christmas Shopping on the Stage**
While a lot of the items were whisked out the doors by our wonderful shoppers, there are still many great items available for sale. If you still need to get items on your holiday shopping list, please stop by our “Shopping on the Stage” and take a look. Remember also that we have SIL Logo items that make great gifts to give!

The shopping fun will continue during the following times:

Wednesday	December 14	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 15	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Friday	December 16	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

- **Auction Forms**
While the auction itself may seem far away, it takes many months of planning and solicitation by our entire community to ensure a successful event. Attached to today’s Weekly, you will find an introductory letter and a donation form for Auction 2012. It is our largest Special Event so we need to enlist the help of all our families in getting items to offer. Suggestions include certificates of every kind – retail, dining, travel, spa; hotel, tours and air travel; sports items; tickets to performances, sports events, museums, activities; unique experiences (dinner with a star, tour of something not otherwise offered, etc.); signed memorabilia; handbags; jewelry; children’s items, etc....in short, anything you would love to bid on and win. If you have questions, please contact a committee member or the Development Office for more information.
Auction 2012 Volunteers:
Co-Chairs: Diane Frost, Kim Kramer Math, Siobhan O’Driscoll, Judy Morrill Taylor, Valerie Webb
Committee Members:
Acquisitions: Lisa DeRosa, Brendan Scanlon, Maritza Terry
Physical Event: Jackie Altruda, Kim Evans
Class Projects: Carla Hunt
Class Reps: Pam Campagna
- Friday, January 13th – **Special Events Meeting** – Spring Events at 8:45 a.m. in the Great Room.
- **Save-The-Dates:**
Online Auction begins March 28th and runs to May 4th; Auction 2012 will take place on Friday, April 27th....don’t forget to invite your family and friends to join you online and at the event!

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