

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Wednesday evening, you may recall that Father Witt hosted a Regionalization Meeting regarding Saint Ignatius Loyola School and the Archdiocese of New York in McKinnon Hall. As Father Witt discussed at the meeting, we were required to complete an application to remain a Parish-based school. The application has been completed and was submitted yesterday. The Archdiocese of New York is scheduled to make their determination as to which schools meet the criteria to remain Parish-based at the end of January. As Father Witt discussed, Saint Ignatius Loyola School meets the five requirements to opt out of becoming a school in the newly created regions. As soon as the Archdiocese of New York makes the final decision, it will be shared with the Saint Ignatius Loyola School community.

To those of you who were able to attend the meeting, your questions and the discussion that ensued were extremely insightful and heartfelt. Thank you for giving up another evening for the success and future of Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Blue Ribbon T-Shirt Order Form – Grades K-8
Church Open Forum Flyer – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- If anyone is missing a metal scooter and a pair of eye glasses, please report to the office.
- Thursday, December 8th – **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** Liturgy Grades K-8 at 1:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **Friday, December 9th – Professional Day No School.**
- Tuesday, December 13th - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades K-4.
- Wednesday, December 14th - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades 5-8.
- Wednesday, December 14th – **Pageant Practice** for Grades K-8 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. The Eighth Grade may be expected to stay for additional practice until 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 15th – **Pageant Practice** at 9:30 a.m.
- 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.

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- 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.**

***Third and Fifth Grade Information:**

- On Monday, December 5th the students in the third grade and fifth grade had the opportunity to be a part of the Mathletics program which provides many benefits for the teachers and students. Over the course of the next week, the students may be given Mathletics assignments to complete at home. I would ask that you observe as your child takes part in this exciting new math initiative.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- Monday, December 12th - **Pageant Practice** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 13th - **Pageant Practice** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

***Parent Information:**

- **Christmas Pageant DVDs:** The Pageant will be videotaped and the DVD copies will be available for purchase for \$40. If you are interested in purchasing a DVD, kindly fill out the order form on the last page of the weekly.
- **Ronald McDonald House**
You may recall that, in October, you donated various sundry items to the Ronald McDonald House. The outpouring of appreciation from the representatives of the Ronald McDonald House has left me beyond words. Before we went on Thanksgiving Break, I asked The House if they needed Saint Ignatius Loyola School to be Christmas Angels to the children. The one request they had was for towels. The parents and students of Saint Ignatius Loyola School have given so much already but, if you are so willing, we will be collecting new towels - wash cloths, face cloths and bath towels from Grades K – 8 through Friday, 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 – the response so far has been terrific! Please remember to send your gift in by the deadline which is Friday, December 16th. If you have any questions, please call a committee member: 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 too, that we have SIL Logo items that make great gifts to give!

Christmas Shopping Times:

The shopping fun will continue during the following times:

- Thursday December 8 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Monday December 12 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday December 13 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 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.

• **Thank You**

It truly takes a village to host the three annual events that kicked off the Christmas season for our families. We are deeply grateful to the legions of volunteers who staffed check-outs, cafe, brunch and merchandise booths; those who strung garland, snowflakes and all other manner of decoration to make our school beautiful; those who greeted Fair and Brunch goers; and those who magically appeared at day’s end to help facilitate a speedy clean-up.

This trio of events could not happen without the many Co-Chairs who devoted much time to making sure the events were as successful as they could be.

Our thanks and gratitude to our Co-Chairs:

Christmas Fair: Sheila Vestergom

Christmas Greenery: Susan-Jayne Caballero, Lara O’Shaughnessy

Pricing: Isabella Gargone, Nancy McGloin

Decorating: Michael Vestergom, Andrei Levcovici, Brendan Scanlon, John Oehler

Cocktail Party: Christine Hanafin, Katherine Todd

Christmas Café: Christine Bertran, Maria O’Donnell

Gourmet: Terri Daly

Personalized Ornaments: Karen Anderson, Karen Pedrazzi

Jewelry: Emma Sydorenko

Children’s Shopping: Patty Ptucha

Logo: Joelle Kelly, Justine Oddo, Ray Pastore, Carol Reynolds

Brunch: Jean Gallagher, Connie Geoghan, Kim Kramer, Danielle Smith, Mary Ellen Weilage

Brunch Crafts: Sylvie Brown, Lora Amelio

Brunch Photos: Kevin Math

Alumni Volunteers: Samantha Kombel

Girl Scout Booth: They raised over \$600 for their school.

Girl Scouts who helped at the Brunch: Julia Goetz, Paia Amelio, Gabriella Sahyoun, Julia Galasso, Chloe Brown, Madeleine Proctor, Gabrielle Fazzalari, Sophia Zehler, Elizabeth Daly, Alexa Klyap, Mary Kate McGranahan, Kathleen Valonis, Clare Koch, Katherine Prediger.

And last but not least, a quick shout out to Santa for taking time out from his busy schedule to visit!

***Correction in the Directory:**

- Giuliana Zvonik Class 1-1 – Home number is 646-490-4869

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Please tear off:

Christmas Pageant 2011 DVD Order Form

Child’s Name _____ Class _____

Number of DVDs requested: _____ x \$40 per copy = \$ _____ Check # _____

Parent Signature

Date

Saint Ignatius Loyola School Music Department presents:



AUDITION INFORMATION for 5th-8th graders

*What you need before auditions:

(Available outside of the music room)

- * General Rehearsal Schedule
- * Parent Information Packet
- * Parent Permission Form/Auditioner Information Sheet.

*Auditions will be held on Friday, December 16th at the following times. Only auditioning students will attend these auditions.

- 12:30pm-1:00pm 5th grade (begins during recess)
- 1:00pm-1:30pm 6th grade
- 1:30pm-2:00pm 7th grade
- 2:00pm-2:30pm 8th grade

*Make-up auditions for absent students only will be held on Tuesday, December 20th at 8:00 a.m.

*Come prepared with a short song or excerpt that shows your vocal and acting abilities. You will sing a capella for this audition.

*Bring the following to your audition:

- * Lyrics to your song of choice, if not memorized.
- * Parent Permission Form and Auditioner Information Sheet-signed. You must have this to be allowed to attend auditions.
- * Production Fee Check made out to "Saint Ignatius Loyola School."

*Callbacks- The callback list will be posted on Monday, December 19th. Callbacks will happen on Tuesday, December 20th from 3:15 pm-5:00 pm.

Audition tips

- ☺ Prepare!
- ☺ Choose your song in advance and practice alone and in front of people.
- ☺ Choose a song that displays high and low notes, and shows off your acting.
- ☺ Memorization is not required, but often lets us see more of your acting.
- ☺ Sing strongly and with enthusiasm.

Attention 4th graders- If you would like to participate in "Fame JR!", you do not need to audition. Fourth graders automatically participate as part of the chorus for their first year. Sign-up for fourth graders will be forthcoming.

Christmas Pageant Information

Upcoming After School Rehearsals

Thursday, December 8th 3:00pm-4:15pm
7th grade Pageant Vocal Choir, 3 Wise Men, Cantors
Monday, December 12th 3:00pm-5:00pm
ALL 8th graders in Church
Tuesday, December 13th 3:00pm-5:00PM
ALL 8th graders in Church

Drop-off

The children are to be dropped off, to McKinnon Hall, **in their costume**, by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th. 8th graders ONLY are to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m.

Costumes

Now is the time to be preparing your child's costume for the Christmas Pageant. Please refer to the following guidelines.

KINDERGARTEN

*Sunday Best Outfit
Red, green, and gold colors are preferable
No sneakers or jeans*

1st and 2nd Grades

GIRL or BOY ANGELS

All white clothing-robes or dresses (for girls) are preferable. Boys may wear white shirts with white pants.
Optional Halo-We will only allow children to wear a halo that sits directly on the child's head. A halo that sits on wire above the head will be removed as it blocks other children standing behind.
Optional Wings-We will only accept small, soft wings. Large, stiff wings will be removed as they take up room on the altar.
Footwear- No sneakers or flip flops.

GIRL or BOY SHEPHERDS

Colorful robes-any color will do, but blues and browns are preferable.
Shepherd's head-dress- any color will do, but blues and browns are preferable.
Footwear- Black school shoes. No sneakers or flip flops.
NOTE: Shepherds are NOT permitted to carry a staff.

3rd Grade- People of Bethlehem

*Solid black, brown, or gray pants, no sweats or jeans
Solid red, green, blue, brown, white, gray or black long sleeved shirts
Black school shoe*

Advanced Orchestra

*Solid Black dress pants, ankle length skirts or dresses
Solid Black or white dress shirt
Black socks or tights
Black school shoes No sneakers
Optional black tie or bowtie for the boys*

Parade of Nations

*Costumes of heritage or Sunday best attire. No casual attire.
You may choose to wear a traditional costume that proudly reflects the heritage of your nation, or you may dress in Sunday best attire.
You may choose to reflect the colors of your nation in your dress attire.
For boys-dress shirt, tie, dress pants.
For girls-dress shirt and dress pants or long skirt, or long dress.*

Pageant Choir

*Solid Black dress pants or ankle length skirts
Solid Red long sleeve shirt, blouse, turtleneck, or long sleeve tee*

Black school shoes. No sneakers.

8th grade

Characters and Sermonettes

Costumes provided.

(You will need to have these costumes dry cleaned and pressed before wear.)

See Mrs. Konopka about appropriate footwear for your character.

Cantors

Solid Black dress pants or ankle length skirts

Solid White turtleneck.

Black school shoes. (flats) No sneakers.

Welcome Speech, Prologue, Narrators, Student Directors, People of Bethlehem leaders, Little Angels and Shepherds leaders, Kindergarten leaders, and Leader of the Nations

Solid Black dress pants.

White long sleeve button up dress shirt/blouse.

Black socks or tights. Black dress shoes. (flats) No sneakers.

Black Tie for boys.