

**SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back and a Happy Healthy, New Year! On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, I cannot thank you enough for your incredible generosity this Christmas Season.

Prior to our exiting for Christmas, so many heartwarming events took place in Saint Ignatius Loyola School. The Christmas Pageant truly epitomized who we are as a school. The feeling of pride for your children and your school was palpable in the church that evening. We closed for Christmas Break with our Annual Kindergarten to Eighth Grade Sing-A-Long. As I told the children that morning, it was one of the best Christmas presents I could ever get.

As we start a new year and the second half of the school year, there is still much to be accomplished. Beginning next week, the students in the First Grade to the Eighth Grade will take their midterm exams. My best advice when you are feeling the stress of your child's exams and he or she tells you, "I forgot my book" is to take a deep breath. It will be a hard lesson learned for your child but, hopefully, the last time a book is forgotten before a test.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin  
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Mid-Term Schedule – Grades 1-8  
Super Bowl Bingo Night Flyer – Grades K-8

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

**\*Important to Note:**

- January 6<sup>th</sup> – Last day to submit **Kindergarten Applications**.
- Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal**.
- Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – through Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - **Mid-terms** Grades 1-8.
- Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - **Kindergarten Admissions Testing**.
- Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – **Kindergarten Admissions Testing**.
- Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - **Kindergarten Admissions Testing**.
- Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – **Martin Luther King Day No School**.
- Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - **Kindergarten Admissions Testing**.
- Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – **Last day to submit applications** for Grades 1-7.
- Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - **Mid-Terms** Grades 1-8.
- Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – **Dr. Dranoff Talk** at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - **Kindergarten Admissions Testing**.

- Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – **Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**
- Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> - **Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**

**\*Sixth Grade Information:**

- Many thanks to the Sixth Graders and their parents for their tremendous generosity. Over \$1,500.00 was raised for two charities: \$1,237.00 was sent to the Bowery Mission; \$300 was used to purchase 52 towels for the Ronald McDonald House. May God bless all of you for your wonderful kindness.

**\*Kindergarten Information:**

- Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – **No School for Kindergarten.**

**\*Eighth Grade Information:**

- Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – **Parents Confirmation Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – **Parents/Guardian Yearbook Meeting** in the Great Room at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – **Parents Make-Up Confirmation Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- In the coming weeks, you will be hearing from the high schools. The high schools do not contact me as to your child's acceptance, wait list or not accepted status. So it is very important, if your child receives a scholarship, that a copy of the letter from the school must be submitted directly to Mrs. Rodriguez. If a letter is not received, your child's name will not be mentioned at graduation.
- **Eighth Grade Parent/Guardian Yearbook Meeting**  
All eighth grade parents/guardians are invited and encouraged to attend the first yearbook meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in the Great Room. It will be a short meeting where all those parents/guardians in attendance will vote for the book's cover as well as volunteer for the various duties needed to complete the book.

Weekly meetings to assemble the book will take place on Wednesdays, beginning on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and finishing by the absolute deadline of March 7<sup>th</sup>.

So that the committee will be able to assemble the book in a timely way, please keep in mind the deadlines reflected in the letter and packet sent home with your child just prior to the break.

**\*FAME JR! Musical Announcements**

- Attention Thespians: Congratulations to all who auditioned for Fame Jr!  
The cast list is posted outside of the music room. Also available is the rehearsal schedule for this week and next week. Be sure to pick up your copy! The remainder of the rehearsal schedule and costume information will be distributed next week!

***First Year Musical Participants in Grades 5 – 8:***

If this is your child's first year in the musical at Saint Ignatius Loyola School, one parent/guardian **MUST** attend a mandatory information meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.

***Fourth Grade Parents:***

If your fourth grade child is interested in participating in the musical, you are required to attend the mandatory parent/guardian information meeting on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. All fourth graders are encouraged to participate! Fourth graders do not need to audition. All that is required is the parental permission you will give when you attend the parent meeting on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

**\*Parent Information:**

- Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – **Special Events Meeting – Spring Events** at 8:45 a.m. in the Great Room.
- **Save the Date- January 18<sup>th</sup>** – **Dr. Steven Dranoff** will be at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon to discuss his Respect Training Program and other questions you may raise.
- **School's Closing due to Inclement Weather**  
It is hard to think about a snow day when we welcomed in the New Year in 50 degree weather. However, there are a couple of months to go before we can pack away the snow boots. In the case of inclement weather and Saint Ignatius Loyola School is closed, you will be notified by your class parent. Additionally, if New York City Public Schools are closed, we are closed. If you do

not hear from your class parent and New York City Public Schools are open, Saint Ignatius Loyola School is open.

- **Super Bowl Bingo – Friday, January 20th**

After exploring several options for January's Friday night family event, the Special Events Committee has chosen to host a family Super Bowl Bingo Night! The evening marks the end of mid-terms, so put on your favorite jersey and join us for some family fun! Co-chairs for this event are Danielle Klyap, Siobhan O'Driscoll and Susan George. Please remember that our events tend to sell out quickly, so send in your reservations as soon as you are able. We hope to see you there!

- **Thank You**

We feel very blessed by the outpouring of well wishes and the generosity of our families this Christmas season. Thank you to the volunteers who coordinated this year's Gift Collection: Patty Ptucha, Lucille Adamec, Catherine Frank, Myriam Berardino, Judy Taylor and Jennifer Volpe.

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