

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was nice to see so many of you on Friday evening at the Harvest Dance, where everyone shared a dance or two and spent time with friends and family. The evening was filled with energy and excitement.

As the anticipation of The Halloween Carnival mounts, we are looking forward to celebrating with the Class of 2012.

As you and your child begin to make or shop for his/her costume to wear to school on Monday, please be mindful of the following:

Costumes must be gender appropriate.

No masks covering the face.

No bloody or gory costumes.

No weapons may be carried with their costumes.

If your child puts hair color in his/her hair, it must be washed out by Tuesday

Any face paint or nail color must be removed by Monday.

Fake nails that are a part of the Halloween costume must be removed by Tuesday.

No micro mini skirts.

If your daughter's costume has a short hemline, she must wear leggings.

No spaghetti strapped costumes.

Please be mindful of the hemline on long costumes; we want to avoid tripping.

If you are not sure if the costume is appropriate for school, then my suggestion is to not purchase it.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in their "spooktacular" costumes!

Sincerely,
Mary E. Larkin
Principal

***Important to Note:**

- Tuesday, November 1st – **All Saints Day Liturgy** Grades K-8 at 1:30 p.m. in Church.

Parents are welcome to attend.

- Friday, November 4th - **Administration/Parent Coffee Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the Great Room.
- Friday, November 4th - **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal.**
- Sunday, November 6th – **Daylight Savings Time** – Move clocks one hour back.
- Monday, November 7th – **Annual Fund launch.**
- **Save the Date: MANDATORY PARENT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 9th – **Mandatory State-of-the School Parent Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, November 11th – **Veterans Day - No School.**
- Monday, November 14th – **Professional Day - No School.**

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- The names of the three Catholic Schools you wish to receive your son's/daughter's TACHS results must be submitted to his/her homeroom teacher no later than **November 1, 2011**. As a reminder, you should not list a school that you have not personally visited. Loyola School, Marymount, Regis and The Convent of the Sacred Heart cannot be a part of the list.

The TACHS Test will be administered on Friday, November 4, 2011. Testing sites are to be determined.

Xavier High School

Xavier's scholarship exam is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in having your son take the exam, you will need to register your son online www.xavierhs.org before November 10th. For any questions regarding the exam, you should contact Xavier High School.

Private Schools

Request for recommendations must be submitted by **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 27th**. **NO RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THURSDAY.** When you complete your paper work for the private schools, you should mail it directly to the schools. We submit our paper work separately.

The Convent of the Sacred Heart

As you know, there is a test scheduling conflict with the scholarship test at The Convent of the Sacred Heart and the Specialized High School Test. The Admissions Director has added a test day **ONLY** for those students who will be taking The Specialized High School test on October 29th.

The test will be administered on Monday, October 31st. Students are asked to arrive at The Convent of the Sacred Heart by 9:15 a.m. The test is scheduled to begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. The Admissions Director has informed me that she will be willing to start the test earlier if everyone is present and accounted for.

I know this is a cause for disappointment for those of you who plan to take The Convent of the Sacred Heart test because it conflicts with the Halloween Carnival. I assure you, you will not miss a lot of the festivities while you are taking the test. We will all be anxiously awaiting your arrival at the Carnival upon your completion of the test.

Public High Schools

Students who are scheduled to take the Specialized High School test on Saturday, October 29, 2011 received their admissions ticket on Monday, October 24, 2011. Your son/daughter **MUST** have the ticket on Saturday in order to take the exam.

LaGuardia High school for the Performing Arts

Audition tickets for LaGuardia are scheduled for distribution by the New York City Department of Education on Monday, October 31, 2011.

***Parent Information:**

- **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As we settle into the school year, it is a good time to review the school uniform. All students are required to wear the school blazer. Boys in Grades K-8 must wear a belt. A fleece with the school's logo is not permitted in place of the school blazer.

Boots may **NOT** be worn in place of the shoes with the uniform. Feathers or colorful braids are not acceptable hair attire for school.

- **Altar Servers**

If you have any questions regarding altar servers, you may contact Mr. Gilbert Stockson, n S.J. at gstockson@gmail.com.

Update on the School's Website

The date for the launch of the School's Website has been pushed back to the end of October. We are working hard to have the site up and running. As the date draws near, I will keep you updated in the Weekly. Please remember that if someone needs a copy of the Weekly, they should ask the front office.

- **Immediate Response System (IRIS)**

As a part of the Archdiocese of New York, all schools and their communities are linked together through the Immediate Response System (IRIS) in the event of an emergency or inclement weather. Since Saint Ignatius Loyola School is under the auspices of the Archdiocese of New York, we are a part of the system.

On Friday, October 28th at 1:00 p.m., the school will take part in an archdiocesan system wide alert test. As a part of the test, you will receive a voice message from me. The message will be as follows: *“This is a test of the IRIS emergency alert system. This is only a test. Please do not respond to this message.”*

The number that we will send the message to is the number you submitted on the emergency contact sheet. If you do not receive a message, I would ask that you let me know in writing and include your contact information again.

Again, Friday the 28th of October will only be a test, so do not be alarmed when you receive this message.

- **The Ronald McDonald House**

Ronald McDonald House is scheduled to pick up the school’s donations on Friday, October 28th in the morning. If you have not yet sent in your donation, there is still time to do so. The list for class donations is as follows:

- K – 1 band aids
- K – 2 baby wipes
- 1 - 1 Ivory or Dove bar soap
- 1 - 2 Lysol wipes
- 2 - 1 sponges
- 2 - 2 toothpaste
- 3 - 1 plastic storage or freezer bags (quart, gallon size)
- 3 - 2 paper plates
- 4 – 1 napkins
- 4 - 2 liquid hand soap
- 5 - 1 paper cups – hot or cold or bathroom cups (3 oz. size)
- 5 - 2 garbage bags
- 6 - 1 plastic utensils (forks, knives, spoons)
- 6 - 2 tissues
- 7 - 1 napkins
- 7 - 2 Palmolive or Joy for washing dishes
- 8 - 1 tissues or paper towels
- 8 - 2 aluminum foil or disposable bake/broil aluminum pans (assorted sizes)

- **RONALD McDONALD HOUSE - Kids Charity Fun Run**

The run is open to students from kindergarten to the eighth grade. If you wish to register for the event and have misplaced the form given out in school last week, you may contact Nancy Coughlin at 917-816-4618.

- **Smart Tuition**

As a reminder, the front office will no longer be accepting tuition payments. If you need to contact Smart Tuition, their phone number is 888-868-8828. If you have any questions regarding Smart Tuition, you may also call Ms. Larkin.

- Thursday, October 27th – **All Saints Day Prayer Services Grades K, 1 and 2** at 10:00 a.m. in Church. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Friday, October 28th – **Last day to return Chamber of Commerce Raffles.**
- Monday, October 31st – **Halloween Carnival sponsored by the Eighth Grade.**

Safety first - The day is intended to be a "fun day" for everyone. Students who ride public transportation should not wear costumes to school and home from school to avoid issues. Parents are to use good judgment in sending their children to school in their costumes. Students who do use public transportation may change into their costumes when they arrive at school.

Schedule for classes to attend the Halloween Carnival on Monday, October 31st in the auditorium are as follows:

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	- First Grade - Parents are encouraged to come.
9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	- Kindergarten - Parents are encouraged to come.
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	- Sixth Grade
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	- Third Grade
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	- Fourth Grade
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	- Fifth Grade
12:10 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	- Eighth Grade Lunch Carnival closed
12:40 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.	- Second Grade
1:10 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.	- Seventh Grade
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	- Eighth Graders organize to lead Parade
2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	- "Parade Finale" All Parents are welcome to join us outside. Wallace Hall if it is a rainy day.

- **News From The Development Office**

In an effort to get good news out as quickly as possible, we are delighted to share with you the results of our first month of fundraising events for this year:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Target Income</u>	<u>Estimated Net For Event*</u>
Wrapping Paper Sale	\$8,000	\$7,282.71
Back-To-School Bingo	\$3,000	\$3,599.00
Used Uniform Sale	\$500	\$1,160.00

*All numbers are unaudited.

We congratulate and thank our volunteers on these successes. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the Development Office.

- **Christmas Fair Updates**

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to price merchandise for the upcoming sale.

We will be pricing on the following dates and times, from 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:
(Additional dates and times will be added as needed):

Thursday, November 3rd
 Friday, November 4th (After the Admin Coffee)
 Monday, November 7th
 Thursday, November 10th
 Wednesday, November 16th

Don't forget to save-the-date for our annual Parent Christmas Fair Craft Night. We will be meeting on Monday, November 21st, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to enjoy each other's company while crafting miniature trees, chocolate goodies and other fun items to sell at the Fair.

- **Thank You**

There are many people to thank for the wonderful evening that was this year's Harvest Dance. To our faithful volunteers for their many hours of service - from soliciting on behalf of the journal, to hosting ticket, food and libation stations, setting up and breaking down – thank you. To our donors who took out journal ads, sent in underwriting, desserts, libations, raffle items and our pumpkins all the way from New Jersey, thank you. To those who purchased tickets, thank you. We especially want to recognize the many, many hours of planning and follow through by our very enthusiastic co-chairs, Jungsoo Choi, Bridgette Foley, Alexis Kilb, Katherine Todd and Sheila Vestergom; thank you for a job well done!

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