

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of October. Soon there will be frost on the pumpkins!

As we settle into the 2011 – 2012 school year, you are back into the full swing of homework, managing afterschool activities, birthday parties, play dates; the list can go on and on. Now would be a good time to take a moment or two to breathe. And who better to ask to give you an additional source of strength than your guardian angel.

Angel of God

**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.**

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Community Raffle Memo/Raffle Books – Grades K-8 (5 books for oldest in family)
Permission Slip - Grade K
Permission Slip – Grade 2
All Hallows High School Saturday Academy Flyer Application Form – Grades 7-8 (Boys and Girls)

Talk by Fr. Anthony Andreassi, C.O. - Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- The **Department of Mental Health and Hygiene** is mandating all schools to check the weight and blood pressure of children whose weight is outside the recommended guideline for their age and height. Please be advised in the coming weeks that the Health Office will comply with the aforementioned mandate.
- All **envelopes** being dropped off at the office should have the child's name, class and a short description of the contents i.e. Raffle Tickets, Harvest Dance, etc.
- **Community Raffles:** If you have any excess raffle tickets, please return them to the office.
- Thursday, October 6th – **Band begins.**
- **Grade 8 - The 2011 Graduation Videos** are in the office for pick up.
- Friday, October 7th – **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal.**
- Monday, October 10th – **Columbus Day No School.**
- Tuesday, October 11th – Friday, October 14th - **ITBS/CoGat Testing Grades 1-8.**
- Tuesday, October 18th – **Liturgy** Grades 2-5 at 1:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, October 19th – **Liturgy** Grades 6-8 at 1:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are welcome to attend.

***Kindergarten Information:**

- Wednesday, October 12th – **Kindergarten Parent Meeting** – Guest Speaker, Dr. Grace Pilcer, from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Great Room.

***Second Grade Information:**

- Monday, October 17th – **Parent Reconciliation Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- Thursday, October 20th - **Parent Reconciliation Make-up Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- If you have not contacted Mrs. Rodriguez to schedule your high school appointment with Ms. Larkin, Ms. Savarese or Mr. Sullivan, it is crucial that you do so as soon as possible.
- It is important to note that Xavier High School and Fordham Prep requires prospective applicants to complete an application. It is your responsibility to submit the applications to the schools. It is also your responsibility to submit to my office any teacher recommendation forms for Xavier High School and Fordham Prep. Unless a recommendation form is submitted by a parent/guardian with the child's name, a recommendation will not be written.
- **Archdiocese of New York Catholic High School Information Fairs:**

Westchester

Thursday, October 6, 2011

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Seminary

201 Seminary Avenue

Yonkers, NY 10704

TACHS Class will be held on Saturday, October 8th, which is Columbus Day Week-end.

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. The school will register the eighth grade students for the test. 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**.

When you complete your paper work for the private schools or, in some cases, the Better Chance application, you should mail it directly to the schools. We submit our paper work separately.

The Convent of the Sacred Heart

Open House for Saint Ignatius Loyola students will be held on **Friday, October 21st**. **The Director of Admissions contacted me and asked, if you are planning on attending the October 21st Open House, that you call Sacred Heart to confirm.**

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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE of DATE

The SHSAT test is on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

Regular Public School Application

If you wish to receive a Regular Public School application, a letter clearly stating your intent must be submitted to me directly by **Friday, October 7, 2011.**

2011 Borough High School Fair takes place on Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd.

***News from the Music Department:**

A reminder that 50% of the fees for the Strings Program is due by Friday, October 14, 2011.

The half-fees are as follows:

Group Lesson-\$675

Private Lesson-\$975

Group and Private lesson-\$1325

Fees must be submitted by check, payable to Saint Ignatius Loyola School, in an envelope labeled "Strings Program-Ms. Danyi." Payments may also be made by credit card by contacting Mr. Racanelli. Credit card payments must be at least \$1000.00 and a copy of the receipt must be submitted to Ms. Danyi for records. Please be sure that Mr. Racanelli knows that this is a Strings Program payment and not a tuition payment.

***Parent Information:**

- **October is the month of the rosary.** As a school, we pray the rosary over the public address system each morning. I would ask that you encourage your son/daughter to bring his/her rosary to school.
- Thursday, October 6th – **Life Touch Class/Group Pictures Grades K-8. Students are to be in full winter uniforms.**

Save the Date **Meeting Christ in Prayer**

Sister Kathryn King will be hosting a seven week prayer program based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. The program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 12th and end on December 12th. Participants have the option to attend either a Wednesday morning session from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or a Wednesday evening session from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Further details can be found in the Parish Bulletin and on the website. For registration, contact Sister Kathryn King at kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org.

- Friday, October 21st – **Special Events – Harvest Dance.**
- **Monday, October 24**
On Monday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall, Father Anthony Andreassi, C.O. will be here to talk about “The New Atheism: Its Challenge and Our Parental Response.” The talk is jointly sponsored by the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, Saint Ignatius Loyola School and Loyola School.
- **The Ronald McDonald House**
Beginning this week through the end of the month, we will be collecting paper goods to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Each class has been given a bag donated by the Ronald McDonald House to accept the donations. 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)

- **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.

- **Harvest Dance Updates**

Now is the time to celebrate our “Blue Ribbon School” by taking out an ad in our Harvest Dance Journal. Some parents have asked for suggestions regarding ad content. Ads can be written to celebrate your own favorite student, give thanks to a cherished teacher or administrator, or just share a wonderful sentiment or reflection for our whole school. Don’t forget to ask your favorite business to participate as well!

Class parents, please be in touch with your child’s homeroom teacher regarding the class ad, so that they are in on time.

We have a tight deadline, so please get your ads in as soon as possible...thank you!

- **Wrapping Paper Updates**

All orders should be in by now. If you still have an order outstanding, please let Chair Mary Oing or the Development Office know; orders not received this week will not be delivered in time for the holidays.

- **Thank You**

Our first Used Uniform Sale of the year was well attended and well organized due to the efforts of a dedicated committee. Thank you to those that donated, shopped and volunteered their time, and to our Co-Chairs, Lily Wong Stanger and Moira Voss, for a most successful sale.

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