

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was nice to see so many of you at Back-to-School Bingo. A good time was had by all.

On a different note, in our recent Back-to-School Night meetings, Father Witt shared the news that the Archdiocese of New York is currently working on a strategic plan to regionalize schools. At a Principal's Meeting last Friday, Dr. McNiff mentioned that he is planning a meeting for Pastors and Principals in October. After Dr. McNiff's meeting, Father Witt and I will host an informational parent meeting. It is important to note, as Father Witt mentioned at the Back-to-School Nights, that there is no definitive plan yet in place.

When your children come home after school, I am sure they are sharing with you that on several occasions during these first few weeks we have hosted frequent fire drills. I am glad to say that even our youngest students are responding favorably to the task of getting out of the building in a safe, expedient way.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

Life Touch Order Form – Grade 8 Group
Life Touch Order Form – Grade 8 Cap and Gown
Salesian High School Saturday Application Form – Grades 7-8 (Boys and Girls)
Life Touch Order Form – Grade K-7
Harvest Dance Packet – Grades K-8 (6 sheets)
First Annual Music and Art Expo – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Please Note:**

It is your responsibility to know the dismissal time of your child's club, orchestra practice and sports team, etc. I would ask that you also inform your babysitter.

Sick Children: If your child is sick, I encourage you to keep him/her home for the sake of the other children.

- **Band forms are due to the office as soon as possible.**
- **Friday, September 30th – Professional Day No School.**
- **Monday, October 3rd – Winter Uniforms begins.**
- **Monday, October 3rd – Applications** available for Grades 1-7 in the main office.
- **Thursday, October 6th – Band begins.**
- **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.**

***Kindergarten Information:**

- School bus service begins for students in kindergarten on Monday, October 3rd, 2011. It is crucial that you talk with your child regarding who will be meeting him/her at the bus stop, as well as where he/she should get off the bus (the designated stop). I would ask that you also pin this information either inside your child's blazer, backpack or somewhere convenient where he/she will know to look in case that essential information is forgotten.
- **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.

***Sixth through Eighth Grade Information:**

- **Tuesday, October 4th – High School Fair** Grades 6-8 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- Wednesday, October 5th – **Life Touch Graduation Photos** -Eighth Grade Students will have their individual Graduation pictures taken. The Eighth Grade boys are to wear a white collared dress shirt with their school tie for the picture. Eighth Grade girls are to wear their white school shirts.
- Please contact Mrs. Rodriguez to schedule your high school appointment with Ms. Larkin,
Ms. Savarese or Mr. Sullivan.
- **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.

All students are required to submit a check for \$20 to cover the cost of the TACHS prep book. The check should be made out to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Three Catholic Schools

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.

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 Convent of the Sacred Heart's Admissions Department has asked, if you plan to attend the Open House on October 21st, that you contact the school so they know who to expect.**

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 new date for The Convent of the Sacred Heart Test is Monday, October 31st. Students are asked to arrive at Sacred Heart by 9:15 a.m. to check in for the test. The test will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Again, the additional test date is **ONLY** for the students who will take the Specialized High School Test on October 29th.

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**. **No requests will be accepted after October 7th.**

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

***Parent Information:**

- Wednesday, October 5th – **Life Touch Individual Pictures – Students are to be in full winter uniforms.**
- Wednesday, October 6th – **Life Touch Class/Group Pictures Grades K-8. Students are to be in full winter uniforms.**

- **Used Uniform Sale**

The first of our semi-annual Used Uniform Sales will take place on McKinnon Hall stage this Thursday, September 29th, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and again at 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donations of new or gently used items are now being accepted. If you signed up to volunteer and need to reconfirm your assignment at the sale, please contact the Co-Chairs, Lily Wong Stanger and Moira Voss.

- **Paper Sale – It's A Wrap!**

If you have not yet sent in your wrapping paper orders, there is still time, but in order to receive your merchandise in time for the holidays, all orders must be in by October 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact the event chair, Mrs. Mary Oing.

- **Thank You**

Thank you to all whose enthusiasm and support helped make our 2011 Back-To-School Bingo a great night! To all our donors, volunteers, attendees and especially our Class of 2012 announcers, thank you for lending hands, voices and brownies to create a fun filled evening. A special thanks to our Co-Chairs, Terri Daly and Alena Robert, for their tireless commitment to this annual family event. Well done all!

- **Girl Scouts - Kindergarten and 1st Grade Girls**

Daisy Girl Scouts is open to Saint Ignatius Loyola School's girls in grades K and 1. Meetings take place the first Monday of each month, beginning October 3rd. If your daughter is interested and you would like more information, please feel free to contact Bridgette Foley at thefoleys4@verizon.net.

- **The Ronald McDonald House**

As I noted in last Wednesday's Weekly, beginning October 3rd 2011 and running through the month of October, we will be collecting paper goods to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Each class has been assigned an item to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. 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.

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