

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! It feels as if we were just bidding each other a safe and restful summer. As I watched the children gather on 84th Street greeting their old friends, seeing new friends and looking forward to making their way up to their new homerooms, I am pretty sure I also observed some very excited parents and guardians happy to see their children cross the threshold again.

It is so nice to hear the children's voices echo once again throughout the school. We will be officially back in full swing with the arrival of our kindergarten students on Monday, September 12th.

Although the school building has been relatively quiet, the custodial staff worked tirelessly to ready the building for the 2011 – 2012 school year. As the children entered the Park Avenue and Madison Avenue entrances yesterday, they walked through new doors. If you have had the opportunity to glance through the new main doors and into McKinnon Hall, it too is looking new with a brighter, warmer feel.

As many of you know, the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola's music department has been under the direction of Kent Tritle for the past 20 years. This past summer Kent said goodbye to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. I am excited to welcome Mr. Scott Warren as the interim music director for the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. Many of you may recognize Mr. Warren, since he has been a member of the church music staff. Mr. Warren and I have had several meetings over the past couple of weeks to discuss the church music in preparation for the upcoming school masses, prayer services, sacraments and other liturgical gatherings that we look forward to each year.

On a practical note, the hot lunch program will begin on Monday, September 12th. Accordingly, the children will need to bring their lunch to school this Thursday and Friday. As we begin our fourth year with CulinArt, we will continue using the card system. All students who are enrolled in the lunch program will receive new lunch cards. The procedure is the same as last year. The card can only be swiped once a day. There will be a replacement fee of \$25 for a lost card, which will be added to your monthly tuition bill.

I do want to remind you of our policy for when a child forgets his/her lunch. CulinArt prepares our cafeteria food daily, based on the number of students and faculty enrolled in the program. The chef does take into account an occasional forgotten lunch. No child will ever go hungry at Saint Ignatius Loyola School; we will allow him/her to receive a lunch from our program but you will be assessed on your tuition bill for this courtesy. If this happens more than 3 times per quarter, you will automatically be enrolled and billed for the lunch program for the remainder of the school year.

If your child has a food or other allergy of any type, it is best that he/she does not participate in the lunch program. Although CulinArt exercises care and caution in their food preparation, they are not able to guarantee that the foods, breads and other ingredients they use/receive from various purveyors/vendors are free of allergen elements.

I have had the opportunity to meet and greet many of you over the past two days. I look forward to seeing the rest of you in the upcoming weeks as we begin a new year together.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the weekly are the following:

TACHS Registration Form 2011 – Grade 8
Student Handbook Code of Behavior/Sign-Off Form – Grades 4-8
Calendar 2011-2012 - Grades K - 8
Student and Parent Handbook – Grades K-8
Emergency Information Form – Grades K-8
Parish Data Information Form – Grades K-8
Technology Use Agreement Form– Grades K-8
CulinArt Lunch Menu September 2011 – Grades K-8
Back-to-School Bingo Flyer – Grades K-8
Tracy Hamilton Gift Packet – Grades K-8
Archdiocese Letter – Grades K-8
After School Program Memo – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **Kindly return excess forms, Calendars and Parent Handbook to the office.**

- Friday, September 9th - **Grades 1-8 - 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Dismissal.**
- Monday, September 12th -
 - **Lunch Program Begins** Grades 1-8
 - **Full Bus Service begins** Grades 1-8
 - **After School Care begins** Grades 1-8
- Wednesday, September 14th – **Flynn and O’Hara Uniform Company** from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- Wednesday, September 14th - **Back-to-School Night** Grades 6-8 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, September 15th – **Band Assembly** – Grades 3-8 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 19th – **Mass of the Holy Spirit** Grades 1-8 at 1:30 p.m. in Church. All are welcome to attend.
- Monday, September 19th – **Kindergarten Sibling Information Meeting. Mandatory Attendance** at 8:45 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Tuesday, September 20th – **Parishioner Admissions Information Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, September 21st - **Back-to-School Night** Grades K-5 - 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, September 22nd – **Kindergarten Sibling Applications** are available in the office.
- Friday, September 23rd – **Back-to-School Bingo.**

***Kindergarten Information:**

- Monday, September 12th - **Kindergarten Reports** 8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Dismissal. **Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting** at 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 13th - **Kindergarten Reports** 8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Dismissal.
- Wednesday, September 14th - **Kindergarten–First Full Day of School** 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- **The school bus does not begin for students in Kindergarten until Monday, October 3rd.**

***Parent Information:**

- Friday, September 9th – **Special Events Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the **Great Room**.
- Friday, September 16th – **Class Parent Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the **Great Room**.
- **Admissions Tour Volunteer**
Please note that the **Admissions Tour Volunteer Meeting** has been rescheduled for Monday, September 26th.
- **Wrapping Paper Sale**
Enclosed with this Weekly you will find our wrapping paper sale brochure. Please share it with your colleagues, family members, neighbors and friends. The profits from this sale, like every fundraiser we host, go directly in support of our annual budget.

Just a few reminders:

1. **Never allow your children to solicit orders alone. They should always be in the company of a responsible adult.**
2. The paper sale will run through September 26th. Orders received after that date will not be received in time for the holidays.
3. When a person places an order with you, you must collect the payment at that time. Please keep all order forms in the collection envelope provided and return all payments with your master order.
4. DO NOT collect tax on the order.
5. All checks should be made out to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

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