

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

If you happened to be walking by the school last Friday evening and heard music filling up the block, you were not dreaming. It was our extremely talented beginner, intermediate, advanced orchestras and our jazz ensemble entertaining the audience at their Winter Concert.

As I listened to our musicians on Friday evening, I was in awe of how beautifully they played. I wondered how they had the time to practice and still study for their midterm exams.

Our students, your children, are blessed with so many gifts-academic, athletic, musical, and artistic- the list goes on and on. As we look ahead to next week and our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, this is a good time for us to stop and reflect on how blessed we are at Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

In anticipation of Catholic Schools Week and our Open House next week, there are some reminders if you plan to visit your child's classroom on Wednesday, February 1st from 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Gentle reminders:

1. Please refrain from videotaping or picture taking with either a camera or your cell phone.
2. If your phone rings, I ask that you not take the call in the classroom or in the hallway. Even though you are visiting, classes are in session throughout the building.
3. Please refrain from eating or drinking in the classrooms or hallways during your visit. The children have not eaten since breakfast and they still have some time until their lunch period.
4. If a younger sibling is in a stroller, we ask that you keep it in the main vestibule as you enter the building.

I look forward to spending some time with you prior to your visit to your child's classroom.

Have a good week.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Spring Jazz Ensemble Flyer – Grades 5-8
Ladies Night Out Invite – Grades K-8
Ladies Night Out Raffle – Grades K-8
CulinArt Lunch February Menu – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, January 26th – **Winter Wonderland Concert** 6:00 p.m. McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, January 27th – **12:00 p.m. Dismissal – No After School Care.**

- Friday, January 27th – **Admissions Testing Grade 1-7** from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 30th through February 3rd – **Catholic Schools Week. A Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service.**
- Tuesday, January 31st - **Catholic Schools Week Mass** Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. in church. All are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, February 1st – **Continental Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 1st – **Parent Open House** from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 1st – **Special Event: Used Uniform & Logo Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
- Thursday, February 2nd – **Speech Assembly** at 9:00 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, February 2nd – **Career Day Assembly** for Grades 6-8 at 1:15 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, February 3rd – **Sullivan Cup – 8th Grade Faculty and Students Basketball Game.**
- Friday, February 3rd – End of 2nd Quarter.
- Friday, February 3rd – **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Monday, February 6th – **Grades 1-7 Admissions Notifications** will be mailed this week.
- Friday, February 10th – **Special Event: Ladies Night Out.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Second Grade Information**
Saturday, February 4th – **Reconciliation** at 10:00 a.m. in church.

- **Eighth Grade Parent Information**
High School Information

Over the course of the last week and the upcoming weeks, you will be hearing from the high schools your children have applied to. As I have noted on several occasions, the schools contact you directly regarding your child's acceptance, wait list or not accepted status. I ask that you submit a hard copy of the letters **to the principal's office** for our records.

If your child is offered a merit scholarship, **a copy of the letter from the high school** must also be submitted **to the principal's office**, in order for your child to be recognized at graduation. The deadline for all letters to be received is Tuesday, February 28th.

If the letter is a form letter, please include your child's name on the top of the page.

Confirmation Information

If you were unable to attend the Confirmation Meeting, it is crucial that you contact my office for the necessary paperwork. The aforementioned paperwork notes dates and requirements that need to be completed prior to Confirmation, as well as a form that must be completed and returned to my office.

Confirmation Retreat Letters

Letters written for Confirmation must be returned in a sealed envelope displaying your child's name and labeled, **Confirmation Retreat**. These letters should be addressed **to Ms. Carol Mirra** and handed in no later than **Wednesday, March 1st**.

Confirmation Data Sheets must be completed and returned directly to the principal's office no later than **Thursday, March 30th**.

Eighth Grade Retreat

All Eighth Grade students are required to attend the retreat on Wednesday, April 26th. This includes students who are not being confirmed. The retreat is a part of the Eighth Grade's Religion class.

STARS Summer Camp

It may be cold outside, but it will be getting warm very soon and it will be time to start making summer plans! Camp is scheduled to run for four weeks beginning June 21st through July 14th.

This year, we are excited to bring back many of last year's great features which include our General Day Camp option, our Extended Day Feature, the Daily Rate Option and the option to pay for camp through Smart Tuition.

We are happy to share that many of our teachers will be returning to put on their camp counselor hats. Campers will have the opportunity to attend some great field trips. Last year, the trips included a Staten Island Yankees game, Medieval Times and bowling just to name a few. This summer we hope to create even more exciting camp memories.

We hope to see you this summer at camp! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Shannon Stochansky.

- **News from the Development Office**

Dads Night Out

Unfortunately, due to the low response, we are left with no alternative but to cancel the event. For those of you who paid for the event, your check will be sent back home with your child.

Used Uniform Sale

Donations of gently used uniforms or new uniforms can be dropped off to McKinnon Hall and placed on the stage. The Used Uniform Sale is scheduled for next Wednesday, February 1st, during Catholic Schools Week Open House.

Ladies Night Out

Our Annual Ladies Night Out is just over two weeks away! The evening is scheduled for Friday, February 10th.

Our event chairs are hard at work coming up with new ideas and happenings for the evening. We hope you can join us. Feel free to bring along some friends.

The invitation to the event is included in today's Weekly.

Auction 2017

Auction 2017 will be here sooner than you know it. The Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th.

As you know, the Auction is the School's largest fundraiser endeavor. The evening will be a success through the support of you and our community.

As you travel through the neighborhood, please consider stopping by the local shops, restaurants, spas, museums, etc. you patronize to ask for a donation.

Items are needed for our Live Auction, Silent Auction and our Online Auction. Unique life experiences, such as tickets to sporting events, theater and concerts, are perfect for the Live Auction.

Please contact the Development Office at x135 if you would like an Auction form and letter sent to you electronically.

Thank you for your continued support!

- **Annual Fund**

A Message from your Annual Fund Chairs, Anna Marcelli & Ray Pastore:

Saint Ignatius Loyola School's Annual Fund is off to a great start thanks to the extreme generosity from many of you. We would like to encourage each family who has not yet had the opportunity to contribute to the Annual Fund to do so. It is important to note that no amount is too small. Our goal is for the 2016-2017 school year is 100% participation.

In honor of Catholic Schools' week, please consider making a contribution. Annual Fund envelopes are available in the vestibule of the school. A donation can also be made electronically at any time by clicking on the Giving Tab on the school's website.

With much appreciation and gratitude,
Anna & Ray

- **News from the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola**
Meeting Christ in Prayer

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

What does the program offer? Weekly meetings are 90 minutes long and include group prayer, guided meditation, small group faith sharing, and an orientation for the following week's prayer or prayer techniques. The cost of the program is a sliding scale of \$30-\$50 and covers all materials. Scholarships are available. To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

Meeting Place – Church of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish House – 980 Park Avenue

Morning Sessions

Tuesdays, February 7 – March 29*

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Place – Church of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish House – 980 Park Avenue

Evening Sessions

Wednesdays, February 8 – March 29*

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

*Note: Both sessions will conclude with the evening celebration of Mass on Wednesday, March 29.

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