

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

As you know, this past week was Catholic Schools Week. The week was chock full of different events for the students; a Sciencetellers Assembly for Grades K to 2 students, a Classical Music Assembly for Grades 3 to 5 students, and First Annual Career Day Assembly for Grades 6 to 8 students, along with a host of events in between. The week ended with us gathering in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola to celebrate with our Second Grade students as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the students who participated in the Seventh Grade and Eighth Grade Spelling Bees and the Annual Modern Woodsmen of America Speech Contest.

Seventh Grade and Eighth Grade Spelling Bee

The Seventh Grade Spelling Bee winner was Julia Ringelstein.

The Eighth Grade Spelling Bee winner was Carolina Lopez.

Our Spelling Bee winners were poised and ready to go on to compete against other schools in the Archdiocesan Schools in Manhattan but, unfortunately, the Bee was canceled. Congratulations to our winners!

Annual Modern Woodsmen of America Speech Contest

On Thursday, February 2nd, 16 students from the fifth grade to the eighth grade took to the stage in McKinnon Hall to participate in the Annual Modern Woodsmen of America Speech Contest. This year's speech topic was, "What Does It Means to Be a Hero?" It is never easy to speak in front of a large audience; I feel it is even more difficult when you range in age from 9 to 14 years old and stand in front of over 300 of your classmates. Each student was so articulate, confident and well-versed in his or her topic. As I told the students, they are all winners. Unfortunately, only three speakers can advance to the next round. The winners of the contest are:

First Place: Daniel Math

Second Place: Fiona Mills

Third Place: Adam Imam

Alternate: Brian Schlafer will be our alternate representative.

Grades Five through Eight Participants

Lucius Camaj	Daniel Math
Sophia Chan	Fiona Mills
Sophia Choi	Leia Sahyoun
Brianna Cordero	Sergio Santander
Colette Hartman	Brian Schlafer
Alivia Hunt	Amalie Seth
Adam Imam	Ava Soldo
Trevor Kilb	William Taylor

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners and our Speech Competition winners for a job well done!

I am also excited to extend congratulations to our basketball teams. The following girls were selected to the All Stars C.Y.O. Basketball League for their outstanding play: Sophia Chan, Chloe Forcier, Sophia Griffo, Carolina Lopez, Fiona Mills, Elena Oehler and Anne Tully.

Congratulations are also in order for our gentlemen. The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team won first place in the St. Francis Xavier Tournament in the Bronx. Michael Rice was named Most Valuable Player in the tournament. Thomas Kelly and Quinn Lafferty were selected to the All Tournament Team.

Congratulations to all of our athletes!!

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly is the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 3

Please review and return promptly.

***Important to Note:**

- Friday, February 10th – **Special Event: Ladies Night Out.**
- Monday, February 20th – **President’s Day – No School.**
- Tuesday, February 21st through Friday, February 24th – **Winter Recess - No School.**
- Monday, February 27th – **School Resumes.**
- Wednesday, March 1st – **Ash Wednesday- Grades K-1 Prayer Service** in Wallace Hall at 10:00 a.m. **Grades 2-8 Prayer Service** in Church at 1:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.
- Thursday, March 2nd – **Lenten Prayer Service Grades K-3.**
- Friday, March 3rd – **Special Event: Celtic Celebration.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Second Grade Information**
Thursday, March 2nd – **First Holy Communion Meeting** at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- **Saint Ignatius Loyola School in the Daily News**
Over the course of the next month, Saint Ignatius Loyola School will be featured on the Daily News website. The link to the article is: <http://www.nydailynews.com/content-studio/catholic-schools>
- **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, 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 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!

- **News from the Development Office**

Ladies Night Out

Ladies, we are looking forward to spending Friday evening with you. The host of items that will be raffled off is exciting: a Fitness Basket and a "Bloomingdales" gift card- so you can treat yourself to a shopping spree. After your workout and your day of shopping, you can spend time enjoying a Valentine's Day Dinner for Two. These are just of the few items to be raffled off. Hope to see you Friday evening!

Auction 2017

Our 2017 Auction is being held on Saturday, April 29th. The evening's success is through the support of you and our community.

We are in need of items 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. Gift cards to local shops, restaurants, spas, museums are perfect for the Silent Auction, along with handbags, signed sports memorabilia, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please join us at our next Auction meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th at 8:30 a.m. The meeting should last no more than 45 minutes.

Please contact the Development Office at extension 135 if you would like an Auction form and letter sent to you electronically. THANK YOU!

Celtic Celebration

Save the date; our Annual Celtic Celebration is scheduled for Friday, March 3rd, in Wallace Hall. Details will follow in an upcoming Weekly.

- **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.

• **Tuition Rates for the 2017-2018 School Year**

Catholic Family per child (Students in Grades 1-8) \$8,905 (includes books/start up supplies) \$890.50 per month (ten-month payment plan)

Non-Catholic Family per child (Students in Grades 1-8) \$11,350 (includes books/start up supplies) \$1,135 per month (ten-month payment plan)

Catholic Kindergarten rate \$9,510 (includes books/start up supplies) \$951 per month (ten-month payment plan)

Non-Catholic Kindergarten rate \$11,925 (includes books/start up supplies) \$1,192.50 per month (ten-month payment plan)

Building Fund Fee \$1,400 per child (This will reserve a seat for the 2017-2018 school year.)

Technology Fee \$275 per child (annually)

The Building Fund Fee is assessed at \$1,400 per child and will be posted to your tuition bill on Friday, February 20, 2017, to reserve your child’s seat for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

The Building Fund Fee will be honored as a guaranteed reservation for next year, only if the current tuition payment is up to date. The fee is nonrefundable.

If you are **not** returning to Saint Ignatius Loyola School in September 2017, we ask that you complete the tear off sheet below and return it to Ms. Larkin’s office by Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

Please tear off and return to Ms. Larkin’s office by **Wednesday, February 15, 2017.**

_____ My child/ren **will not be returning** to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

He/she will be attending: _____.

Name of School to Submit Transcripts
(Transcripts will be forwarded only if tuition is current.)

Name of Student/s _____ Class _____
_____ Class _____
_____ Class _____

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