

# SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are in the middle of March, digging out, dragging the sled to the park and donning hats, gloves, scarves and mittens. But, as the saying goes, when “March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb.”

The beauty of the “Blizzard of 2017” is all the memories you made with your children if you had the opportunity to take time off.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin  
Principal

## **\*Important to Note:**

- Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – **St. Patrick’s Day – No School.**
- Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – **St. Joseph’s Day.**
- Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Lenten Prayer Service** - Grades 4-8.
- Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – **NYS ELA Exams - Grades 3-8.**
- Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – **New Parent Mentor Breakfast** at 8:45 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8
- Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.

## **\*Parent Information:**

- This is just a gentle reminder that students may not carry medication to and from school. If there is a medication that you wish to be brought to the medical office, please place the medication in a sealed envelope/baggy with your child’s first name, last name and class, to the school nurse’s attention. The medication should be brought to the school’s front office.
- **Eighth Grade Parent Information Confirmation Data Sheets** must be completed and returned directly to the principal’s office no later than **Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Eighth Grade Retreat**

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

- **New Parent Mentor Breakfast**

The annual New Parent Mentor Breakfast will take place on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in McKinnon Hall. Parents of all new students are welcome to attend, even if they have another child currently attending Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Formal invitations were sent/mailed home at the beginning of the month to both mentors and new parents. If you have not done so already, please R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Ana Zuck in the Admissions Office as soon as possible by calling extension 106.

Thank you to all who have offered their time and effort either as a volunteer at the event or as a mentor. On Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, all event volunteers, should arrive at 8:20 a.m. All mentors should arrive at 8:30 a.m. to greet their mentees. Below are the volunteer assignments for the event:

**Setup is scheduled for Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Mei Breen, Nicole Dalven, Christy Messina and Inez Perez-Pelaez

**Check-in**

Frances Fraass, Victoria Freel, Jannie Romani and Victoria Santaella

**Food and Beverage Stations**

Michael Annunziata, Elly Blankenbuehler, Antonio Fazzalari, Lisa Ingrassia, Joelle Kelly and Kara McGann

**Logo Sales**

Julia Burke, Viktoria Cameron, Eileen McStay and Susan Tyrrell

**Clean-up**

If all volunteers could please stay a few extra minutes for clean-up, we will be done in no time!

- **News from the Development Office**

**Auction 2017**

It is hard to believe the Auction is one month away!

All are invited to celebrate the night with us on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Keep a look out for the invitation in the mail.

The auction committee is working hard on securing last minute donations. To date, we have theater tickets, concert tickets, hotel stays, just to name a few. Items are still needed for our Live Auction, Silent Auction and our Online Auction.

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

- **Save the Date- Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

On Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m.– 8:30 a.m. Dr. Jodi Gold will be here for a parent discussion on “**Raising Children in the Age of Social Media and its Implications**”. Dr. Gold is a board-certified adolescent and child psychiatrist in private practice and a clinical assistant professor at Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Gold is a nationally recognized expert. She regularly speaks, writes and makes media appearances around her developmental approach to parenting in the age of digital technology.

If you have specific questions that you wish to ask Dr. Gold, I ask that you submit them to me by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome to attend.

- **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 21<sup>st</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup>.

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 wish to speak by phone, please leave a message for Ms. Stochansky 212-861-3820x101.

- **Financial Assistance**

On Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we launched our thirteenth year of financial assistance via the School and Student Service for Financial Aid, known as SSS. This organization is recognized as the industry-leading tool for schools that desire to manage a financial aid program with professionalism and sensitivity. If a family chooses to apply, SSS will provide our school with an objective and confidential third party report that will guide us in appropriating funds for tuition assistance. The following principles are in effect for any family who wishes to be considered for financial assistance:

1. Saint Ignatius Loyola School is **not in the position of funding full tuition or half tuition dollars** via the SSS procedure.
2. Each family member who is enrolled at Saint Ignatius Loyola School for the 2017–2018 school year who wishes to apply for financial assistance must be able to offset 60% of the given base tuition for the current school year. This amount **does not include the Building Fund Fee of \$1,400.00**, which every family is responsible for paying.
3. Parents must submit a request for financial assistance in writing to the principal. The deadline for this request **must be submitted no later than Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Because this is time sensitive, regretfully we will not honor any requests after the deadline.**
4. The school will then provide a Parent Financial Statement Guide. The form must be completed and filed online with SSS.
5. A family requesting assistance is required to submit, to the Principal, a copy of their latest filed income tax return (2016) in order to complete the SSS/PFS process, which needs to be received before a determination of financial assistance can be made. All information will be held in the strictest confidence within the administration.
6. Saint Ignatius Loyola School continues to seek funding for scholarship via the Annual Fund by reaching out to various constituents of our school community, including parents, alumni and other organizations, in an effort to offset the Financial Assistance budget line.
7. For the 2017–2018 school year, \$80,000 will be the budget line reserved to assist families within the above guidelines. For 2017-2018, 100% of this fund will be used for current families who have already proven their commitment to the mission of the school.

Please know that I am available to meet with you to discuss any concerns that you may have, including financial obligations, for your child's continued education at Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

**As a gentle reminder, the tuition policy for the 2016 – 2017 school year is as follows:**

1. Enrollment in Smart Tuition is mandatory.
2. In order to receive the Catholic tuition rate, your child(ren) must be a baptized Roman Catholic.
3. Tuition and fee payments must always be up to date.
4. Report cards may be withheld by the Administration in any given quarter if there is an outstanding balance.
5. The Building Fund Fee must be paid in full by **Friday, February 17, 2017** in order to hold your child's seat for the 2017–2018 school year.
6. All tuition and fees for the 2016 - 2017 school year must be paid in full by **Friday, June 9, 2017** or your child's seat will be forfeited for the coming school year.

- **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](mailto: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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