

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

Happy Spring! As the days get warmer and longer, it seems as if there is the opportunity to accomplish more than usual.

My Lack of Time

This morning began too soon, Lord. I became aware of time and I began to think of all that the day required of me.

Lord, you know much is packed in so short a day. I need to:

collect my thoughts
prioritize my 'must do' items
think about my clothes
prepare and eat my breakfast
organize household members

jot down 'don't forget' tasks on scraps of paper
pray that I don't lose this list
remind myself to speak to so-and-so in the course of the day
feed the pets

answer the phone (does it have to ring *just* as I'm about to leave?)
sign some paperwork
think about after-school pick-ups and drops-offs
hope that there's enough gas in the car
pray that I have enough money to pay for it
wonder when I'll get to the gas station

think ahead about what's missing from the pantry
rattle my brain about tonight's meeting (tonight? or is it next week?)
keep calm when I remember I should have paid a bill last week
resolve my family spats using the wisdom of Solomon
investigate the case of the missing shoes

Remember:
my PIN number
my cell phone number
my home phone number,
my voice mail code,
my fax number,
my e-mail address,
my home address,
my humanity

Somehow Lord, I will try to find you in all of this. I will try to remember how you told us not to worry and become anxious about the future. I will try to live in the here and now, Lord: *here* in your presence, *now* and forever. Amen.

Remember to stop and take a few minutes for you.
Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade K
Parent Safety Patrol April Calendar – Grade 5
Permission Slip – Grade 6
Permission Slip – Grade 7
Permission Slip – Grade 8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, March 23rd - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Tuesday, March 28th through Thursday, March 30th – **NYS ELA Exams - Grades 3-8.**
- Tuesday, March 28th – **New Parent Mentor Breakfast** at 8:45 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, March 29th – **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8.
- Thursday, March 30th – **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Wednesday, April 5th - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8.
- Thursday, April 6th - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Friday, April 7th – **End of 3rd Quarter.**
- Friday, April 7th – **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**

***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 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 curriculum.

- **New Parent Mentor Breakfast**

The annual New Parent Mentor Breakfast will take place on Tuesday, March 28th 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.

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 either as a volunteer at the event or as a mentor. On Tuesday, March 28th, 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 27th from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

Check-in

Frances Fraass, 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**

- Save the date for our annual auction to be held on **Saturday, April 29th**.

The auction committee is working hard on securing donations. Items are still needed to be used for our Live Auction, Silent Auction and our Online Auction.

Items that have traditionally done well fall under the following categories: Art/Books/Photography, Dining/Wine/Gourmet, Entertainment/Travel, Fashion/Handbags, Things for the Home, Health/Spa/Beauty, Jewelry, Sports Memorabilia/ Tickets, Stuff for Kids and Unique Experiences. Items you may already have: Airline Vouchers (Frequent Flyer miles can be converted into travel vouchers), Weekend homes, Cabins and Timeshares, Kid's Classes & Camps (reach out to programs you are already enrolled in – they're more likely to donate to existing families whom they know and love), Restaurant Gift Certificates, Spa Gift Certificates, AMC Movie Gift Cards, Unique Experiences (access to movie and TV sets, behind-the-scenes tours of museums and theaters), Private Meet and Greets.

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

Annual Fund

Gentle reminder; you can still contribute to the Saint Ignatius Loyola School Annual Fund. No donation is too small.

- **Save the Date- Tuesday, April 4th**

- On Tuesday, April 4th from 7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.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 anonymously by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3rd. 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 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 wish to speak by phone, please leave a message for Ms. Strohansky 212-861-3820x101.

- **Financial Assistance**

On Monday, March 13th, 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.

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