

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

As you know, life at Saint Ignatius Loyola School is always busy. We are a “city that never sleeps.”

Over the course of the past week, several of our students participated in the District Wide Speech Contest and several of our choristers traveled to Philadelphia to lend their voices in song.

Yesterday, McKinnon Hall was all abuzz welcoming our new families to the community. Thank you to the many volunteers who contributed to make yesterday’s New Family Mentor Breakfast such a success. You helped our new families to feel welcome and a part of our community.

As the saying goes, “It takes a village.”

Many thanks!

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade K
CulinArt Lunch April Menu – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- 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.**
- Sunday, April 9th – **Palm Sunday.**
- Tuesday, April 11th – **Grade 7 Parent/Student High School Meeting** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, April 12th - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8.
- Thursday, April 13th – **Holy Thursday – Holy Week Prayer Service** Grades K-8 at 9:30 a.m. in Church. All are welcome to attend.

- Thursday, April 13th – **12:00 Dismissal – No After School Care.**
- Friday, April 14th – **Good Friday. No School.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Congratulations**

Last Friday, our students competed in the District Modern Woodsman of America Speech Contest. I am excited to share that Daniel Math was awarded the first prize trophy and Adam Imam was awarded the second prize trophy.

Congratulations to our students who competed on Friday- Adam Imam, Daniel Math, Fiona Mills and our alternate, Brian Schlafer.

- **Church of St. Ignatius Loyola’s Children’s Choir**

Five of our students were selected by audition from over 500 applicants to participate in a national honor choir. The students spent four days in Philadelphia with children from all over the country. The weekend entailed four days of intense rehearsals, culminating in a concert at the famed Kimmel Center.

Congratulations to our choristers- Lara Daliana, Pia Daliana, Madison Kelly, Sofia Pastore and Maggie Zito.

- **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.

- **News from the Development Office**

Auction 2017

Our 2017 Auction is fast approaching. The Auction is being held on Saturday, April 29th, in Wallace Hall. The evening’s success is through the support of you and our community.

We are still 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 on Tuesday, April 4th at 8:30 a.m. The meeting should last no longer than 45 minutes.

Annual Fund

As a 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.

- **Looking ahead to the 2017– 2018 School Year**

As we look ahead to the 2017 – 2018 School Year, a gentle reminder from the Office of Pupil Transportation (O.P.T.) in the Department of Education regarding the school bus policy that Saint Ignatius Loyola School is required to follow.

Only students in the Kindergarten through the Sixth Grade are permitted to ride the yellow school bus. Students in the seventh grade and eighth grade are not permitted to ride the yellow school bus.

Only students who are signed up to take the yellow school bus may take the bus. In the event your child has a scheduled play date with someone who does not normally take the bus, you will need to find a different mode of transportation for them on that particular day.

Metro cards will be issued to students in the seventh grade and/or eighth grade depending on their distance from Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Contact Mrs. Danielle Smith at extension 126 if your child will need a metro card for the **2017 – 2018** school year and **does not** already have a metro card.

- **After School Care**

As a gentle reminder, after school care ends at 5:50 p.m. We appreciate and understand the occasional running late and problems with New York City traffic but, as is noted in the handbook, you will be assessed a late fee if your child is not picked up by 5:50 p.m.

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