

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare to go our separate ways next week to celebrate Easter, I felt it only fitting to share the *Jelly Bean Prayer* with you.

Red is for the blood He gave.

Green is for the grass He made.

Yellow is for the sun so bright.

Orange is for the edge of night.

Blue is for the sins we made.

White is for the grace He gave.

Purple is for His hour of sorrow.

Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet, is a promise, a prayer, and a special treat.

On behalf of Father Yesalonia, Ms. Savarese, the faculty and staff, I wish you a Happy Easter and a restful vacation.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Report Card Conference Memo – Grades K, 1, 2
2017 Auction Underwriting Form – Grades K-8
14th Annual David Oing Golf Tournament Invite & Registration Form - Grades K-8
After School Variety Clubs – Grades K-8
Art Club – Grades 1-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- 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.**
- Sunday, April 16th – **Easter Sunday.**
- Monday, April 17th through Friday, April 21st – **Easter Vacation – No School.**
- Monday, April 24th – **School Resumes. Spring Uniform begins.**
- Tuesday, April 25th – **Easter Liturgy** – Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend.
- Thursday, April 27th – **Report Card Conferences for Grades K, 1, and 2** from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please note there will be **NO After School Care or Clubs for students in the Kindergarten through Second Grade** on Thursday, April 27th.
- Friday, April 28th - **Report Card Conferences for Grades K, 1, and 2** from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please note there will be **NO After School Care or Clubs for students in the Kindergarten through Second Grade** on Friday, April 28th.
- **After School Care will be available for students in Grades 3-8 only on Thursday, April 27th and Friday, April 28th.**
- Friday, April 28th – **Auction Set-Up in Wallace Hall.**
- Saturday, April 29th – **Special Event: Auction 2017.**

***Parent Information:**

- Over the course of the next few weeks, you will be receiving a survey from a representative of the Archdiocese of New York. The premise of the survey is for us to reflect on, “What we do well in Saint Ignatius Loyola School” and “What you feel we can do better.” Your feedback will give us a better understanding of we can do to improve as we look ahead to the 2017-2018 school year.
- **Grades Kindergarten through Second Grade**
Class 1-1 is learning about the post office in Social Studies. On Monday, April 10th, the students will be opening their own post office! Students in the Kindergarten through Second Grade may purchase post cards and stamps for 1 cent each. They will then be able to send mail to their school friends and teachers on the third floor. The post office will be open each morning beginning Monday, April 10th through Friday, May 5th. The hours of the post office will be from 8:20 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. Post cards and stamps will be available for purchase each morning.

The first grade students have visited the other classrooms on the third floor to explain their project. All proceeds from the 1-1 Post Office will be donated to the Ethel M. Taylor Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio. To learn more about this school in need, please visit <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2015/04/18/millvale-cincinnati-poverty-children-urbanpoverty/25949437/>

Thank you in advance for your support!

- **Congratulations**

Over the course of the past several months, our students in the Fifth Grade through the Eighth Grade participated in the Catholic Math League Competition. The Catholic Math League is a national math competition. It is a tool that is used in Catholic schools throughout the United States to aid in the development of student math skills.

Our students' placement in the competition within the Northeast Region and the Nation is noted below:

Fifth Grade

Division – 3rd Place out of 13 schools in the Northeast Region

Overall – 22nd Place out of 112 schools in the Nation

Sixth Grade

Division – 1st Place out of 12 schools in the Northeast Region

Overall – 12th Place out of 118 schools in the Nation

Seventh Grade

Division – 1st Place out of 12 schools in the Northeast Region

Overall – 4th Place out of 83 schools in the Nation

Eighth Grade

Division – 1st Place out of 11 schools in the Northeast Region

Overall – 1st Place out of 116 schools in the Nation

Again, congratulations to our students on a job well done!

- **Eighth Grade Parent Information**

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

By now, you should all have received your invitation to the 2017 Auction.

As noted on the invitation, 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. If you have not sent in your response, there is still plenty of time.

Still in need of Items

We are still in need of items for our 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.**

Our next Auction meeting will be **Wednesday, April 12th at 8:30 a.m.** The meeting should last no longer than 45 minutes. We are truly grateful to all our supporters for the event. We would not be able to do it without you.

If you have not had the opportunity to do so, there is still time to lend your support through underwriting. Kindly complete and return the attached underwriting form.

Auction volunteers are needed for the following:

Friday, April 28th – Volunteers are needed for setting up and decorating Wallace Hall and the cafeteria. We will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 29th – We will need volunteers to finish setting up and decorating Wallace Hall and the cafeteria. We will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 29th – Volunteers are needed to assist during the event.

Saturday, April 29th – All hands-on deck are needed to breakdown the event.

- **Golf Tournament**

Please join us for the 14th Annual David K. Oing Golf Tournament to be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. The invitation for the golf tournament is attached.

For those of you who have expressed an interest to be a part of the committee – a meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

- **Annual Fund**

We are truly grateful for all your support. As a gentle reminder, you can still contribute to the Saint Ignatius Loyola School Annual Fund. No donation is too small.

- **Strings Program**

Please note that there will be **No Orchestra and No Lessons on Monday, April 10th for all students.** Beginning Orchestra and all Monday lessons will be made up on **Monday, May 8th.**

Also, as noted in your Strings Program Calendars, there will be **NO Orchestra and NO Lessons** on Tuesday, April 11th.

- **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.

- **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.

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