

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was so great to see so many of you on Saturday evening. I cannot thank you enough for your extreme generosity!

This week, we will come together to celebrate our Eighth Grade students as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday afternoon and our Second Grade students as they receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. I ask that you keep the students in your thoughts and prayers.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Life Touch First Holy Communion Order Forms – Grade 2
Slam Dunk Walk-A-Thon Permission Slip – Grades K-8
Slam Dunk Walk-A-Thon Pledge Form - Grades K-8
2017 Benefit Auction - Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Monday, May 8th – **Flynn & O’Hara Uniform Company** will be available for our current Families from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. New Families from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- Monday, May 8th through Friday, May 12th - **ITBS Exams Grades K-8.**
- Tuesday, May 9th – **Marian Prayer Service** Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.
- Thursday, May 11th – **Special Event: Spring Musical** at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, May 12th – **Faculty Meeting - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Friday, May 12th - **Special Event: Spring Musical** at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Saturday, May 13th - **Special Event: Spring Musical** - Matinee 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Sunday, May 14th – **Mother’s Day.**
- Wednesday, May 17th – **14th Annual David Oing Golf Tournament.**
- Thursday, May 18th – **Spring Band Concert** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.

- Friday, May 19th – **Special Event: Slam Dunk Walk-A-Thon.**
- **Date Change: Jazz Band & String Concert** has been rescheduled from May 24th to May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. The concert will be in McKinnon Hall as originally scheduled.

***Parent Information:**

- **Second Grade Information:**
Saturday, May 6th – **First Holy Communion** at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. A **Life Touch Photographer** will be here to take photos beginning at 8:00 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.

It is important to note that the **last picture will be taken at 9:40 a.m.** in order for everyone to be seated in church on time.

If you would like to purchase a **First Holy Communion DVD**, please complete the order form on the last page of the Weekly.

Wax Museum

On Friday, May 12th from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the cafeteria, the Second Grade will be hosting their annual **Wax Museum** in the cafeteria. The Second Graders have been working hard researching their famous person, writing their speeches and practicing their public speaking skills. All Second Grade families are welcomed to join us.

- **Eighth Grade Information:**
Thursday, May 4th – **Confirmation Ceremony** at 2:00 p.m. in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. Grade 8 students **only** will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Students and their sponsors must return to school no later than **1:15 p.m.** We will gather in McKinnon Hall.

Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m., eighth grade students in the Manhattan schools of the Archdiocese of New York will gather at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in celebration of their upcoming graduations. All eighth grade parents are welcome to join us at the mass.

- **Survey**
Over the course of the next few weeks, you will be emailed 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 what 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 opened 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 through Friday, May 12th. 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!

- **Reminders for the Cast and Crew of *Godspell, Jr.***
Rehearsal reminder:
Friday, May 5th, and Monday, May 8th, are the final dress rehearsals for *Godspell Jr.* The rehearsals will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. Attendance at these rehearsals is mandatory for the entire cast and crew.

On Friday, May 5th, the students will receive their rental costumes. All cast members should bring their favorite pair of sneakers and a change of comfortable clothing. A plain T-shirt and gym shorts should be worn underneath their costumes just in case there is a sizing issue.

Please remind your child to take care of his/her costume. Each student will be expected to hang up his or her own costume neatly, with his or her name tag attached, after each dress rehearsal and performance. Fees for damaged or lost costume pieces will be assessed to Smart Tuition.

Please note that crew members do not need to wear their all black crew outfits until the performances begin on Thursday, May 11th.

If you are available to volunteer at the concession stands at any of the performances, please contact Ms. Anna Sakalis in the Development Office.

- **News from the Development Office**

- **2017 Auction**

THANK YOU to the Special Events Committee, all our volunteers and our families that helped to make our 2017 Auction such a huge success! We could not have done it without you! The outpouring of donations from you and our community was truly touching. It truly does take a village. Your enthusiasm and love for the school is beyond words.

We have included a recognition list of our Underwriters, Donors, Acquisition Volunteers, Organizations and our Special Events Committee to express our gratitude. Our apologies if we missed anyone in our list. Please know how much we appreciate your support and dedication to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

We are hard at work sorting all the winning bids. We will be contacting our winners of the Live Auction and Silent Auction by email and/or phone.

Our Online Auction is open and will close on Sunday, May 21st at 11:00 p.m. We continue to add new items daily. Please log on at <https://www.biddingforgood.com/silauktion>.

Click on the register link to update your charge information, fill in all required fields (marked by asterisk) and check "I Agree to BiddingForGood's Terms of Use."

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Anna Sakalis in the Development Office at 212-861-3820 ext. 135.

- **Godspell, Jr. Musical**

Tickets to all four performances are selling at a record pace!

Please send in your ticket orders at your earliest convenience. It is important to note that tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis until each performance is sold out.

- **David K. Oing Golf Tournament**

Please join us for the 14th Annual David K. Oing Golf Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th.

The invitation for the golf tournament was included the April 5th Weekly. Please contact Ms. Anna Sakalis in the Development Office if you have any questions or if you need additional invitation forms.

- **The Slam Dunk Walk-A-Thon**

Dust off your off your sneakers, our Annual Walk-A-Thon will be here sooner than you know it. Come rain or shine, all students from Grades K through 8 will walk in support of Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

A signed permission slip is required for every child to participate in the Walk-A-Thon. Please sign the permission slip included in today's Weekly and return it to your child's teacher by Tuesday, May 16th. If a child is unable to go on the walk or does not return the permission slip, he/she will remain in McKinnon Hall while his/her class is out of the building.

We encourage parents to volunteer to walk with their child's grade. If you plan to walk with your child's class, please arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

The Slam Dunk Walk-A-Thon Pledge Form is also included in today's Weekly. Pledge forms must be returned to the Development Office no later than Tuesday, May 16th.

- **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**

Beginning Orchestra and all Monday lessons will be made up on **Monday, May 8th**.

- **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 the students 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.

Please fill out and return:

First Holy Communion DVD Order Form

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Number of DVDs requested: _____ x \$40 per copy = \$ _____ Check # _____

Parent Signature

Date

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