

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

As I watched the children gather on 84th Street, tan and rested, greeting their old friends, meeting new friends and looking forward to making their way up to their new homerooms, I am pretty sure I also observed some excited parents, very happy to see their children crossing the threshold again.

It is so nice to again hear the children's voices echo throughout the school. We are officially back in full swing with the arrival of our kindergarteners on Monday morning.

Since the summer letter, we have continued to spruce up the building. As you know, keeping the students safe is first and foremost for the administration, faculty and staff. Hence, the Park Avenue and Madison Avenue doors are now alarmed. Additionally, we now have Surface Pro tablets in the computer lab and we have purchased more iPads for each floor.

The hot lunch program began on Monday, September 12th. Now is an appropriate time to review our policies regarding lunchtime:

When a child forgets his/her lunch: CulinArt prepares our cafeteria food daily, based on the number of students and faculty enrolled in the program. The chef does take into account the occasional forgotten lunch. Because no child will ever go hungry at Saint Ignatius Loyola School, we will allow him/her to receive a sandwich and salad for lunch from our program, but you will be assessed on your Smart Tuition bill for this courtesy. If this happens more than 3 times per quarter, your child will automatically be enrolled and billed for the lunch program for the remainder of the school year.

Food allergies: If your child has a food or other allergy of any type, it is best that he/she does not participate in the lunch program. Although CulinArt exercises care and caution in their food preparation, they are not able to guarantee that the foods, breads and other ingredients they use/receive from various purveyors/vendors are free of allergens.

Additionally, Saint Ignatius Loyola School endeavors to be a nut free school. I would ask that you be mindful, if your child is not in the hot lunch program, to refrain from including food in your child's packed lunch that contains nuts of any kind. This includes food products such as Nutella and other spreads that may have a nut base. We do remind the students that they should not share their lunch, but I ask that you also remind them at home that they should only eat the lunch you provide for them and avoid even one taste of a classmate's lunch or a treat that a classmate may be sharing to celebrate his/her birthday.

Full bus service begins tomorrow, Thursday, September 15th, for Grades 1 - 6. Kindergarten bus service begins on Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

I look forward to seeing everyone as the school year gets underway. Here's to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly were the following. If you need a copy please inquire at the front office:

Strings Program – Grades 1-3
Parish Data Information Form – Grades K-8
CulinArt Lunch Menu for September – Grades K-8
Back-to-School Bingo Flyer - Grades K-8
World's Finest Chocolate Flyer – Grades K-8
2016-2017 Fundraising Volunteer Form – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Wednesday, September 14th – **Back-to-School Night** – Grades 6-8 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, September 15th – **Full Bus Service Begins** for Grades 1-6.
- Thursday, September 15th – **Admissions Tours Volunteer Orientation Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, September 16th – **Class Parent Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- Monday, September 19th – **Sibling Admissions Information Mandatory Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Tuesday, September 20th – **Parishioner Admissions Information Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Tuesday, September 20th – **World's Finest Chocolate Sale** begins this week.
- Wednesday, September 21st - **Back-to-School Night** – Grades K-5 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, September 22nd – **Band Assembly** for Grades 3-8 at 2:00 p.m. for students only in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, September 22nd – **New Student Reception** for Grades 1-7 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Science Lab.
- Friday, September 23rd - **Special Events: Used Uniform and Logo Sale** from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, September 23rd – **Special Event: Back-to-School Bingo** in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, September 28th – **Archdiocesan Conference – Professional Day – No School for the students.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Yellow School Bus**
Your child's school bus number, school bus stop, school bus pick up time and school bus drop off time was sent home earlier in the week for Grades 1-6 only. Kindergarten bus information will be sent home the week of September 26th.

MetroCard's were sent home on Monday.

It is important to note, there is a possibility that the school busses will be running a bit off schedule the first weeks of school. We ask that you be patient, while the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) adjusts to the new school year, the school bus stops and the new bus schedule.

Admissions Tours Volunteer Orientation Meeting

On **Thursday, September 15th, at 8:45 a.m.** in McKinnon Hall, there will be an Orientation meeting for those parents who are interested in volunteering for our 2016 -2017 Admissions Tours. The tours are given every Monday and Thursday from mid- September through to early January.

At the Orientation Meeting, the specifics of the program will be discussed and volunteers can sign up for the dates that work with their schedules.

- **News from the Development Office**

Welcome back to another school year! We have a calendar, filled with fun events and gatherings for everyone to enjoy.

Support is needed so that all our events can be as successful as possible; none can take place without your gift of time. Please take a moment to review the **2016 – 2017 Volunteer Form** included in today's Weekly. We hope there is an event on the calendar where you can lend a helping hand, spend some time with old friends and make some new friends.

Please note the completed volunteer form is due back to the Development Office by Monday, September 19th.

World's Finest Chocolate

Also included in today's weekly is the **World's Finest Chocolate Sale** flyer. All chocolate forms are due back to the Development Office by Monday, September 19th.

The chocolate will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, September 20th

- **Back-To-School Bingo**

It is that time of year again our first event of the school year – Back-to-School Bingo. Be sure to get your reservation form in so you do not miss out on the first fun-filled event of the school year.

Back-to-School Bingo is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd.

- **Grades 1-7 New Student Reception on Thursday, September 22nd, 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

If you wish for your child to attend, please submit the permission slip to Mrs. Ana Zuck as soon as possible. The students who will be attending the party will be dismissed to Mrs. Zuck at the end of the school day. Mrs. Zuck will escort the students to the reception located in the Science Lab. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zuck at extension 106. We look forward to meeting and celebrating with your children!

- **Gently Used Uniform & Logo Sale**

If you need a blazer, school pants or a skirt, you will have the opportunity to purchase it on Friday, September 23rd, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Donations for the gently used uniform sale should be dropped off to the main office the week of September 19th.

You will also have an opportunity to purchase school logo items on Friday, September 23rd.

- **Please Note**

There will be no Yellow School Bus Service to and from school on:

Monday, October 3rd

Tuesday, October 4th

Wednesday, October 12th

- **School Calendar Correction:**

Please note the Christmas Pageant is on **Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.**

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