

**SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY**

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Dear Parents,

As we settle into the 2016-2017 School Year, I have had the opportunity to witness so many of you watching your son or daughter walk up the stairs until you no longer see him or her. They know you are watching and urging them along. I thought it only fitting to share one of my favorite poems:

**When You Thought**

*When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang up my first painting  
on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought  
it was good to be kind to animals.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favourite cake for me,  
and I knew that little things are special things.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed  
there is a God I could always talk to.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I felt loved.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted  
to be everything that I could be.  
When you thought I wasn't looking, I LOOKED...and wanted to say thanks  
for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.*

*~Clarence Budinton Kelland*

**Gentle Reminders:**

Here are some gentle reminders as we settle into the school year to keep the children and the adults safe upon arrival and dismissal. If someone, other than you, picks up your child, please share these reminders with them.

- We all love our furry friends, however, there are some children who have severe pet allergies and some of our children who are afraid of dogs. I appreciate your child wanting to walk to and from school with his/her dog but I do ask that you be mindful of the other children and keep your dog close to you.
- After dropping off and/or picking up your child, I ask that you step back in order for the other children to be dropped off and picked up safely.
- At dismissal, once you have picked up your child, he/she should remain with you; your child should not be running to and fro. It creates a safety issue for everyone.
- The scaffolding across the street creates an additional safety issue for the children. The children should not be climbing or hanging on the scaffolding, sitting on the scaffolding, etc.
- Razor scooters are a great form of exercise, but the children should ride on the scooter only once they have departed from the school block.
- Regis High School is always quite obliging to us. However, I do ask that you refrain from sitting on their steps.

I appreciate and understand the children's excitement in the morning and at dismissal, but we all need to work together to build a safer community.

On a different note, on behalf of the Saint Ignatius Loyola School Community, we offer our congratulations to Father Yesalonia on his installation as pastor this past Sunday.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin  
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Class K-1  
Cocktail Reception Invite – Grades K-2, New Parents  
Parent Safety Patrol October Calendar – Grade 8  
Family Day Brochure - Grades K-8  
Safety Patrol Program Letter – Grades K-8

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

**\*Important to Note:**

- DVD's are available for pick up in the main office.  
2016 SHREK THE MUSICAL  
2016 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
2015-2016 KINDERGARTEN CLOSING CEREMONY  
2016 GRADUATION
- Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - **Back-to-School Night** – Grades K-5 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Band Assembly** for Grades 3-8 at 2:00 p.m. for students only in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – **New Student Reception** for Grades 1-7 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Science Lab.
- Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Special Events: Used Uniform and Logo Sale** from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Special Event: Back-to-School Bingo** in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – **Archdiocesan Conference – Professional Day – No School for the students.**
- Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Winter Uniform Begins.**
- Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – **Grades K-8 Life Touch Individual Pictures.**
- Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – **Chamber of Commerce Raffle Begins.**
- Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – **Grades K-8 Life Touch Class/Group Photos.**
- Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – **Band begins.**
- Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – **Professional Day - No School for the students.**

**\*Kindergarten Information:**

- Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Full bus service begins.

**\*Eighth Grade Information:**

- Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – **Graduation Pictures.**
- Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – **Church Group Photos.**

• **Eighth Grade High School Information**

If you have not done so, please call Mrs. Rodriguez at ext. 130 to schedule an appointment for you and your son/daughter to meet with Ms. Larkin, Ms. Savarese, Mrs. Zuck, or Mr. Sullivan. All parents and eighth grade students are expected to schedule an appointment to discuss their individual choices, needs, etc.

If you were not present at last Wednesday's Back to School Night, a packet was distributed to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents that is a necessary tool to help guide you through the high school process.

If you are interested in applying to Specialized Public Schools, LaGuardia, any other audition schools, and/or Regular Public Schools, this must be submitted in writing to Mrs. Ana Zuck no later than **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. In your letter, please specify which particular programs/performing arts studios you are applying to.

For school that requires Saint Ignatius Loyola School's letter of recommendation and transcripts, the request forms must be submitted to Mrs. Ana Zuck no later than **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. You will be assessed a \$50 fee per application after that date.

- **Archdiocese of New York Catholic High School Information Fair** at Cardinal Spellman High School, Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please refer to the TACHS Student Handbook you received at last week's Back to School Night for specific open house listings by school.
- **Citywide Public High School Fair** at Brooklyn Technical High School, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please refer to the Public High School and Specialized High School Directories you received at last week's Back to School Night for more information on the particular schools you are interested in.
- **Marymount School Visit**  
On **Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** in McKinnon Hall, representatives from Marymount School will be here to speak with your daughters. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **Fordham Prep Visit**  
Mr. Bradley Serton, Director of Admissions at Fordham Prep, will be here to speak with your sons on **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** in McKinnon Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

#### **\*Parent Information:**

- **Grades 1-7 New Student Reception on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
All students new to our school and those who entered last year received an invitation to the reception. If you wish for your child to attend, please send your child to school on Thursday with the permission slip.

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 an extra blazer, school pants or a skirt, you will have the opportunity to purchase them on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 before Friday.

Gently used Halloween costumes are also being accepted for the sale.

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

- **Family Day- Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
This national movement to remind parents how important it is to connect with their children began in 2001. There will be no homework for your child that day so plan on a special meal all together or a game night or enjoying some favorite books as a family.
- **News from the Development Office:**  
**Chocolate Sale**  
Chocolates were distributed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you for your strong response. If you did not receive chocolate and wish to purchase a box or buy more, do not hesitate to contact the Development Office.

All chocolate money and/or additional orders must be received by Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, in order for your child to be eligible for a prize.

A gentle reminder, please do not let your child go door-to-door or be alone at any time when selling chocolates.

- **Back-to-School BINGO** is sold out – Thank you!  
We will be contacting those of you who expressed an interest to volunteer at the event. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to the Development Office.

- **Girl Scouts at Saint Ignatius Loyola School**  
Girls from the kindergarten to the eighth grade are welcome to be a part of the Girl Scout Experience. The Girls Scouts typically meet the first Monday of each month, from 3:10 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., through the end of the school year.

Girl Scouts have an opportunity to take part in community service based activities, the annual Girl Scout cookie sale, Girl Scout Sunday Mass, as well as, hosting a Christmas Booth at the Saint Ignatius Loyola School's Christmas Fair.

If your daughter is interested in being part of a Girl Scout Troup at Saint Ignatius Loyola School, please contact Bridgette Foley.

It is important to note that space is limited.

- **Calling all Choristers.**  
Do you have a child who loves to sing? Have them become a member of the St. Ignatius Loyola Children's Choir!

Rising first grade students through eighth grade students may “audition” by appointment. *Hurry! Our season has begun.*

All parish children are welcome and no prior experience is necessary. A parent must be present to fill out the registration materials. Please see our website, [stignatiusloyola.org](http://stignatiusloyola.org), for additional information. To schedule an audition time, contact Maureen Haley.

- **Bus Update**  
There will be no Yellow School Bus Service to and from school on:  
**Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Any child taking the bus should be departing from and returning to the same bus stop each day.

- **School Calendar Correction:**  
Please note the Christmas Pageant is on **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

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