

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was nice to see so many of you at last Friday evening's Back-to-School Bingo. The children and adults all seemed to enjoy themselves as they chanted, "no bingo, no bingo." I look forward to seeing even more of you at our events as we move through our very busy event calendar.

As a gentle reminder, I would encourage you to review the handbook regarding the girls' hairstyles and the boys' hairstyles. Equally important to note upon arrival in the morning, the Madison Avenue doors are solely for students in Grades K through 2 and the Park Avenue doors are solely for the students in Grades 3 through 8.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Jazz Ensemble Sign Up Form – Grades 5-8
Life Touch Order Forms – Grades K-8
After School Variety Clubs Form – Grades K-8
Art Club Form – Grades 1-8
Harvest Dance Invitation - Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Monday, October 3rd – **Winter Uniform Begins.**
- Wednesday, October 5th – **Grades K-8 Life Touch Individual Pictures.**
- Wednesday, October 5th – **Chamber of Commerce Raffle Begins.**
- Thursday, October 6th – **Grades K-8 Life Touch Class/Group Photos.**
- Thursday, October 6th – **Band begins.**
- Friday, October 7th – **Professional Day - No School for the students.**
- Monday, October 10th – **Columbus Day – No School.**
- Friday, October 14th – **Special Event: Harvest Dance.**
- Monday, October 31st – **No School in celebration of The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola's 150th Anniversary as a Jesuit Parish.**

Kindergarten Information:

- Wednesday, October 5th – **Full bus service begins.**
- Wednesday, October 12th – **Kindergarten Parent Meeting with Dr. Grace Pilcer** from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Great Room.

***Sixth through Eighth Grade Information:**

- Thursday, October 13th – **High School Fair** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall. Parents should enter through Wallace Hall on Park Avenue.

***Seventh Grade Information:**

- The Notre Dame School of Manhattan is proud to announce its tuition-free Saturday Academy. Saturday Academy is sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The Academy will run from October 15th through November 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration is now open for prospective 7th grade students and will close on Wednesday October 5th, or when classes fill to capacity.

The following classes are being offered:

New SAT: Math

New SAT: Reading, Writing and Literature

Hamilton: The Musical and History

Regents Document Prep

NYC History through Poetry

Crack the APUS History Exam

20th Century American Music

Please view the application and course catalog at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZZT1bTE4RfKLN6m93>

You may also visit www.cheznous.org or email saturdayacademy@cheznous.org for more information.

The completed application should be sent directly to Notre Dame.

***Eighth Grade Information:**

- Wednesday, October 5th – **Graduation Pictures.**
- Thursday, October 6th – **Church Group Photos.**
- **Eighth Grade High School Information:**

If you have not done so, please contact 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.

Please refer to the handout and directories that were distributed at Back to School Night for all deadlines and important information on the high school process.

For any high school that requires transcripts or letters of recommendation from Saint Ignatius Loyola School, please submit these forms directly to Mrs. Zuck no later than **Friday, October 21st**. You will be assessed a \$50 late fee per application after that date. It is crucial that the top portion of all forms submitted to Mrs. Zuck are filled in with your son's or daughter's name.

Archdiocese of New York Catholic High School Information Fair - Sunday, October 2nd, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Xavier High School, 30 West 16th Street.

Fordham Prep Visit - Mr. Bradley Serton, Director of Admissions, will be here this Friday, September 30th, at 9:30 a.m. in McKinnon Hall to speak with your sons. Parents are welcome to attend.

All Saint Ignatius Loyola School eighth graders are required to take the TACHS exam on Friday, November 4th. Students are to go directly to their testing site that morning. The boys will take the exam at LaSalle Academy, 215 East 6th Street. The girls will take the exam at Cathedral High School, 350 East 56th Street. Tickets will be distributed closer to the test day.

For those of you interested in Specialized Public Schools, the SHSAT exam will take place on Saturday, October 22nd, at Stuyvesant High School.

Requests for a SHSAT ticket, LaGuardia audition ticket, and a regular public school application were due to Mrs. Zuck on Friday, September 23rd. Tickets and applications will be distributed once they are available to us from the Department of Education.

- **Academic Scholarships**

There are many available. Visit schools and their websites. Here are a few notable ones that have come to our attention:

1. This year's Xavier Scholarship Exam will be held on Saturday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. Space is limited. Register online at xavierhs.org by November 15th.
2. The Mary Louis Academy Scholarship Exam is Monday, November 14th at 3:30 p.m. An application for this exam is available online at tmla.org. Application deadline is November 7th.
3. St. John's Prep in Astoria offers the Peter F. Vallone Scholarship. The scholarship exam is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd at 8:30 a.m. Prior registration is required online at stjohnsprepschool.org. Application deadline is Friday, November 25th.
4. Archbishop Molloy High School - Columbus Citizens Foundation Scholarship and Named Scholarships are available to those meeting the criteria. Please visit molloyhs.org for more information and applications.
5. Saint Peter's Prep, *New Jersey's Jesuit High School Since 1872*, offers Gerald V. Sheehan, '48, Academic Scholarships to 25 freshmen each year. The award covers full tuition and activity fees throughout all four years at Saint Peter's Prep. Full details are found at spprep.org/apply.
6. Bishop Kearney High School offers a scholarship exam on Saturday, November 19th. Register online at bishopkearneyhs.org/scholarshipexam.

***Parent Information**

- **Safe Environment Program**

Attention Parents:

This is to inform you that the Archdiocese's mandated Safe Environment Program for Sexual Abuse Awareness will be part of your children's religion classes again this year. The goal of the program is to affirm the dignity of the human person as created in the image and likeness of God. We know that our ministry with children is a sacred trust. We, at Saint Ignatius Loyola School, are committed to preserve, at all times and in all places, this sacred trust which is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

In 2002, the United States Bishops approved The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Article 12 of this charter directs all dioceses to create programs and processes to teach children and youth about sexual abuse and its prevention. In the Archdiocese of New York, this will be integrated into the religious education program in all grades.

For your information and review, a copy of the Safe Environment Curriculum from K-8 is available at the main office. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Larkin at extension 130.

- **Ronald McDonald House**

Beginning Monday, October 3rd through Friday, November 4th, we will be running our annual drive for the Ronald McDonald House. Listed below are the items requested per grade. Your child should bring the item(s) directly to his/her classroom.

Ronald McDonald House Items

- K - 1** soup
- K - 2** pasta
- 1 - 1** coffee
- 1 - 2** tea
- 2 - 1** rice – brown or white
- 2 - 2** cereal
- 3 - 1** crackers
- 3 - 2** salad dressing
- 4 - 1** mustard
- 4 - 2** mayonnaise
- 5 - 1** ketchup
- 5 - 2** tomato sauce
- 6 - 1** mashed potato mix
- 6 - 2** Sugar/Equal/Splenda
- 7 - 1** canned fruit
- 7 - 2** canned vegetables
- 8 - 1** oatmeal
- 8 - 2** bread crumbs

Thank you for your support of our Ronald McDonald House family.

- **News from the Development Office:**

We had such a busy week of events. Friday morning began with the **Used Uniform Sale** and we ended the day with **Back-to-School Bingo**.

To all the parents who participated in the Used Uniform Sale, Thank you!

Friday night's Back-to-School Bingo was a night of great fun for all who attended. Thank you to all of our volunteers! Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to our eighth grade students, who also helped make the event a success!

Again, thank you to all of you who lent a hand to help make last week's events so successful.

World's Finest Chocolate Sale:

The chocolates were sent home with all students who did not opt out. If anyone received chocolates in error, kindly return the unopened box your with child's name and class label still affixed to the box to the Development Office.

All requests for additional boxes of chocolate must be received by the Development Office by **Tuesday, October 4th**. As a gentle reminder, please do not let your child go door-to-door or be alone at any time when selling chocolates.

All monies and/or unopened box of chocolates must be returned by Thursday, October 6th. Thank you to all of you for your participation.

Bus Update

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

Monday, October 3rd

Tuesday, October 4th

Wednesday, October 12th

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 15th at 6:30 p.m.**

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