

## **SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY**

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Dear Parents,

I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy some downtime this weekend and recharge your batteries.

The building feels empty now that our Day Nursery Family has moved back to their home. The men worked hard this weekend moving the Day Nursery back down the block and getting the Grammar School teachers and staff back to their respective classrooms and offices. I would again like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the entire school community for your patience and support over the past month.

It seems that, once the page on the calendar turned to October 1<sup>st</sup>, the weather turned brisk and we truly settled into the 2016-2017 school year. Things that got lost in the shuffle of the first month of school, with respect to our day to day to school life, must now be addressed.

Your child may have come home from school on Tuesday and shared that we had an assembly to discuss upcoming lockdown drills. The children raised good questions. I stressed to them that, during a drill and in the event of a real emergency, their job is to follow the directions of their teachers and not to worry.

It seems there has been some confusion as to role of the class parent. The class parent's role is to work with the homeroom teachers to get chaperones for field trips, to be the point person on the phone chain and to offer assistance with school events when asked. It is important to note, the class parent does not speak on behalf of the school administration, faculty and staff. It is not the role of the class parent to send an email blast regarding homework, tests, and the curriculum, to name a few. If you have a question regarding classroom expectations or the curriculum, you should contact either the teacher or me. I ask that you not put a class parent in the position of go between.

As you know, the administration, faculty and staff do not use email as a tool to communicate. If parents choose to communicate with each other through email, that is between each of you. However, the school is not, and will not be, a part of the communications. Often times through email or telephone, repeating what is stated in the school becomes a "game of telephone" and can be miscommunicated.

I appreciate that, for some of you, the best form of communicating is through email. However, the policy in Saint Ignatius Loyola School is to communicate over the telephone.

It is important to note, that at this point, if you have not submitted your emergency contact form, you will not be included in our Immediate Response Information System (IRIS) and the school directory. IRIS is the system we have in place in the event of an emergency. We have waited patiently for the forms to be returned, beyond the September deadline.

With Halloween fast approaching and much in the news lately about "creepy clowns," we feel it is in the best interest and safety for all, that adults and students refrain from attending the Halloween Carnival and Halloween Parade dressed as clowns. If we cannot determine who an individual is in a costume, whether he/she is dressed as a clown or some other character, he/she will not be permitted to enter the Carnival and may be asked to leave the parade. Again, this is all in the interest of keeping everyone safe.

On a much brighter note, I am happy to welcome Mr. Donny McClellan as the new member of our Saint Ignatius Loyola School security team.

I look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Dance.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin  
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 2  
Permission Slip – Grade 6  
Permission Slip – Grade 7  
Permission Slip – Grade 8  
FIT-ness Letter – Grades 3-8  
FIT-ness Enrollment/Permission Form – Grades 3-8  
Halloween Carnival Invite – Grades K - 8  
Harvest Dance Bracelets – Grades K - 8

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

**\*Important to Note:**

- Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – **Special Event: Harvest Dance is sold out.**
- Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – **Mass for Grades 3-5** at 1:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – **Mass for Grades 6-8** at 1:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.
- Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – **Third Grade Parent Meeting** from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Great Room.
- Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – **Last day to return Chamber of Commerce Raffles.**
- Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – **Grammar School Celebration – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jesuits.**
- Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.**
- Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – **Halloween Carnival Set-Up** in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – **Halloween Carnival Sponsored by the Eighth Grade.**
- Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – **No School in celebration of The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Jesuit Parish.**

**\*Parent Information:**

• **Eighth Grade High School Information:**

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

For any high school that requires transcripts or letters of recommendation from Saint Ignatius Loyola School, please submit the forms directly to Mrs. Zuck, no later than Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

If the school requires an online recommendation, please forward the link to Mrs. Zuck at [zucka@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:zucka@saintignatiusloyola.org) who will then forward it to the appropriate teacher. If you have any questions regarding the online process, please contact Mrs. Zuck at extension 106.

After October 21<sup>st</sup>, you will be assessed a \$50 late fee per application. It is crucial that the top portion of all forms submitted to Mrs. Zuck be filled in with your son's or daughter's name.

### **TACHS Exam**

All Saint Ignatius Loyola School eighth graders are required to take the TACHS exam on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Students are to go directly to their testing site that morning.

The girls will take the exam at **Cathedral High School** and the boys will take the exam at **LaSalle Academy**. Tickets will be distributed closer to the test day.

### **Public High Schools:**

Admission tickets for the SHSAT and LaGuardia auditions will be distributed, **only** to those students who requested a ticket, once they become available to us from the Department of Education.

Regular Public High School applications will be distributed this week, **only** to those students who requested an application.

Please follow the application instructions and return the completed application to Mrs. Zuck no later than Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Notable Open Houses over the course of the next two weeks:**

Please consult each high school's website. Some schools require pre-registration.

Xavier High School – Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cathedral High School – Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Iona Prep – Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Marymount School – Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Loyola School – Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Ursuline School – Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fordham Prep – Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mount St. Michael Academy – Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Notre Dame School – Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Archbishop Stepinac High School – Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- **Ronald McDonald House Kids Charity Fun Run**

The run is scheduled for Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., in Central Park. You can register for the run online. The registration fee is \$30 per child. If you register by October 19<sup>th</sup>, the fee is \$25.

All information regarding the run can be found online. It is important to note that, to be included in our school's team totals, you must join St. Ignatius Loyola Team.

- **Ronald McDonald House Parent Pantry**

We will be running our annual drive for the Ronald McDonald House through Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Listed below are the items requested per grade. Your child should bring the item(s) directly to his/her classroom.

### **Ronald McDonald House Items**

<b>K - 1</b>	soup
<b>K - 2</b>	pasta
<b>1 - 1</b>	coffee
<b>1 - 2</b>	tea
<b>2 - 1</b>	rice – brown or white
<b>2 - 2</b>	cereal
<b>3 - 1</b>	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:**

**World's Finest Chocolate Sale**

All chocolate money and unsold (unopened) boxes of chocolate were due on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office. Monies not received will be charged to Smart Tuition.

**Harvest Dance**

Thank you once again for the strong response to this Friday evening's Harvest Dance.

Ticket bracelets will be coming home today with the Weekly. If you do not receive them, please contact the Development Office. If you are on the waitlist, you will be called by Thursday afternoon if there are cancellations.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist with the event. As you know, our goal is for everyone to enjoy themselves. The more hands we have to help set up, work at the event and break down the event, the easier it will be for everyone involved.

If you are joining us on Friday and are available to lend a hand, please contact Christy Messina.

Our Special Events team this year is Nicole Dalven, Anne-Rose Fredericks, Christy Messina and Marguerite Lucarelli. Our appreciation to them for their behind the scenes work.

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