

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

You may recall that, prior to Thanksgiving Break, we started a new tradition in Saint Ignatius Loyola School – “School Day-No School Day.” One element of the day was to write letters to *Macy’s Make-A-Wish Campaign*. I am excited to share that we delivered 512 letters on Friday evening. Typically, for each letter received, Macy’s donates \$1.00 but on Friday, for each letter received, Macy’s donated \$2.00. Looking ahead to next November’s “School Day-No School Day,” we have even bigger plans.

On a different note, we are anxiously awaiting the Class of 2017’s presentation of the “Night of Nights.”

In excited anticipation of tomorrow evening’s Christmas Pageant, and out of respect for those attending 5:30 p.m. Mass in The Lady Chapel, there will be no waiting in the Narthex prior to the doors opening to the church. The line will form on Park Avenue and wind its way around and up 84th Street. You will be directed accordingly. The church doors will open at **6:00 p.m.**

As in past years, pews will be blocked off for the Eighth Grade families. We ask that, if you are an Eighth Grade family, you refrain from taking an entire pew for your family so that all Eighth Grade parents will have the opportunity to share the space and see their children perform. We also have pews set aside for faculty members who will be entering with the children as the performance progresses so, if you see a pew with a sign, please refrain from sitting there.

There are just a few housekeeping items that we need to be mindful of since we will be in church. I ask that you refrain from putting your coats, shopping bags and other items on the side altars, as well as refraining from drinking beverages and eating snacks. Strollers should be folded up and placed in the Narthex. All aisles need to remain clear because the children will be traversing those spaces.

All students who are participating in the pageant should form a line at the Madison Avenue door. Arrival times will be staggered. I ask that you adhere to your child’s arrival time; students who arrive before their scheduled time will not be permitted to enter the school.

Times to Arrive

5:00 p.m. Eighth Grade and Orchestra/Jazz Ensemble

5:45 p.m. Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grades

5:45 p.m. Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Grades

I look forward to seeing you at the Pageant.

On behalf of Father Yesalonia, Ms. Savarese, the Faculty and Staff, I wish you a Happy Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year. See you in 2017!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly is the following:

Safety Patrol Calendar – Grade 2
2017 Yearbook Picture Request – Grade 8

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, December 15th – **Christmas Pageant** at 6:30 p.m. in Church.
- Friday, December 16th – **Faculty Meeting – Dismissal at 12:00 p.m. No After School Care.**
- Wednesday, December 21st - **Advent Prayer Service Grades 4-8.**
- There will be **no Weekly** on Wednesday, December 21st.
- Wednesday, December 21st – **Christmas Recess Begins. Dismissal at 3:00 p.m. No After School Care.**
- Thursday, December 22nd – **Christmas Vacation No School.**
- Friday, December 23rd - **Christmas Vacation No School.**
- Sunday, December 25th - **Christmas Day.**
- Monday, December 26th – through Friday, December 30th – **Christmas Vacation No School.**
- Sunday, January 1st – **Happy New Year.**
- Sunday, January 1st – **Solemnity of Mary.**
- Monday, January 2nd - **New Year’s Day Observed No School.**
- Tuesday, January 3rd – **School Resumes.**
- Wednesday, January 4th – **Last Day to Submit Kindergarten Applications.**
- Wednesday, January 4th – **Mass Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.**
- Thursday, January 5th through Friday, 13th – **Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**
- Tuesday, January 10th – **Last Day to Submit Applications for Grades 1-7.**

***Parent Information:**

- If you did not receive an **IRIS** call/message on Friday, December 9th, please contact Mr. Tom Clarke at iris@saintignatiusloyola.org. It is crucial that we have a working cell phone number to contact you in the event of an emergency.

- **Kindergarten Information:**

No School for Kindergarten on Friday, January 6th, due to Kindergarten Admissions Testing.

- **Eighth Grade Information:**

Wednesday, January 4th – **Parent Yearbook Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room.

Thursday, January 5th – **Parent Confirmation Meeting** at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall. Please note that you need to attend only one of the meetings.

- **News from the Development Office**

Two Christmas Fair Stage Shopping Days Left

There are two stage shopping days left. We hope you stop by to pick up those last minute items.

Thursday	December 15 th	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Friday	December 16 th	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Fair Raffle

The Christmas Fair Raffle items will be raffled off this Friday, December 16th. You still have time to participate. We have a total of ten items including a Christmas Music Box, 14K Gold/Silver Cross, Nativity and Children theme baskets. The last day to send in your raffles with the raffle money is by 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 16th.

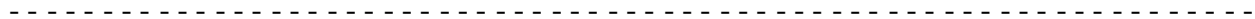
Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is off to a strong start thanks to many contributions received thus far. On behalf of the school and our children, thank you! For many, year-end is an advantageous time for gifts for tax planning reasons. The office will accept checks until the close of school on Wednesday, December 21st. For those feeling pressed for time, you have until the ball drops by going on-line to the school's website and clicking on the Giving tab. In true SIL efficiency, you will receive an email acknowledgement within minutes. Thank you for your support. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year! - Ray & Anna Pastore

• **Christmas Pageant DVD**

The Christmas Pageant will be professionally taped. If interested in purchasing the DVD, please complete the order form below and return it to the MAIN OFFICE.

Christmas Pageant DVD tear off:



Christmas Pageant DVD Order Form

Child's Name _____ Class _____

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

Check # _____ (please make check out to Saint Ignatius Loyola School)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return the order Form and with a check made payable Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

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