

# SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Friday evening's Harvest Dance. There were some serious dance moves happening on the dance floor and a lot of excited children waiting patiently to have their faces painted.

As we continue to celebrate the various events in the month of October, you and/or child may be talking about what to wear to school on Halloween. Now that there has actually been "frost on the pumpkin," here are some things to keep in mind as you and your child assemble his/her costume:

**Costumes must be gender appropriate.**

**No masks covering the face.**

**No bloody or gory costumes.**

**No weapons may be carried with the children's costumes.**

**If your child puts hair color in his/her hair, it must be washed out by Wednesday.**

**Any face paint or nail color must also be removed by Wednesday.**

**Fake nails that are a part of a Halloween costume must be removed by Wednesday.**

**No micro mini-skirts or skimpy costumes.**

**If your daughter's costume has a short hemline, she must wear leggings.**

**If your daughter's costume has a low neckline, she must wear a scarf or a turtleneck.**

**No spaghetti strapped costumes.**

**Please be mindful of the hemline on long costumes; we want to avoid tripping.**

If we cannot determine who an individual is while he/she is dressed in costume, he/she may not be permitted to attend the Carnival and may be asked to leave the parade. This is all in the interest of keeping everyone safe.

If you are not sure if a costume is appropriate for school, then my suggestion is to have your child wear something different.

Please also remember that, if your children are coming to school via public transportation, we suggest for their safety that they change into their costumes once they arrive at school.

We are looking forward to celebrating with the Class of 2018.

Have a good week.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin  
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Parent Safety Patrol Calendar for November - Grade K

Halloween Carnival Invite – Grades K-8

Halloween Carnival Grand Prize Raffle – Grades K-8

Halloween 50/50 Ticket Raffle – Grades K-8

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

**\*Important to Note:**

- Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – **Mass Grades 3-5** at 1:15 p.m. in Church.
- Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – **Third Grade Parent Meeting** from 8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. in the Great Room.
- Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Professional Day-Data Day – No School for the students.**
- Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – **Halloween Carnival Set-Up in McKinnon Hall.**
- Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – **Halloween Carnival Sponsored by the Eighth Grade** in McKinnon Hall.
- **Principal’s Advisory Committee**  
Over the summer, I contacted several members of our community to join me as we implement our Principal’s Advisory Committee.

The mission of the Principal’s Advisory Committee is to advise the principal on matters pertaining to Saint Ignatius Loyola School, explore opportunities to enhance the quality of education in the school and promote our school community.

The committee members are:

Ms. Jessica Chacon  
Mrs. Martin Dessoffy – chairperson  
Mr. Joseph Frydl  
Mrs. Rebekah Meir-Vargas  
Mr. Joseph Messina  
Mr. John O’Brien  
Mrs. Mary Rice  
Ms. Rosalie Savarese

The committee met in September and again this past Tuesday. I look forward to sharing with you the overview of our meetings, as we move through the school year.

- As per the New York State Department of Health, it is important to note that all **Sixth-Grade students** are required to have the **TDAP vaccination** and all **Seventh Grade and Eighth Grade students** are required to have the **meningococcal vaccination**.

The New York State Department of Health vaccinations are noted in Parent Student Handbook on page 69 through page 73. At this point, if your child has not been vaccinated, the school is out of compliance with the Department of Health regulations. You will be receiving notices in the coming days notifying you, your child will be excluded from school. If you have a doctor’s appointment already scheduled, I ask that you have the doctor write me a brief note stating the date of your child’s future appointment.

- **Date Change**  
Please take note that the 2017 State of the School has been rescheduled from November 8, 2017 to Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Ronald McDonald House**  
Beginning Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

- **Let's Band Together for an Instrument Drive**

A Saint Ignatius Loyola School alum is holding an Instrument Drive for his community project to become an Eagle Scout. He is collecting new and used musical instruments and donating them to not-for-profit music schools in New York City that serve underprivileged youth.

Donations of all string instruments and band instruments will be accepted. This includes the clarinet, flute, piccolo, trumpet, tuba, French horn, saxophone, cello, viola, violin, guitar, drums, keyboards, etc.

If you have a musical instrument taking up space – in a closet or under a bed and would like to donate it, please leave it in the drop-off box under the Prayer Table in McKinnon Hall.

Donations will be collected through Friday, November 17. Please include your contact information with your instrument to receive a tax receipt. Thank you for helping to give the gift of music!

**Girl Scouts News**

Congratulations on a job well done to our Cadettes! On Monday, they came together to pack bags and make cards to send to fellow students in Mexico. The Cadettes packed the bags with the numerous donations they received of notebooks, rulers, pencils, erasers, the list goes on. They collected donations weighing in at 108 pounds.

The Cadettes personalized the cards with pictures of the Mexican flag and words of encouragement – to stay strong.

Again, congratulations and a job well done for helping those in much need of support and love.

**\*Parent Information:**

- **Eighth Grade High School Information**

**Open Houses:** It is crucial that you and your eighth grader attend open houses of the various schools that you are interested in before applying. Please consult each private school's website, the TACHS Student Directory, Public High School Directory, and Specialized Public High School Handbook for open house information.

**Recommendations:** For schools that require letters of recommendation and transcripts, the request forms must be submitted to Ms. Zuck in an envelope no later than **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure you fill out the top portion of each form with your child's name. If the school requires online submissions, please forward the link(s) to Ms. Zuck, not to the teacher. You will be assessed a \$50 late fee per application if forms are submitted after October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Schools:** For those that submitted formal written requests, the SHSAT and LaGuardia tickets will be sent home this week as soon as they are available from the Department of Education. The SHSAT exam takes place this **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** at Stuyvesant High School.

Regular public school applications are to be completed and submitted to Mrs. Zuck no later than **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**TACHS Exam:** All Saint Ignatius Loyola School students take the TACHS Exam on **Friday, November 3<sup>rd</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 a few days before the exam.

Please mark your calendars: On **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**, the Associate Director of Admissions of Marymount School, Ms. Jillian Pagliocca, will be here with student representatives to speak with your daughters. Parents are welcome to attend.

- **News from the Development Office**

- **Harvest Dance**

The Harvest Dance was a great success.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers and to the co-chairs of the event, Beth Ferraro and Carla Hunt. To the many parents who helped set up, decorate, serve the food, spent time at the craft tables and ticket tables, assisted with cafeteria security and helped to clean up – Thank you!

A shout out also to two of our eighth graders, Finola Downs and Anna Knierim, for their assistance with the crafts and for helping with the clean up!

- **Community Raffle**

Please be reminded that all raffle tickets and payments are due no later than **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**. All checks should be made payable to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Dress Down Passes will be distributed the week of **October 30, 2017**.

Reminders regarding Dress Down Passes:

- Must be presented to your child's homeroom teacher on the day he/she is redeeming it.
- Are only transferrable to siblings.
- Cannot be used on liturgy and other special occasion days when full uniform is required.
- Last day to use the passes is on Friday, May 18, 2018.

- **Halloween Carnival:**

On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Class of 2018 will be sponsoring the Halloween Carnival for the school in McKinnon Hall.

Attached please find the ticket request form along with the two raffle forms. Money raised from this event is used to underwrite the cost of the eighth grade yearbook.

The schedule for the classes to attend the Halloween Carnival is as follows:

**8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** – First Grade – Parents are encouraged to come.  
**9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** – Kindergarten – Parents are encouraged to come.  
**9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** – Second Grade  
**10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** – Third Grade  
**10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** – Fourth Grade  
**11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** – Fifth Grade  
**12:10 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.** – Eighth Grade Lunch – Carnival Closed  
**12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** – Sixth Grade  
**1:10 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.** – Seventh Grade  
**2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.** – Eighth Graders prepare to lead Parade  
**2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.** – “Parade Finale” – All parents are welcome to join us outside.  
In the event of rain, all parents are welcome to join us in Wallace Hall.

- **Soul Cycle – Save the Date**

We have booked a Soul Cycle ride on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the studio on West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. Sam Y. is scheduled to lead the ride.

The money raised will be donated to the investment fund set up for Isabella and Joseph Scarpelli. Isabella and Joseph are alumni of Saint Ignatius Loyola School. Their parents, Glenn and Patricia, died tragically this past summer.

Details are forthcoming.

- On Saturday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m., the **Ronald McDonald House Kids Charity Fun Run** will take place in Central Park. The run is a wonderful opportunity for children to have fun and raise money for an important cause. Children running for children! Your participation and raising of funds help provide families fighting cancer a “home-away-from-home” in NYC. Join in the fun! The Fun Run pamphlets were distributed in class. Just follow the steps listed in the pamphlet and register online. Join the Saint Ignatius Loyola team. You must join the Saint Ignatius Loyola team to be included as part of the school’s team totals. Then register your child for the Fun Run. This step will register your child for the run and will allow you to create your fundraising page. Ask friends and family to sponsor your child online. Registration fee is \$30. If you register online by October 20, 2017 (12:00 p.m.), your registration fee will be \$25. So please do not hesitate. Let’s have this year be our best turnout. GREAT CAUSE! GREAT FUN! GO LIONS! Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Muldoon-Coughlin at 917-816-4618.

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