

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was so nice to see so many of you at the Carnival yesterday and gathered with us on 84th Street for our Halloween Parade. It was an exciting day for everyone.

This Saturday, as you may know, we are hosting a SoulCycle ride to raise money for Isabella and Joseph Scarpelli. Isabella and Joseph attended Saint Ignatius Loyola School. Sadly, their parents, Glenn and Patricia, died tragically this summer. The money raised will be donated to the investment fund that has been established for Isabella and Joseph.

The ride will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the SoulCycle Studio on West 92nd Street.

There are still bikes available for you to join us on the ride. It is important to note, you do not have to be a regular rider to participate in the event. You do not have to be an athlete or someone who works out on a regular basis. All first-time riders are welcome. We hope you can come out and join us. It will be an afternoon full of laughs and, at the same time, be for a great cause.

The reservation form is included in today's Weekly.

On a different note, good luck to our eighth-grade students as they prepare to take their TACHS exam on Friday morning.

Have a good week.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Parent Letter – Grade 6-8
SoulCycle Reservation Form – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Friday, November 3rd – **TACHS Exam for Grade 8.**
- Friday, November 3rd – **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Sunday, November 5th – **Daylight Savings Time – Fall Back 1 hour.**
- Monday, November 6th – **Annual Fund Launch.**
- Tuesday, November 7th – **Election Day.**
- Friday, November 10th – **Veteran's Day Observed – No School.**
- Saturday, November 11th – **Veteran's Day.**

- Friday, November 17th – **End of First Quarter.**
- 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 the 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. 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.

You will be contacted, if your son/daughter has not been immunized, regarding your son's/daughter's exclusion from school.

- **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.

- **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!

***Second Grade Information:**

- Thursday, November 16th – **Grade 2 Parent Reconciliation Meeting** at 3:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

***Parent Information:**

Eighth Grade High School Information

TACHS Exam: All Saint Ignatius Loyola School eighth grade students will take the TACHS Exam this **Friday, November 3rd**. Eighth grade students do not have school that day and are to go directly to their testing site in the morning. Students do not need to wear their uniforms.

The girls will take the exam at Cathedral High School and the boys will take the exam at LaSalle Academy. Please allow sufficient time for your commute. Arrival time is 8:15 a.m.

The TACHS Admit Cards are being distributed to the students this week. Upon receipt of the TACHS Admit Card, you will need to list your three Archdiocesan High School choices and sign the card.

It is important to note, that students will not be permitted to enter the exam site without the TACHS Admit Card. Please keep it in a safe place.

Xavier High School Scholarship Exam: This year's Xavier HSPT Exam for those applying to the Ignatian Scholars Program will be held on Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. You are required to apply online by **Friday, November 10th**.

It is important to note: students are only allowed to take the HSPT exam once. If your child has been selected to take the Regis exam, your child must take the exam at Regis. Regis will share the score with Xavier with your consent. There is also a reciprocal agreement with Loyola School. If you have any questions, contact the high schools' admissions offices directly.

Public Schools: Regular public school applications are to be completed and submitted to Mrs. Zuck no later than **Thursday, November 16th**.

- **News from the Development Office**

- **Halloween Carnival**

Thank you to our Eighth Graders for a fantastic Halloween Carnival! A huge shout out to all our eighth grade parents. An additional shout to our event co-chairs, Brian & Joelle Kelly and Eric & Asako Lyons!

- **Community Raffle**

All raffles and payments are past due. Thank you for the strong response. Please note the Dress Down Passes will be distributed the week of November 6th. This is the one and only event where students can earn dress down passes.

- **World's Finest Chocolate Sale**

Once again, Thank you to all our participants!

The deadline for all chocolate money is now **past due**. **Please send in last minute payments by this Friday, November 3rd. Checks should be made payable to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.** Each box of chocolates is \$60. **THANK YOU for your cooperation, we would like to close the event.**

- **SoulCycle Ride**

The reservation form is included in today's Weekly. As noted by Ms. Larkin, first time riders are welcome! It will be Ms. Sakalis' first ride, so join her and see what spin is all about!

- **Ronald McDonald Kids Charity Fun Run**

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. 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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