

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary has several definitions for the word community. As noted below:

- a. a unified body of individuals*
- b. the people with common interests living in a particular area*
- c. an interacting population of various kinds of individuals (such as species) in a common location*
- d. a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society*
- e. a group linked by a common policy*

No matter the number of definitions, our school community truly embodied the word “community” this past weekend when we came together for a SoulCycle ride in support of Isabella and Joseph Scarpelli. The range of emotions were palpable in the room. What started as a simple idea that I shared with the Development Office grew into an unbelievable outpouring of love, a strong sense of camaraderie, a lot of laughs and a whole lot of fun.

As we look forward to Thanksgiving and the Christmas Season, the spirit of the holidays arrived a little early this year when we came together on Saturday. Thank you to all who rode with us: members of the Administration, the Faculty, our Parents, alumni and our extended Saint Ignatius Loyola friends. Thank you to those of you who donated but were unable to join us on the ride - you were with us in spirit. Last, but definitely not least, thank you to those who continue to donate. As of this morning, we have raised \$27,495. An additional thank you goes out to Mrs. Christy Messina, who was our SoulCycle Ambassador.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

- Permission Slip – Grade 1
- Parent Letter – Grade 6
- Parent Letter – Grade 7
- Diploma Memo – Grade 8
- Christmas Pageant Sign Up Forms - Grades K-7
- Superintendent Letter – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Friday, November 10th – **Veteran’s Day Observed – No School.**
- Saturday, November 11th - **Veteran’s Day.**
- Friday, November 17th – **End of First Quarter.**
- Monday, November 20th – **Thanksgiving Mass** Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. in church.
- Monday, November 20th – **Parent Christmas Fair Craft Night** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Tuesday, November 21st **Thanksgiving Recess Begins at Dismissal. 3:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Wednesday, November 22nd – **Thanksgiving Recess – No School.**
- Thursday, November 23rd - **Thanksgiving Day – No School.**
- Friday, November 24th - **Thanksgiving Recess – No School.**
- Sunday, November 26th – **First Sunday of Advent.**
- Monday, November 27th – **School Resumes.**
- 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. You need only attend one.

***Parent Information:**

Eighth Grade High School Information

Xavier High School Scholarship Exam: This year’s Xavier HSPT administration for those applying to the Ignatian Scholars Program will be held on Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Please apply for this special program online by **Friday, November 10th**. It is important to note: students are only permitted to take the HSPT exam once. If your son took the Regis exam, 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**

Chocolate Sale

At this time, there are still outstanding chocolate payments. Beginning Monday, November 13th a charge of \$60 per box will be billed to your Smart Tuition account. There is still time to submit a check to the Development Office made payable to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Community Raffle

Dress down passes were sent home today with your child. Please contact the Development Director, Anna Sakalis, at 212-861-3820 ext. 135 if you did not receive the passes.

10 Raffle tickets at a cost of \$50 = 10 Dress Down Passes

20 Raffle tickets at a cost of \$100 = 25 Dress Down Passes

It is important to note, dress down passes are **only transferrable to siblings**. **Regretfully, we are unable to replace passes that have been lost or misplaced.**

The pass must be presented to your child's homeroom teacher on the day he/she is redeeming it. Each pass is numbered and has been individually assigned to students.

Dress down passes cannot be used on liturgy days and other special occasion days when full uniform is required. Please refer to page 26 of your 2017-2018 Parent/Student Handbook for Casual Dress Day guidelines.

The last day to use Dress down passes is Friday, May 18, 2018.

Christmas Fair

Craft Night

It is hard to believe the Annual Christmas Fair is less than a month away! There is a lot to do in preparation for the Christmas Fair and Santa Brunch.

Join us for an adult only evening of crafting and packaging at Christmas Craft Night, Monday, November 20th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to an spending evening of fun with you, as we launch the 2017 Christmas Season at Saint Ignatius Loyola School!

Gift Basket Items

Each year, our volunteers give their heart, soul and time creating gourmet baskets to sell at the Christmas Fair. If you are able, the following items are needed to continue this time-honored tradition.

Backed/Packaged Goods: Cookies (i.e. biscotti, gingerbread), Chocolates, Crackers, Breadsticks.

Gift Basket Items: Gourmet coffees, teas and hot chocolate; gourmet jams, chutneys, jellies; small jars of honey, agave and syrup; pastas, grains, sauces, olive oil, balsamic vinegar; cooking utensils – etc.

Libation Basket Items: Champagne, Prosecco, Wine, cordials; gourmet snack foods (spreads, crackers); stemware.

To ensure that the assembly of baskets can begin at Christmas Craft Night, kindly drop off your donations to the main office by Thursday, November 16th. Please label the items as such. Do not hesitate to contact Anna Sakalis, at 212-861-3820 ext. 135 with any questions you may have.

The Christmas Fair Weekend does take a village of extra special elves to be a success! **THANK YOU!**

- **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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