

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare to go our separate ways next week for Thanksgiving, I felt it was fitting to leave with a prayer.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one, we are opened to the
abundance of your love.
May the Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.

On behalf of Father Yesalonia, Ms. Savarese, the Faculty and Staff, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Have a good week!
Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade K
Permission Slip – Grade 1
Parent Safety Patrol Calendar – Grade 1
Permission Slip – Grade 2
Permission Slip – Grade 4
Report Card Conferences Memo – Grades K-8
Parent Christmas Cocktail Party – Grades K-8
Brunch with Santa – Grades K-8
Christmas Raffle – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Friday, November 17th – **End of First Quarter.**
- Friday, November 17th - **Logo Pop-Up Shop 8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m., in the Cafeteria.**
- Monday, November 20th – **Thanksgiving Mass** Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. in church. All students must be in full uniform.

- Monday, November 20th – **Parent Christmas Fair Craft Night** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Tuesday, November 21st – We will be holding our second annual “**School Day, No Day**”. This school year, we are adding a twist to the day. All students from Kindergarten through the Eighth Grade are invited to wear their pajamas to school.

Short pajamas and camisoles will not be permitted, so please have your child dress appropriately for a school event.

- Tuesday, November 21st - **Thanksgiving Recess Begins at 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 - **Christ the King.**
- Monday, November 27th – **School Resumes.**

- **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!

- Thursday, November 30th – **Report Card Conferences Grades K-8** from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **No After School Care and/or After School Activities.**
- Thursday, November 30th – **Christmas Weekend Set Up in McKinnon Hall.**
- Friday, December 1st – **12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Friday, December 1st – **Report Card Conferences Grades K-8** from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **No After School Care.**
- Friday, December 1st – **Christmas Fair Parents Cocktail Party** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Saturday, December 2nd – **Christmas Weekend** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. **Christmas Brunch with Santa – 2 Seatings – Reservations Only.**
- Sunday, December 3rd – **First Sunday of Advent.**
- Sunday, December 3rd – **Christmas Weekend** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. **Christmas Brunch with Santa - 2 Seatings - Reservations Only.**

***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 to attend only one.

***Parent Information:**

Eighth Grade High School Information

Public Schools: Regular public school applications are to be completed and submitted to Mrs. Zuck no later than **Thursday, November 16th**. If you have decided against applying to Regular Public High Schools, please put this in writing along with a parent signature directly on the application and submit it to Mrs. Zuck by the deadline.

- **News from the Development Office**

Logo Pop-Up Shop!

Winter is upon us - come shop for cold weather gear at the Logo Pop-Up Shop! Stay warm with youth and adult fleece vests and jackets, “Game Day” pompom hats and scarves, cozy blankets and flannel pajama pants. Get your Christmas shopping done early. The Logo Shop will be open on Friday, November 17th, from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Christmas Weekend at Saint Ignatius Loyola School

This school year, we are excited to announce that we are implementing a new look to our Christmas Weekend at Saint Ignatius Loyola School. The common denominator for all of us at our school has always been the children. Hence, as we look ahead to the Christmas Fair and Brunch with Santa, we felt it was time to make some changes to the weekend and expand the opportunity for more of our children to attend the event.

This year, our Christmas Brunch with Santa will take place both on Saturday, December 2nd and on Sunday, December 3rd. Brunch will take place in McKinnon Hall and Santa has promised to bring Mrs. Claus along in his sleigh.

The special gourmet baskets, parent crafted Christmas trees, festive holiday pillows and towels will still be available for purchase. On Sunday, you will even be able to purchase jewelry from “Judy the Jewelry Lady”.

We are all excited to work together as we once again transform Saint Ignatius Loyola School into a winter wonderland of Christmas surprises.

Craft Night

Our Christmas Weekend is only two weeks away!!! Please join us at our Annual Christmas Craft Night, Monday, November 20th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We are looking forward to an evening of craft making, basket making, pricing and, most importantly, spending time together.

Gourmet Gift Basket Items

Each year, our volunteers give their time and heart creating gourmet baskets to sell at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to those of you who have donated items - we are still in need of items.

If you are able, the following items are preferred for the gourmet baskets:

Baked/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 no later than 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 20th. Please label the item as such. Do not hesitate to reach out to Anna Sakalis, at 212-861-3820 ext. 135 with any questions you may have.

Christmas Weekend Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to decorate both McKinnon Hall and our Cafeteria, help with the Christmas Brunch with Santa, assist with our Christmas sale and help clean up. Please contact Christy Messina, Special Events team member, to express your interest.

We would not be able to do this without our parent volunteers, an advanced **THANK YOU!**

Christmas Cocktail Party

Please remember to send in your R.S.V.P so we can plan accordingly.

Christmas Brunch with Santa

Do not forget to respond sooner rather than later to get your preferred brunch seating. All are invited to attend – no matter how old you are.

Our weekend of Christmas festivities takes a village of extra special elves to be a success! **THANK YOU!**

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