

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was so nice to see so many of you this weekend. The feeling of warmth and sense of family was palpable. Saturday and Sunday were truly about the children. The children's awe, upon the arrival of Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves, were moments in time. As we prepare for the hustle and bustle and busyness of the next few weeks, I encourage you to think about this past weekend and the look on the children's faces – young and old, as they approached Santa and Mrs. Claus. The meaning of the Christmas season is not lost on your children. One of the children asked Santa if he would "bring coats to the homeless."

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Christmas Raffle – Grades K-8
CulinArt December Lunch Menu – Grades K-8
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola Snow Ball Dance Flyer – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- **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.
- Thursday, December 7th - **Advent Prayer Service Grades K-3.**
- Friday, December 8th – **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** – Mass Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. in church.
- Tuesday, December 12th – **IRIS Test Alert.**
- Wednesday, December 13th – **Advent Prayer Service Grades 4-8.**
- Wednesday, December 13th – **Pageant Practice** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 14th - **Advent Prayer Service Grades K-3.**
- Thursday, December 14th - **Pageant Practice** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 14th – **Christmas Pageant** at 6:30 p.m. in Church.
- Friday, December 15th – **Faculty Meeting -12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Wednesday, December 20th – **Advent Prayer Service Grades 4-8.**

- Thursday, December 21st - **Advent Prayer Service Grades K-3.**
- Thursday, December 21st - **Christmas Recess Begins at 3:00 Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Friday, December 22nd – **Christmas Vacation No School.**
- Sunday, December 24th – **Christmas Eve.**
- Monday, December 25th – **Christmas Day No School.**
- **Tuesday, December 26th through Friday, December 29th – Christmas Vacation.**
- Sunday, December 31st - **New Year’s Eve.**
- Monday, January 1st – **New Year’s Day.**
- Monday, January 1st – **Feast of the Solemnity of Mary.**
- Tuesday, January 2nd – **New Year’s Holiday No School.**
- Wednesday, January 3rd – **School Resumes.**

***Parent Information:**

- A gentle reminder, all students are expected to wear the full winter uniform. I would encourage you to refer to the “*Parent/Student Handbook.*”
- On Tuesday, December 12th, we will be doing a test of our **Immediate Response Information System (IRIS)**. The test message will be sent to the contact information you provided on your emergency contact sheet. If you did not return the required information or you have changed your phone numbers, and did not yet contact the main office, you will not receive a test message.

- **Pageant Schedule Times to Arrive**

As you plan your schedule for next week regarding the Christmas Pageant, the student arrival times are noted below.

5:00 p.m. Eighth Grade

5:30 p.m. Orchestra

5:45 p.m. Jazz Ensemble

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

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

Details regarding the Pageant will be in next week’s Weekly.

- **Strings Program Updates**

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals for Advanced Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble

Advanced Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble

Thursday, December 7th 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. in Great Room

No Advanced Orchestra and Lessons on the afternoon of December 14th.

Thursday, December 14th. Christmas Pageant Call Time: 5:30 p.m. in the Music Room.

Wednesday, December 20th - No Lessons (except for previously scheduled Make up Lessons.)

January 16th-18th - No Strings Program due to testing.

- **News from the Development Office**

Christmas Weekend Festivities

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who supported our Christmas Weekend festivities and helped to make it a success. You helped us accomplish our vision of making Christmas about the children. Christmas Craft Night, Brunch with Santa, Photos with Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves, Gourmet Baskets, Greenery and Logo, it could not have happened without you!

Special thanks to Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves that brought the spirit of Christmas to 84th Street! To all who worked tirelessly behind the scenes – THANK YOU!!! To our Girl Scouts who worked overtime both Saturday and Sunday to support our school: we are so grateful for your enthusiasm and extremely generous donation. Last, but definitely not least, to our Eighth Grade volunteers who also gave up their weekend. THANK YOU!!!

Christmas Raffle:

There is still time to help support our school and try your luck to win one of our many beautiful items. Raffle forms are available in the front office. The drawing will take place Friday, December 15th. Thank you and good luck!

Annual Fund

Thank you for your strong response. Please keep in mind the school offices will be closed for the Christmas Holiday beginning Thursday, December 21st. Time sensitive end of year credit card donations can be made on the school's website saintignatiusloyolaschool.com under the "GIVING" tab.

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