

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

In excited anticipation of tomorrow evening's Christmas Pageant, and out of respect for those attending 5:30 p.m. Mass in The Lady Chapel, there will be no waiting in the Narthex prior to the doors opening to the church. The line will form on Park Avenue and wind its way around and up 84th Street. You will be directed accordingly. The church doors will open at **6:00 p.m.**

As in past years, pews will be blocked off for the Eighth Grade families. We ask that, if you are an Eighth-Grade family, you refrain from taking an entire pew for your family so that all Eighth Grade parents will have the opportunity to share the space and see their children perform. We also have pews set aside for faculty members who will be entering with the children as the performance progresses so, if you see a pew with a sign, please refrain from sitting there.

There are just a few housekeeping items that we need to be mindful of since we will be in church. I ask that you refrain from putting your coats, shopping bags and other items on the side altars, as well as refraining from drinking beverages and eating snacks. Strollers should be folded up and placed in the Narthex. All aisles need to remain clear because the children will be traversing those spaces.

All students who are participating in the pageant should form a line at the Madison Avenue door. Arrival times will be staggered. I ask that you adhere to your child's arrival time; students who arrive before their scheduled time will not be permitted to enter the school. The weather is expected to be cold on Thursday, so it is best to not arrive before your child's scheduled time.

Times to Arrive

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

I look forward to seeing you at the Pageant!

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly is the following:

2018 Yearbook Picture Request – Grade 8

Please review and return promptly.

***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 14th - **Advent Prayer Service Grades K-3.**
- 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.**
- Thursday, January 4th – **Last Day to Submit Kindergarten Applications.**
- Thursday, January 4th – **Mass Grades K-8** at 1:15 p.m. in Church
- Thursday, January 4th – **Grade 8 Parents Yearbook Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room
- Friday, January 5th – **No School for Kindergarten and First Grade Only.**
- Friday, January 5th – **Kindergarten Admissions Testing.**

***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.*"
- If you did not receive the **Immediate Response Information System (IRIS) Alert** on Tuesday, December 12th, please contact Mr. Thomas Clarke at iris@saintignatiusloyola.org.

- **Strings Program Updates**

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 Raffle

There is still time to help support our school and try your luck at winning one of our many beautiful items. Raffle forms are available at 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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