

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

From school year to school year, it never gets old celebrating all of the wonderful academic, spiritual, athletic, fine arts and social happenings in our school community. I am once again happy to share how successful we were in the 2016-2017 school year.

Our enrollment in the 2016-2017 school year remained strong with 535 students. There were 50% boys and 50% girls. 92% of our students were baptized Catholic. Our student body was represented by 48 nations.

Each school year, the faculty builds on the foundation that has been laid in the primary grades to help the students grow and develop into both concrete and abstract thinkers. It is clear through the merit scholarships awarded to the Class of 2017, that the students are meeting and surpassing the expectations set before them. The Class of 2017 was awarded \$2.7 million dollars in merit scholarship. The students' hard work afforded them opportunities in the Archdiocesan schools, the private schools in and beyond New York City, as well as the Specialized Public High Schools. I have said on many occasions that the world is our students' oyster as they move on to high school.

In a recent conversation with a representative from the United States Department of Education regarding our school's Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and New York State scores, she shared that our students rank in the top 10% nationally, from the kindergarten through to the eighth grade.

It is important to note that these achievements do not happen in a vacuum. It is through your commitment, along with that of the administration, faculty and staff to your child and the school, that we have strong academic, spiritual, athletic, fine arts programs and successful fundraising events.

As you will note from the attachments included, our students' achievements coupled with your involvement continue to exceed expectations.

We have so much to be proud of as a school community.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Parent Safety Patrol Calendar – Grade 3
Art Club – Grades 1-8
Spring Jazz Ensemble Sign-Up Form – Grades 5-8
State of the School Attachment – Grades K-8
Ladies Night Out Raffle – Grades K - 8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, January 25th – **Winter Wonderland Concert** at 6:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, January 26th – **12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**

- Friday, January 26th – **Admissions Testing Grades 1-7 from 12:30 -3:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, January 28th through Saturday, February 3rd – **Catholic Schools Week.**
- Monday, January 29th – **Catholic Schools Week Mass** – Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. in church. All are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, January 31st – **Continental Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. **Parent Open House** from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, February 1st – **Speech Assembly** at 9:30 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, February 2nd – **Sullivan Cup – Grade 8 and Faculty Basketball Game.**
- Friday, February 2nd – **Faculty meeting 12:00 p.m. Dismissal . No After School Care.**
- Friday, February 2nd – **End of Second Quarter.**
- Saturday, February 3rd – **First Reconciliation Second Grade** at 10:00 a.m. in Church.
- Monday, February 5th – **Grades 1-7 Admissions Notifications will be mailed this week.**
- Monday, February 5th – **Professional Day – No School.**
- Friday, February 9th – **Ladies’ Night Out in McKinnon Hall.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Transportation**
Spring Metrocards will go home on Tuesday, January 30th. They will not be effective to use until Thursday, February 1st.
- **STARS Summer Camp**
It may be cold outside, but the weather will be getting warmer sooner than you know it and it will be time to start making your summer plans.

STARS Summer Camp will be back in session for four weeks beginning June 20th through July 13th. This year, we will bring back many of last year’s features including the General Day Camp option, extended day, daily rates, and the Smart Tuition payment sign up option. Your child will have the opportunity to attend super fun field trips. Last summer, the campers went to iFly indoor sky diving, bowling, Medieval Times, just to name a few. This year, we are planning some more exciting experiences to create memories to last a lifetime.

Each day, your child will have the opportunity to change camp programs to participate in all aspects of the camp. There will be sports, game playing, lots of fun and the chance to explore New York City.

As you know, the campers love that first day of camp to see their teachers transform into camp counselors donning their camp counselor tee shirts and counselor hats.

We look forward to seeing you at STARS Summer Camp! Camp forms are available in the front office. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Allison O’Connor at oconnora@saintignatiusloyola.org or call 212-861-3820x121.

- **Eighth Grade Parent Information**
Confirmation Information
Confirmation Information Packets will be distributed to your son/daughter on **Monday, January 29th**. The memo in the packet details the crucial points to be aware of as Confirmation Day draws near.

If your son/daughter does not give you the packet, please contact Mrs. Meghan Sanchez-Pena.

Confirmation Retreat Letters

Letters written for Confirmation must be returned in a sealed envelope displaying your child's name and labeled, **Confirmation Retreat**. These letters should be submitted directly to Mrs. Meghan Sanchez-Pena no later than **Thursday, March 1st**.

It is crucial that your child receive at least one letter from you. If additional members of your family wish to write to your child, by all means encourage them to do so. The letters will be given to your child during their retreat.

Confirmation Data Sheets must be completed and returned directly to the principal's office no later than **Thursday, March 1st**.

Eighth Grade Retreat

All Eighth Grade students are required to attend the retreat on **Wednesday, March 21st**. This includes students who are not being confirmed. The retreat is a part of the Eighth Grade's Religion class.

Please be aware that the information sheets distributed to the two classes list the retreat as Tuesday, March 21st, but the retreat is on Wednesday, March 21st.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Larkin or Mrs. Sanchez-Pena.

High School Information

Over the course of the last week and the upcoming weeks, you will be hearing from the high schools your children have applied to. The schools contact you directly regarding your child's acceptance, wait list or not accepted status. I ask that you submit **directly to the Principal's office, not your child's homeroom teacher**, a copy of any letters your child receives so that we can be apprised of the results. We would prefer a hard copy be submitted, not emailed.

If your child is offered a merit scholarship, **a copy of the letter from the high school** must be submitted **directly to the Principal's office, not your child's homeroom teacher**, in order for your child to be recognized at graduation. The deadline for all letters to be received is Wednesday, February 28th.

If the letter is a form letter, please include your child's name on the top of the page.

News from the Development Office:

Used Uniform Sale

Donations of gently used or new uniforms can be dropped off to McKinnon Hall and placed on the stage. The Used Uniform Sale is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 31st from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. during Catholic Schools Week Open House.

Ladies Night Out

Our Annual Ladies Night Out is Friday, February 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Committee is working hard to ensure a great event. The invitation was included in last Wednesday's Weekly – keep your responses coming!

Attached to today's Weekly are the Ladies Night Out raffles. Please contact the Development Office at 212-861-3820 ext. 135 if you have any questions regarding the event. Thank you for all your support!

Auction 2018

Our 2018 Auction is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 28th. This is our largest fundraiser endeavor of the year. The evening's success is through the support of you and our entire school community.

We are seeking your help in acquiring items for our Live Auction, Silent Auction and the Online Auction. Donations can include gift certificates to restaurants, hotels, fitness packages, Broadway/sports/travel/entertainment experiences and tickets, gift certificates for different types of children's classes, gift baskets, jewelry, etc.

Included in last week's Weekly was the 2018 Auction letter and donation form. Please contact the Development Office at extension 135 or by email at sakalisa@saintignatiusloyola.org if you would like an additional Auction letter and/or the form be sent to you electronically. **THANK YOU!**

Logo Shop Open for Business!

Come one, come all to check out what's new in logo! Missed us at the Christmas Cocktail Party and Santa Brunch Weekend? We have restocked some of the most popular items, such as youth pajama pants and lion sweatshirts. We have some new items to brag about, such as baseball caps, phone wallets and embroidered belts to name a few. We will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31st, during Catholic Schools Week Parent Open House.

If you are available to help us sell that morning, please contact Mrs. Danielle Smith at extension 126 or Mrs. Ana Zuck at extension 106.

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