

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was nice to see so many of you over the course of Catholic Schools Week. It was a week of great events for all the students from the Kindergarten through to the Eighth Grade. Capping off the week, in celebration of the Class of 2018, the basketball game was a nail biter with two overtimes. Both teams were winners, even though the score board said that the Gold Team came out victorious!

In the busyness of the week, some students took time out to participate in our Annual Schoolwide Speech Bee. On Thursday, February 1st, the 16 student winners from the individual fifth grade to the eighth grade competitions took to the stage in McKinnon Hall to participate. This year's speech topic focused on "inventions." It is never easy to speak in front of a large audience; I feel it is even more difficult when you range in age from 10 to 14 years old and stand in front of over 300 of your classmates. Each student was so articulate, confident and well-versed in his or her topic. As I told the students, they are all winners. Unfortunately, only three speakers can advance to the next Districtwide round. The winners of the contest are:

First Place: Daniel Math
Second Place: Anne Tully
Third Place: Brian Schlafer
Alternate: Ellen Chan

Grades Five through Eight Participants

Alexa Burke	Adam Iman
Gabriela Casey	Andrew Jensen
Ellen Chan	Daniel Math
Marie Check	Tess O'Donoghue
Meghan Croston	Emilia Pelegano-Titmus
Luca Dalven	Brian Schlafer
Eileen Fitzpatrick	Anne Tully
Nora Gallagher	Reid Vanto

Congratulations to our Speech Competition winners for a job well done!

At the end of the day on Friday, we received more exciting news regarding our Sixth through Eighth Grade students. The students participated in the Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition. The students entered the critical essay part of the competition. 13,000 essays from across the five boroughs were entered into the competition. I am thrilled to share that our students were among the winners.

Honorable Mention was awarded to:

Lucia Sabine Abela
Charles Caiafa
Sophia Chan
Daniel Chappell
Liam Dennehy
Gabriella Douzet
Jack Drape
Nora Gallagher
Charles Gordon
Angela Gray
Adam Imam
Jack Powers
William Taylor
Anne Tully

Silver Key was awarded to:
Aidan O'Mara 8-1

Gold Key was awarded to:
Liam Elias 7-2
Emilia Pelegano-Titmus 8-1

Recipients of the Gold Key distinction will be entered into the national competition to be announced on March 14th.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

2018 Yearbook Underwriting – Grade 8
2018 Yearbook Directory – Grade 8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Friday, February 9th – **Ladies' Night Out in McKinnon Hall.**
- Wednesday, February 14th – **Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins.**
- Wednesday, February 14th – **Grades K-1 Prayer Service** at 10:00 a.m. in Wallace Hall. **Grades 2-8 Prayer Service** at 1:15 p.m. in Church. All are welcome to attend.
- Thursday, February 15th – **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Monday, February 19th – **President's Day – No School.**
- Tuesday, February 20th through Friday, February 23rd – **Winter Recess – No School.**
- Monday, February 26th – **School Resumes.**
- Wednesday, February 28th - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8.
- Tuesday, March 6th – **Parent Talk Save the Date** –on how to support your children in the ever-changing world of social media and to understand what children today feel is okay with respect to topics of conversations with their peers. The talk will be in McKinnon Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

***Parent Information:**

• **Tuition for the 2018 – 2019 School Year**

Catholic Family per child (Students in Grades 1-8)	\$9,308 (includes books/start up supplies) \$930.80 per month (ten-month payment plan)
Non-Catholic Family per child (Students in Grades 1-8)	\$11,861 (includes books/start up supplies) \$1,186.10 per month (ten-month payment plan)
Catholic Kindergarten rate	\$9,937(includes books/start up supplies) \$993.70 per month (ten-month payment plan)
Non-Catholic Kindergarten rate	\$12,464 (includes books/start up supplies) \$1,246.40 per month (ten-month payment plan)

Building Fund Fee \$1,400 per child (This will reserve a seat for the 2018 - 2019 school year.)

Technology Fee \$275 per child (annually)

If you are **not** returning to Saint Ignatius Loyola School in September 2018, we ask that you complete the tear off sheet that was posted in last week's Weekly and return it to Ms. Larkin's office by Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

- **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 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

Ladies Night Out

Ladies - Thank you for your strong response! There is still some time to R.S.V.P. – we ask you respond by Friday morning. The evening will include shopping, lite bites, wine tasting, good company and a chance to win some wonderful prizes.

Celtic Celebration

Save the date, our Annual Celtic Celebration is scheduled for Friday, March 2nd in Wallace Hall. The invitation is to follow.

Auction 2018

Our 2018 Auction is being held on Saturday, April 28th. 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, Silent and Online Auction. Items can include gift certificates to restaurants, hotels, fitness packages, Broadway/sports/travel/entertainment experiences and tickets, gift certificates for kid's classes, gift baskets, jewelry ... just a few suggestions.

Please contact the Development Office at extension 135 or by email at sakalisa@saintignatiusloyola.org if you would like an Auction letter and form sent to you electronically. **THANK YOU!**

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