

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare to go our separate ways on Friday for our Winter Break – hopefully, you will be able to find some time for yourself. In the meanwhile, I have included a prayer that we could all probably use...

My Lack of Time

This morning began too soon, Lord. I became aware of time and I began to think of all that the day required of me.

Lord, you know much is packed in so short a day. I need to:
collect my thoughts
prioritize my 'must do' items
think about my clothes
prepare and eat my breakfast
organize household members

jot down 'don't forget' tasks on scraps of paper
pray that I don't lose this list
remind myself to speak to so-and-so in the course of the day
feed the pets

answer the phone (does it have to ring *just* as I'm about to leave?)
sign some paperwork
think about after-school pick-ups and drops-offs
hope that there's enough gas in the car
pray that I have enough money to pay for it
wonder when I'll get to the gas station

think ahead about what's missing from the pantry
rattle my brain about tonight's meeting (tonight? or is it next week?)
keep calm when I remember I should have paid a bill last week
resolve my family spats using the wisdom of Solomon
investigate the case of the missing shoes

Remember:
my PIN number
my cell phone number
my home phone number,
my voice mail code,
my fax number,
my e-mail address,
my home address,
my humanity

Somehow Lord, I will try to find you in all of this. I will try to remember how you told us not to worry and become anxious about the future. I will try to live in the here and now, Lord: *here* in your presence, *now* and forever. Amen.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Parent Safety Patrol Calendar for March – Grade 4
Celtic Celebration Invitation – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- 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.
- Thursday, March 1st - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Friday, March 2nd – **Celtic Celebration** in Wallace Hall.
- Monday, March 5th – **Reconciliation** Grades 3-5 at 1:15 p.m.
- 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.
- Wednesday, March 7th - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8.
- Wednesday, March 7th - **Reconciliation** Grades 6-8 at 1:15 p.m.
- Thursday, March 8th - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Friday, March 9th – **Faculty Meeting - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Church of St. Ignatius Loyola**
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish is inviting fifth and sixth grade students to train as altar servers. Father Feely and Mrs. Guzzardo will begin training later this month. Information and applications will be distributed in the fifth and sixth grades classrooms on Thursday, February 15th. Check the bottom of your child’s backpack on Thursday for details.
- **Second Grade Parent Information**
Thursday, March 1st – **First Holy Communion Meeting** at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- **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

It was so nice to see so many of our moms and their friends at Friday evening's Ladies Night Out. The sound of laughter permeated the room. Thank you to all our co-chairs and volunteers who helped make the night a success! A special shout out to Cathy Anicich, Aurora Dutzer and Christine Mulligan who worked above and beyond to ensure a great event.

A second shout out to the Romani family for the lovely Italian Wine Tasting which was enjoyed by all.

Celtic Celebration

Our Celtic Celebration is scheduled for Friday, March 2nd, in Wallace Hall. Attached to today's Weekly is the invitation for our celebration. Please note it is important to R.S.V.P by Tuesday, February 28th since the Celtic bracelets will be going home that week.

All guests will need their bracelet upon entering Wallace Hall.

For those of you attending the Celtic Celebration, Father Yesalonia has granted dispensation for the evening. This was done with the expectation that you will choose another day of the week to abstain from meat.

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 if you would like an Auction letter and form sent to you electronically. **THANK YOU!**

- **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 212-861-3820x121.

- **Attention Musical Parents:**

Costume Form Reminder: If you have not already measured your child for his or her costume, please do so and submit the form to the front office as soon as you can. If you need a new costume measurement form, you can get one from the front office.

Schedule Update: The musical rehearsal scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd has been changed to Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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