

# SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! As the students returned on Monday, they looked well rested and excited to see their friends. I hope you also had the opportunity to share some downtime with your children last week.

Sadly, prior to our vacation, families in Florida suffered a horrific tragedy. In light of those recent events, the Archdiocese of New York has scheduled a Professional Development Day for the Administration, Faculty and Staff on March 28<sup>th</sup>, as noted in the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Timothy J. McNiff's, letter that is attached to today's Weekly.

As you know, the safety of the students is always first and foremost for the Administration, Faculty and Staff here. It is important for you to be aware that, the focus of our November faculty meeting was on increased safety and security training. Rest assured, we do our very best to ensure the safety of your children.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our colleagues, the students and the parents in Florida.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin  
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 3  
Permission Slip – Grade 7  
Permission Slip – Grade 8  
Letter from the Superintendent of Schools– Grades K-8  
CulinArt March Lunch Menu – Grades K-8

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

## **\*Important to Note:**

- Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Celtic Celebration** in Wallace Hall at 6:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – **Reconciliation** Grades 3-5 at 1:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – **Parent Talk** –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 7<sup>th</sup> - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8.
- Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - **Reconciliation** Grades 6-8 at 1:15 p.m.
- Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – **Faculty Meeting - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**

- Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – **Daylight Savings Time - move clock 1 hour ahead.**
- Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8.
- Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – **Manhattan Speech Bee.**
- Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – **Report Card Conferences Grades Kindergarten, First, and Second** from 3:15p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **No After School Care for Kindergarten through Second Grade Only.**
- Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - **Report Card Conferences Grades Kindergarten, First, and Second** from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **No After School Care for Kindergarten through Second Grade Only.**
- Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – **St. Patrick’s Day.**
- Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – **St. Joseph’s Day**
- **Change of Date – Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vacation begins for the students.**
- **Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Professional Day – No school for the students.**
- **Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – No School**
- **Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – No School.**

**\*Parent Information:**

- As mentioned in the February 7<sup>th</sup> Weekly, Saint Ignatius Loyola School seventh grade and eighth grade students participated in the **2018 Scholastic Writing Competition**. Two of the students, Liam Elias and Emilia Pelegano-Titmuss, were awarded a Gold Key, and Aidan O’Mara was awarded a Silver Key. The students have been invited to attend the NYC Regional Scholastic Writing Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at The New School.

Congratulations again to all the participants!

- The **Saint Ignatius Loyola School’s Junior Varsity Girls’ Basketball Team** had an impressive season this year. The team finished the regular season undefeated and won the CYO Manhattan Debs Championship Game. This season’s success would have not been possible without the support of the administration, faculty, and staff, parents and families, and the hard work and determination of every player: Ellen Chan, Mary Caitlin Cronin, Taylor Harris, Anna Matheson, Payton Meehan, Rebeca Meier-Vargas, Andrea Molina, Tess O’Donoghue, Laila Pasic, Siena Smith, Hailey Sullivan, and Eileen Wagner. Congratulations to all the girls on the team. Go Lions!

- **Financial Assistance**

On Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, we will launch our fourteenth year of financial assistance via the School and Student Service for Financial Aid, known as SSS. This organization is recognized as the industry-leading tool for schools that desire to manage a financial aid program with professionalism and sensitivity. If a family chooses to apply, SSS will provide our school with an objective and confidential third-party report that will guide us in appropriating funds for tuition assistance. The following principles are in effect for any family who wishes to be considered for financial assistance:

1. Saint Ignatius Loyola School is **not in the position of funding full tuition or half tuition dollars.**
2. Each family member who is enrolled at Saint Ignatius Loyola School for the 2018–2019 school year who wishes to apply for financial assistance must be able to offset 60% of the given base tuition for the current school year. This amount **does not include the Building Fund Fee of \$1,400.00**, which every family is responsible for paying.
3. Parents must submit a request for financial assistance in writing to the principal. The deadline for this request **must be submitted no later than** Tuesday, April 17, 2018. **Because this is time sensitive, regretfully, we will not honor any requests after the deadline.**
4. The school will then provide a Parent Financial Statement Guide. The form must be completed and filed online with SSS.

5. A family requesting assistance is required to submit, to the Principal, a copy of their latest filed income tax return (2017) in order to complete the SSS/PFS process, which needs to be received before a determination of financial assistance can be made. All information will be held in the strictest confidence within the administration.
6. Saint Ignatius Loyola School continues to seek funding for scholarship via the Annual Fund by reaching out to various constituents of our school community, including parents, alumni and other organizations, in an effort to offset the Financial Assistance budget line.
7. For the 2018–2019 school year, \$80,000 will be the budget line reserved to assist families within the above guidelines. For 2018-2019, 100% of this fund will be used for current families who have already proven their commitment to the mission of the school.

Please know that I am available to meet with you to discuss any concerns that you may have, including financial obligations, for your child's continued education at Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

**As a gentle reminder, the tuition policy for the 2017 – 2018 school year is as follows:**

1. Enrollment in Smart Tuition is mandatory.
2. In order to receive the Catholic tuition rate, your child(ren) must be a baptized Roman Catholic.
3. Tuition and fee payments must always be up to date.
4. Report cards may be withheld by the Administration in any given quarter if there is an outstanding balance.
5. The Building Fund Fee must be paid in full by **Friday, February 14, 2018** in order to hold your child's seat for the 2018–2019 school year.
6. All tuition and fees for the 2017 - 2018 school year must be paid in full by **Friday, June 8, 2018** or your child's seat will be forfeited for the coming school year.

- **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. The deadline to return the altar server applications is Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

- **Second Grade Parent Information**

Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – **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 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Eighth Grade Retreat**

All Eighth Grade students are required to attend the retreat on **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, but the retreat is on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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. A hard copy must 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 was today – Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

- **News from the Development Office**

- **Celtic Celebration**

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Celtic Celebration this Friday evening, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Wallace Hall.

Wristbands for Friday evening will be sent home with your child on **Thursday**. Please contact the Development Office if she/he did not receive a wristband.

**Wristbands need to be worn the night of the event for quick and easy entry into Wallace Hall.**

As a gently reminder, we are asking for dessert donations for the event. Easy to pick up and serve items are ideal, along with the traditional soda bread. Please remember to keep all desserts nut free.

If you are attending the event and have not yet expressed interest in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Joelle Kelly. We are in need of volunteers during the event to assist with beverages and food. Thank you in advance for your help.

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 28<sup>th</sup>. The evening's success is through the support of you and our community.

We are seeking your help in acquiring items for our Live, Silent and Online Auctions. Items can include gift certificates to restaurants, hotels, Broadway/sports/travel/entertainment experiences and tickets, fitness packages, gift certificates for kid's classes, gift baskets, jewelry, handbags ... 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 20<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.**

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