

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we have only been back from winter break for a week. I felt this prayer was only fitting. I often wonder how we all accomplish so much in one day.

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.

Remember to stop and take a few minutes for you.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Report Card Conferences – Grades K, 1, and 2
Confirmation Memo and Permission Slip – Grade 8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Friday, March 9th – **Faculty Meeting - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Sunday, March 11th – **Daylight Savings Time - move clock 1 hour ahead.**
- Wednesday, March 14th - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8.
- Wednesday, March 14th – **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 15th - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Thursday, March 15th - **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 17th – **St. Patrick’s Day.**
- Sunday, March 18th – **St. Joseph’s Day**
- Wednesday, March 21st - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades 4-8.
- Thursday, March 22nd - **Lenten Prayer Service** – Grades K-3.
- Sunday, March 25th – **Palm Sunday.**
- **Please note the date change** for the Speech Contest – Tuesday, March 27, 2018
- **Change of Date – Wednesday, March 28th – Easter Vacation begins for the students.**
- **Wednesday, March 28th – Professional Day – No school for the students.**
- **Holy Thursday, March 29th – No School**
- **Good Friday, March 30th – No School.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Christmas DVDs:** Christmas Pageant 2017 DVDs are available for pick up in the main office. We also have available the 2016 Christmas Pageant DVDs for pick up.

- 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. Please note there was a slip of the pen in last week's Weekly. This season's success would not have been possible without the hard work and determination of every player: Ellen Chan, Mary Caitlin Cronin, **Grace 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 12th, 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 16, 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.

- **Exciting Science Olympiad News**

On Saturday, March 3rd, Saint Ignatius Loyola competed in the New York City Regional Competition of Science Olympiad. This is Saint Ignatius Loyola's 10th year participating in this nationally held competition. Nearly four hundred students from twenty-four private and public schools from the five boroughs participated in the competition. Awards were given to the top six teams in each science event. Saint Ignatius Loyola School won a total of "18" medals and received a trophy for finishing fifth in the competition. Saint Ignatius Loyola School's team consisted of the following fifteen students:

Seventh Grade

Annabella Choi
Sophia Chan
Eileen Fitzpatrick
Robert Graves
Sarah Lyons
Keara O'Donnell
Sergio Santander

Eighth Grade

Marie Check
Connor Corcoran
Ryley Evans
Adam Imam
Philip Krauss
Diego Lopez
Sean Lyons
Daniel Math

Individual 2018 Science Olympiad Awards were awarded to the following students:

Marie Check & Ryley Evans were awarded **Second Place** for their **Write It, Do It Project**.

Marie Check and Robert Graves were awarded **Second Place** for their **Fast Facts Project**.

Sarah Lyons & Diego Lopez were awarded **Third Place** for their **Mystery Architecture Project**.

Sophia Chan & Ryley Evans were awarded **Fourth Place** for their **Roller Coaster Project**.

Adam Imam & Sergio Santander were awarded **Fourth Place** for their **Meteorology Project**.

Marie Check & Annabella Choi were awarded **Fifth Place** for their **Microbe Mission Project**.

Sophia Chan and Annabella Choi were awarded **Sixth Place** for their **Battery Buggy Project**.

Sophia Chan and Annabella Choi were awarded **Sixth Place** for their **Hovercraft Project**.

Sarah Lyons and Daniel Math were awarded **Sixth Place** for their **Crime Busters Project**.

Congratulations to our 2018 Science Olympiad Team!

- **Confirmation Information**

Confirmation Retreat Letters

Letters written for Confirmation were due in a sealed envelope by Thursday, March 1st. These letters should have been submitted directly to Mrs. Meghan Sanchez-Pena.

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 are due to the principal's office by **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.

- **News from the Development Office**

Celtic Celebration

Thank you to all who braved the elements of the weather to attend our Celtic Celebration. The evening was a huge success!

Thank you to our event co-chairs: Joelle Kelly, Sharon Lafferty, Eileen McStay and Patty Valentino. An additional thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with the decorations, food and desserts, soft drinks, crafts, raffles, tickets, Siopa, face art assistance and clean up!

Niall O'Leary hailed straight from Dublin to fill Wallace Hall with music. Once again, the Aherne Sheehan Dance team helped make the night a memorable one.

Lastly, thank you to Brian and Joelle Kelly who ensured in all that inclement weather that our bagpiper was present to welcome our guests in spite of the inclement weather.

Auction 2018

Our 2018 Auction is fast approaching. The Auction will be held on Saturday, April 28th, in Wallace Hall. The evening's success is through the support of you and our community.

Donation of items for our Live Auction, Silent Auction and our Online Auction are needed.

Please contact the Development Office at extension 135 if you would like an Auction form and letter sent to you electronically. THANK YOU!

If you would like to volunteer at the event, please join us at our next Auction meeting on Wednesday, March 14th at 8:30 a.m. Our Co-chairs for the event are Victoria Cameron, Nicole Dalven, Marguerite Lucarelli, Christy Messina and Mary Peterson Pflum.

Annual Fund

We are truly grateful for all your support. As a gentle reminder, you can contribute to the Saint Ignatius Loyola School Annual Fund, either on our website saintignatiusloyolaschool.com under the GIVING tab or by sending in a check made out to Saint Ignatius Loyola School. No donation is too small.

- **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.

Musical Schedule Update: The musical rehearsal scheduled for **Saturday, March 10th is cancelled.**

- **Date Change:** Please make a note on your calendar. The Sports Dinner has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m.**

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