

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

The calendar says spring is only five days away, even though we just had another nor'easter. You may be thinking that you cannot put on one more layer, the busyness of all the schedules in your home may feel daunting and you are thinking to yourself – I need some guidance. Rest assured, your guardian angel is right there beside you. Stop and take a moment to call on your guardian angel:

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade K
Permission Slip - Grade 7
Permission Slip – Grade 8
Art Club – Grades 1-8
After School Variety Clubs – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- 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.
- **Financial Assistance**
On Monday, March 12th, we launched 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.

- **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 were due to the principal’s office on **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**

Auction 2018

It is hard to believe our Annual Auction is next month!

All are invited for a grand evening on Park Avenue on **Saturday, April 28th**. Keep a look for your invitation in the mail.

The auction committee is working hard securing donations for the Live Auction, the Silent Auction and the Online Auction. We are still in need of items from the following categories: Art/Books/Photography; Dining/Wine/Gourmet; Entertainment/Travel; Fashion/Handbags/Luggage; For the Home; Health & Beauty Spa; Jewelry; Sports Memorabilia/Tickets; Stuff for Kids.

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

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 saintignatiusloyola.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.

- **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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