

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

As I watched the children gather on 84th Street on Thursday, tan and rested, greeting their old friends, meeting new friends and looking forward to making their way up to their new homerooms, I was sure I also observed some excited parents who were very happy to see their children crossing our threshold again.

It is so nice to hear the children's voices echo again throughout the school. We are officially back in full swing with the arrival of our kindergarteners on Monday morning.

Since the summer letter, we have continued to spruce up the building. As you know, keeping the students safe is always first and foremost for the administration, faculty and staff. I look forward to sharing all of the exciting enhancements with you at Back to School Night.

The hot lunch program began on Monday, September 10th. Now is an appropriate time to review our policies regarding lunchtime:

When a child forgets his/her lunch: CulinArt prepares our cafeteria food daily, based on the number of students and faculty enrolled in the program. The chef does take into account the occasional forgotten lunch. Because no child will ever go hungry at Saint Ignatius Loyola School, we will allow him/her to receive a lunch from our program, but you will be assessed on your Smart Tuition bill for this courtesy. If this happens more than 3 times per quarter, your child will automatically be enrolled and billed for the lunch program for the remainder of the school year.

Food allergies: If your child has a food or other allergy of any type, it is best that he/she does not participate in the lunch program. Although CulinArt exercises care and caution in their food preparation, they are not able to guarantee that the foods, breads and other ingredients they use/receive from various purveyors/vendors are free of allergens.

Additionally, Saint Ignatius Loyola School endeavors to be a nut free school. I would ask that you be mindful of our policy if your child is not in the hot lunch program, and that you refrain from including food in your child's packed lunch that contains nuts of any kind. This includes food products such as Nutella and other spreads that may have a nut base. We do remind the students that they should not share their lunch, but I ask that you also remind them at home that they should only eat the lunch you provide for them and avoid even one taste of a classmate's lunch or a treat that a classmate may be sharing to celebrate his/her birthday.

Full bus service begins tomorrow, Thursday, September 13th, for Grades 1 - 6. Kindergarten bus service begins on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

I look forward to seeing everyone as the school year gets underway. Here's to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Emergency Information Form – Grades K-8
CulinArt September Lunch Menu - Grades
World's Finest Chocolate Flyer – Grades K – 8
16th Annual Golf Tournament – Grades K - 8
Parish Data Information Form – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Wednesday, September 12th – **Back-to-School Night** Grades 6-8 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, September 13th – **Full Bus Service Begins** for Grades 1-6.
- Thursday, September 13th – **Mass of the Holy Spirit** Grades 1-8 at 1:15 p.m. in church. All are welcome to attend.
- Friday, September 14th – **Class Parent Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in the Great Room.
- Monday, September 17th – **Sibling Admissions Information Meeting** at 8:45 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Monday, September 17th – **Parishioner Admissions Information Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Monday, September 17th – **World's Finest Chocolate Sale Begins.**
- Monday, September 17th through Friday, September 21st – **Fall Archdiocesan MAP Assessment.**
- Wednesday, September 19th – **Back-to-School Night** Grades K-5 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, September 20th – **Band Assembly** Grades 3-8 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 20th – **New Student Reception** Grades 1-7 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 21st – **Used Uniform & Logo Sale** from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Tuesday, September 25th – **No School – Archdiocesan Conference Day.**
- Friday, September 28th – **Back-to-School Bingo in McKinnon Hall.**

***Parent Information:**

Date Change from the Calendar:

Friday, November 30th is a full day of school.

Friday, December 7th is a noon dismissal.

Friday, May 24th is a full day of school.

Friday, May 31st is a noon dismissal.

• **Music Department:**

Welcome back and an additional welcome to all of our new families this school year!

If your child is interested in joining an after school music ensemble for instrument or voice, the information below may answer some of your immediate questions.

The Jazz Ensemble is open to the students in Grades 5 through 8. Information regarding the jazz ensemble will go home next Wednesday in the Weekly.

The School Band is open to students in Grades 3 through 8. As noted in the school calendar, there will be an assembly for the 3rd to 8th graders on September 20th to introduce them to the band program.

If you have any questions, regarding the Jazz Ensemble, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Emily Hudson at x143.

Strings Program

The Saint Ignatius Loyola School Strings Program is recruiting new students of all levels from Grades 1 through Grade 8. For our new families, there is still time to join.

Private Lessons, Group Lessons and Orchestra (Violin, Viola or Cello) will begin on Monday, Sept 17th. We hope you can join!

For more information contact:

Danielle Smith at (212) 861-3820 Ext. 126 or

Stani Dimitrova at Stani.Dimitrova@iCloud.com

- **Attention Eighth Grade Parents:**

Ms. Jillian Pagliocca, Associate Director of Admissions at Marymount School, will give a brief overview of the school and the admissions process on Tuesday, September 18th at 9:30 a.m., in the Great Room. Parents are welcome to attend.

Mr. Gabriel Rotman, Director of Admissions at Loyola School, will visit our eighth graders on Wednesday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m., in the Great Room. Parents are welcome to attend.

- **New Student Reception:**

The New Student Reception will take place on Thursday, September 20th, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Invitations were sent home last week. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Zuck will pick up the students from their teachers at dismissal. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible to Mrs. Zuck in the Admissions Office. If you have any questions, please contact her at extension 106. We look forward to the celebration!

- **News from the Development Office**

Welcome back to a new school year! Our calendar is filled with fun events and gatherings for everyone to enjoy.

Support is needed so that all our events can be as successful as possible. Our events are not possible without your gift of time.

If you are interested in co-chairing an event, please join us on Tuesday, September 18th at 8:30 a.m., in the cafeteria.

There are so many exciting events on the 2018-2019 calendar where you can lend a helping hand while spending some time with old friends and making some new friends.

- **World's Finest Chocolate Sale**

Included in today's weekly is the World's Finest Chocolate Sale flyer. If you prefer that your child NOT participate in the chocolate sale, please fill out the form at the bottom of sheet and return to the Development Office by this Friday, September 14th.

A box of chocolates will be sent home with your child starting Monday, September 17th.

- **Golf Tournament**

Please join us for the 16th Annual David K. Oing Golf Tournament to be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. The invitation and registration form are attached to today's Weekly.

- **Gently Used Uniform & Logo Sale**

If you need a blazer, school pants, jumper or a school skirt, you will have the opportunity to purchase items on Friday, September 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Logo items will also be available to purchase. The sale will take place in McKinnon Hall.

Donations of gently used uniform items can be dropped off at the main office the week of September 17th.

- **Back-To-School Bingo**

Save the date: Back-to-School Bingo is scheduled for Friday, September 28th. The invitation will be included in next Wednesday's Weekly.

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