

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are more than halfway through the school year. Now, that the days are getting longer, it feels as if we should have more usable time in our day. Hence, 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

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, March 14th - **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-3 in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, March 14th – **Reconciliation** Grades 6-8 at 1:15 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17th – **St. Patrick’s Day**
- Monday, March 18th – **No School**
- Tuesday, March 19th – Friday, March 22nd – **I.T.B.S. Testing – Grades K-8.**
- Wednesday, March 20th - **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades 4-8 in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, March 27th - **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades 4-8 in McKinnon Hall.
- Thursday, March 28th - **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-3 in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, March 29th – **End of Third Quarter.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Date Changes from the Calendar:**
Friday, **May 24th**, is a full day of school.
Friday, **May 31st**, is a noon dismissal.
- **A Gentle Reminder**
We appreciate the worry and concern of childcare. However, it is crucial if your child is sick or feels sick in the morning prior to leaving for school, that you do not send him/her to school. It is very upsetting to your child when he/she vomits in the school. A sick person in the building impacts others in the building. It creates a domino effect for all of us.

Equally important to note, your child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child is fever free, but is still presenting with symptoms, we cannot stress enough that he/she should stay home. A sick child cannot perform to the best of his/her ability and there is a risk that others in the building will get sick.

We ask that you not contact the school to ask the name of the students who are sick. It is a violation of the family’s privacy.

- **2019 Scholastic Writing Awards Competition Winners**
As you know, our students never rest on their laurels, as you will note from the number of our students who were recognized by the Scholastic Writing Awards Competition.

Since 1923, the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation’s youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. It is the nation’s longest-running, most prestigious recognition initiative for creative teens, and the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers. Notable alums include writers such as Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, and Joyce Carol Oates. This year, our seventh and eighth graders entered the Critical Essay portion of the NYC Scholastic Writing Awards. We are extremely proud to share that thirteen of our students have been recognized by the awards. Seven of our students received Silver Keys, and six of our students received Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to all the students on their work.

Seventh Grade Silver Key

Mary Caitlin Cronin

Seventh Grade Honorable Mention

Corinne O’Mara

Eighth Grade Silver Key

Indya Adam
Clara Ferrier
Nora Gallagher
Angela Gray
Alberto Molina
Amalie Seth

Eighth Grade Honorable Mention

Santino Giancarlo Gohu
Colette Hartman
Kevin Oing
Frances Smith
Austin Trevino

• **Exciting Science Olympiad News**

On Saturday, March 2nd, Saint Ignatius Loyola competed in the New York City Regional Competition of the Science Olympiad. This is Saint Ignatius Loyola’s eleventh year participating in this nationally held competition.

Nearly 500 students from 31 private schools and public schools within the five boroughs participated in the New York City Regionals.

Awards were given to the top eight teams in each science event. Saint Ignatius Loyola School won a total of 29 medals, the most medals ever earned by Saint Ignatius Loyola School competing in the regional competition. The Team was also awarded a trophy for finishing fourth place in the competition. As our result of our team’s fourth place finish, they have been invited to the New York State Finals, which will be held in Syracuse, NY on Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th. A total of thirty-nine schools throughout New York State are expected to participate in the competition in Syracuse.

We are proud and beyond excited to share that this is Saint Ignatius Loyola’s fourth invitation to the New York State Finals. Congratulations and best of luck as our team moves on to the next round of the competition.

The following students make up the 2019 Saint Ignatius Loyola Science Olympiad Team:

Seventh Grade

Daniel Bajada
Michael Cameron
Mateo DeRosa
Theodore Dros
Tess O’Donoghue
Lillie Tyrrell
John Windisch
Maggie Zito

Eighth Grade

Sophia Chan
Eileen Fitzpatrick
Robert Graves
Sarah Lyons
Nicolas Nuno
Keara O’Donnell
Sergio Santander

• **2019 Individual Science Olympiad Awards**

A total of 29 Individual Medals were awarded.

Sophia Chan and Nicolas Nuno were awarded Second Place for their Elastic Launched Glider Project.

Sophia Chan and Maggie Zito were awarded Second Place for their Roller Coaster Project.

Sophia Chan, Robert Graves and Nicolas Nuno were awarded Third Place for their Quiz Bowl Project.

Eileen Fitzpatrick and Sergio Santander were awarded Third Place for their Dynamic Planet Project.

Keara O’Donnell and Lillie Tyrrell were awarded Third Place for their Disease Detectives Project.

Lillie Tyrrell and Maggie Zito were awarded Third Place for their Write It, Do It Project.

Daniel Bajada and Maggie Zito were awarded Fourth Place for their Boomilever Project.

Michael Cameron and Sarah Lyons were awarded Sixth Place for their Crime Busters Project.

Eileen Fitzpatrick and Sarah Lyons were awarded Sixth Place for their Potions and Poisons.

Sergio Santander and John Windisch were awarded Sixth Place for their Meteorology Project.

Mateo DeRosa and Keara O'Donnell were awarded Seventh Place for their Anatomy & Physiology Project.

Daniel Bajada and Robert Graves were awarded Seventh Place for their Heredity Project.

Robert Graves and Nicolas Nuno were awarded Seventh Place for their Herpetology Project.

Sophia Chan and Eileen Fitzpatrick were awarded Eighth Place for their Battery Buggy Project.

- **Kindergarten through Second Grade Parent Information**

As noted in last Wednesday's Weekly, the parent/teacher conferences originally scheduled for the Kindergarten through Second Grade for **Wednesday, March 13th and Thursday, March 14th** have been cancelled. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher, we encourage you to contact the teacher directly to schedule an appointment.

It is important to note that, since the conference days have been cancelled, there **WILL BE** after school care for the kindergarten through second grade students on **Wednesday, March 13th and Thursday, March 14th**.

- **Eighth Grade Parent Information**

As we look ahead to spring, the day your child receives the Sacrament of Confirmation will be here sooner than you know it. Confirmation is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

Confirmation Information

Confirmation Retreat Letters

Parent letters written for the Confirmation children 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 **Wednesday, March 20, 2019**.

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 the retreat.

Eighth Grade Retreat

All Eighth Grade students are required to attend the retreat on **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**. This includes students who are not being confirmed. The retreat is a part of the Eighth Grade's Religion class.

- **From the Development Office:**
2019 Benefit Auction

Our 2019 Benefit Auction is exactly 30 days from today. All are invited to spend a fun evening with friends and fellow parents on Saturday, April 13th in Wallace Hall and at the same time support Saint Ignatius Loyola School. Start watching the mail – your invitation will be arriving soon.

The evening's success is through your support and that of the entire Saint Ignatius Loyola School community. Our goal this year is to reach 100% participation rate with respect to donations and attendance. This is our largest fundraiser endeavor of the school year! No donation is too big or too small.

As the clock clicks closer to April 13th, we are still in need of items. If you are not sure of what donation items, consider places you frequent with your family and/or friends. Examples of donations can be experiences such as behind the scene tours that are not typically open to the public, cooking classes, exercise classes, sporting events, hotels, restaurants, entertainment, fashion, beauty, health, nutrition ... The list is endless.

It is important to note that all donors and establishments are recognized and thanked in the auction catalog and at the event.

Please contact Anna Sakalis in the Development Office at extension 135 if you have any questions regarding the Auction, donations or if you need an electronic version of our auction letter and donation form.

If you would like to be a part of the auction committee our next meeting is Friday, March 15th at 8:30 a.m., in the cafeteria.

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 a check made out to the Saint Ignatius Loyola School. The Annual Fund is a critical component of our fundraiser program – every gift counts. No donation is too small.

- **Strings Program**

On Thursday, March 14th, there will be regularly scheduled orchestra and lessons.

- **STARS Summer Camp 2019**

You may not be thinking summer, since we are still in subzero weather. However, now that the days are getting longer, summer is fast approaching. It is time to start thinking summer camp. Saint Ignatius Loyola School's STARS Summer Camp is a great way to kick off your summer! Join us for sports, music, crafts, outdoor fun, field trips, and much more!

Camp will run for the following four weeks. You have the option to sign up for as many or as few weeks as you'd like!

Week 1: June 24th- June 28th

Week 2: July 1st - July 5th (off on the 4th)

Week 3: July 8th - July 12th

Week 4: July 15th - July 19th

Stop by the office for a flyer and a registration form or contact Ms. Maeve Mulholland (ext. 142) for more information.

- **Financial Assistance**

On Tuesday, March 19th, we will launch our fifteenth 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 16, 2019. 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 (2018) 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 2019-2020 school year, \$85,000 will be the budget line reserved to assist families within the above guidelines. For 2019-2020, 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.

Tuition Policy for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

1. Enrollment in Smart Tuition is mandatory.
2. Tuition and fee payments must always be up to date.
3. It is important to note, to receive the Catholic tuition rate, the student must be a baptized Roman Catholic.
4. Report cards may be withheld by the Administration in any given quarter if there is an outstanding balance.
5. The Building Fund Fee paid in full by **Wednesday, February 20, 2019** in order to hold your child's seat for the 2019–2020 school year.
6. All tuition and fees for the 2018 - 2019 school year must be paid in full by **Friday, June 7, 2019** or your child's seat will be forfeited for the coming school year.

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