

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was so nice to see so many of you this past weekend. The feeling of warmth and sense of family was palpable. Saturday and Sunday were truly about the children. The children's awe, upon the arrival of Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves, were moments in time. As we prepare for the hustle, bustle and busyness of the next few weeks, I encourage you to think about this past weekend and the look on the children's faces – young and old, as they approached Santa and Mrs. Claus and the elves. The meaning of the Christmas season is not lost on your children.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time to set up, volunteer and break down the event. An additional, thank you to our guests from the North Pole.

Have a good week.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, December 6th - **Advent Prayer Service** Grades K-3.
- Thursday, December 6th – **Report Card Conferences** Grades K-8. **No After School Care. There will be no school buses at noon time. At 3:00 p.m. dismissal, there will be school buses for Grades K-3 only.**
- Friday, December 7th – **12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Friday, December 7th – **Report Card Conferences** Grades K-8. **No After School Care.**
- Wednesday, December 12th – **Advent Prayer Service** Grades 4-8.
- Thursday, December 13th – **Advent Prayer Service** Grades K-3.
- Thursday, December 13th – **Christmas Pageant** at 6:30 p.m. in church.
- Friday, December 14th – **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Date Changes from the Calendar:**
Friday, December 7th, is a noon dismissal.
Wednesday, January 30th, State of the School Meeting.
Friday, May 24th, is a full day of school.
Friday, May 31st, is a noon dismissal.

• **Final Reminder: Fourth Grade through Eighth Grade Report Card Conference Information:**

Thursday, December 6th

1. On Thursday, December 6th, dismissal for students **in Grade 4 through Grade 8 will be at 12:00 p.m. Full day for Grades K to 3.**
2. Thursday afternoon's conferences will begin at **1:00 p.m. and run through 5:00 p.m.**
3. Thursday evening's conferences will begin at **6:00 p.m. and run through 8:00 p.m.**
4. Conferences will be held in McKinnon Hall.
5. Conferences will be on a first come, first serve basis.
6. Upon your arrival to McKinnon Hall, you will first pick up your child's report card from either Ms. Savarese or myself. You will report to either table **A – L or M – Z.**
7. After reviewing your child's report card, you can proceed to the different subject area teachers and/or your child's homeroom teacher – whomever you feel the need to meet.
8. We ask that you keep your discussion with each teacher to no more than 10 minutes.
9. All parents **are expected** to attend either Thursday's or Friday's report card conference for his/her child.
10. Please note, there will be **NO** After School Care or Clubs on Thursday, December 6th.

Friday, December 7th

1. On Friday, December 7th, dismissal for students in **Grade K through 8 will be at 12:00 p.m.**
2. Friday afternoon conferences for **students in Grades 4 through Grade 8** will begin at **1:00 p.m. and run through 3:00 p.m.**
3. Upon your arrival to McKinnon Hall, you will first pick up your child's report card from either Ms. Savarese or myself. You will report to either table **A – L or M – Z.**
4. After reviewing your child's report card, you can proceed to the different subject area teachers and/or your child's homeroom teacher – whomever you feel the need to meet with.
5. We ask that you keep your discussion with each teacher to no more than 10 minutes.
6. All parents **are expected** to attend either Thursday's or Friday's report card conference for his/her child.
7. Please note, there will be **NO** After School Care or Clubs on Thursday, December 6th and Friday, December 7th.

It is important to note there will be NO bus service, on Thursday, December 6th for the students in Grades 4 through 6, who will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

• **Christmas Pageant**

As we look ahead to the **Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 13th**, there are just a few housekeeping items that we need to be mindful of since we will be in church. I ask that you refrain from putting your coats, shopping bags and other items on the side altars, as well as refraining from drinking beverages and eating snacks. Strollers should be folded up and placed in the Narthex. All aisles need to remain clear because the children will be traversing those spaces.

As in past years, pews will be blocked off for our Eighth Grade families. We ask that, if you are an Eighth Grade family, you refrain from taking an entire pew for your family so that all Eighth Grade parents will have the opportunity to share the space and see their children perform. We also have pews set aside for faculty members who will be entering with the children as the performance progresses so, if you see a pew with a sign, please refrain from sitting there. There is ample seating in the side pews for extended family members.

We appreciate everyone's excitement to find a seat, but we ask that you be mindful as you are lining up outside of the church that we are all one community and the hope is everyone enters and leaves the church with a feeling of goodwill towards each other.

Pageant Schedule Times to Arrive

All students who are participating in the pageant should form a line at the Madison Avenue door. Arrival times will be staggered. I ask that you adhere to your child's arrival time; students who arrive before their scheduled time will not be permitted to enter the school.

Student Arrival Times

As you plan for the Christmas Pageant, the student arrival times are noted below.

5:00 p.m. Eighth Grade

5:30 p.m. Orchestra

5:45 p.m. Jazz Ensemble

5:45 p.m. Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Grades

6:00 p.m. Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grades

News from the Development Event Office

Santa Brunch Weekend

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who supported our Santa Brunch Weekend and helped to make it a success. You helped us accomplish our vision of making Christmas Weekend about the children. To all who participated with our Christmas Craft Night/Mini Trim-a-Night, Greenery, Gourmet Baskets, Santa Brunch, Photos with Santa, Decorating, Set up and Break down - it could not have happened without you!

A special shout out to our event Co-Chairs: Kara Blanco, Victoria Cameron, Nicole Dalven, Eileen Docil, Kirsten Jordan Farsura, Donna Campbell Hartman, Marguerite Lucarelli, Christy Messina, Anne Sweeny and Susan Tyrrell. The Girl Scouts who worked overtime Saturday and Sunday to support our school also deserve an additional Thank You.

Special thanks to Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves. They brought the spirit of Christmas to 84th Street! To everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes – THANK YOU!!!

Christmas Raffle

There is still time to help support our school and try your luck at one of our many raffle items. Raffle forms are available in the front office. If you would like the raffle form sent home, please contact Ms. Anna Sakalis. The drawing is scheduled to take place on Friday, December 14th. Thank you and good luck!

Annual Fund

Thank you for your strong response. Please keep in mind the school offices will be closed for the Christmas Holiday beginning Friday, December 21st. Time sensitive end of year credit card donations can be made on the school's website saintignatiusloyolaschool.com under the "GIVING" tab.

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