

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

This past week, Ms. Savarese, Mrs. Zuck and I travelled to Washington, D.C. to accept the National Blue Ribbon award on behalf of Saint Ignatius Loyola School. The experience was both a proud and humbling one. As I noted in a previous Weekly, this is the second time under my leadership with Ms. Savarese that the school has been recognized as an “exemplary, high performing school.” We appreciate that this does not happen in a vacuum. It is through the hard work of the administration, faculty, students and the parents. We share this award with each of you.

A National Blue Ribbon School is more than just a label. It is recognition for the dedication given to all who cross the threshold of the school. If you have not had the opportunity to do so, I encourage you to review the school’s document that we submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. There is a link to the site on the school’s website.

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Have a good week.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

- Permission Slip – Grade 1
- Parent Christmas Cocktail Party Invitation– Grades K-8
- Brunch with Santa – Grades K – 8
- Christmas Raffle – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- There will be no **Weekly** next week.
- Thursday, November 15th – **Grade 2 Parent Reconciliation Meeting** at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- Monday, November 19th – **Thanksgiving Mass** Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. in church. All are welcome to attend.
- Monday, November 19th – **Parent Christmas Craft/Miniature Trim-a-Tree Night** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- Tuesday, November 20th – **Pajama Day** – We will be holding our third annual “**School Day, No Day.**” All students from Kindergarten through the Eighth Grade are invited to wear their pajamas to school.

Short pajamas and camisoles will not be permitted, so please have your child dress appropriately for a school event.

- Tuesday, November 20th – **Thanksgiving Recess Begins at 3:00 p.m. Dismissal. No Afterschool Care.**
- Wednesday, November 21st –**Thanksgiving Recess No School.**
- Thursday, November 22nd – **Thanksgiving Day No School.**
- Friday, November 23rd – **Thanksgiving Recess No School.**
- Monday, November 26th – **School Resumes.**
- Thursday, November 29th – **Christmas Weekend Set-Up in McKinnon Hall.**
- Friday, November 30th **Christmas Cocktail Party in McKinnon Hall – Adults Only.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Date Changes from the Calendar:**
Friday, November 30th, is a full day of school.
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.
- **Eighth Grade High School Information:**
 Regular public school applications are due to Mrs. Zuck no later than this Friday, November 16th.

This year's Xavier Scholarship Exam (the HSPT) takes place on Saturday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m. ***Your son may take the HSPT only once.*** If your son took the HSPT at Regis, please give Xavier permission to access his score from Regis. If your son is applying to Loyola School, please give Loyola School permission to access his score from Regis as well.

- **News from the Development Office**

Logo Pop-Up Shop:

Celebrate our school on "School Day, No Day" by wearing Saint Ignatius Loyola School pajamas! Come shop for comfy flannel pajama pants, tee shirts, sweatshirts and more. The Logo Shop will be open for business this Friday, November 16th from 8:10 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. in the cafeteria. Parent and student shoppers are welcome. Payment may be in the form of cash, credit card or check.

Don't forget – Christmas is around the corner. Get some of your Christmas shopping done early!

Christmas Santa Brunch Weekend

Craft Night/Miniature Trim-a Tree Night

It is hard to believe the Annual Christmas Santa Brunch weekend is a little over two weeks away! There is a lot to do in preparation for our Christmas weekend.

Join us for an adult only evening of crafting, trimming and packaging at our Christmas Craft/Miniature Trim-a-Tree Night this Monday, November 19th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

We ask for you to **bring your own miniature Christmas tree trimmings** and we will supply the tree. There will also be some pricing, gift basket packaging and decorating to be done.

Gift Baskets:

Each year, our volunteers give their heart, soul and time creating gourmet baskets to sell at our Christmas Santa Brunch weekend. If you are able to donate, the following items are needed to continue our tradition.

Baked/Packaged Basket Items: cookies (i.e. biscotti, gingerbread), chocolates, crackers, breadsticks, gourmet coffees, teas and hot chocolate; gourmet jams & jellies; small jars of honey & syrup; pastas, grains, sauces, olive oil, balsamic vinegar; cooking utensils etc.

Libation Basket Items: champagne, prosecco, wine, cordials; gourmet snack foods (spreads, crackers); stemware.

To ensure that the assembly of baskets can begin at Christmas Craft/Miniature Trim-a-Tree Night, kindly drop off your donations to the main office by tomorrow if you can. Please label the items as such. Do not hesitate to contact Anna Sakalis, at 212-861-3820 ext. 135 with any questions you may have.

The Christmas Santa Brunch Weekend does take a village of extra special elves to be a success!

Christmas Weekend Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with our Christmas Brunch with Santa, assist with our Christmas Sale and help with the break down at the end. Early in the school year, a great team of moms volunteered to Co-Chair our weekend – they will be contacting our wonderful parent community to gather all our volunteer interest.

Please note attachments to the weekly include the invite to our Parent Christmas Cocktail party, Santa Brunch reservation form and our Annual Christmas raffle.

THANK YOU!

- **Parish Events – All Are Welcome**

The Joy of Parenting

The Joy Parenting presented by Prof. Tim O'Malley, father of two children under the age of 10. The lecture is open to and will address parents of children of all ages.

Date: Monday, November 19, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Wallace Hall at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

The Joy of Parenting

Becoming a parent transforms your life. You sleep less. You're worried about the health and well-being of your child. Yet it's often here in the midst of some of the greatest challenges of being a mom or dad that we discover a joy that gives new meaning to our lives. In this presentation, we will reflect on the joy of parenting, showing how the vocation to parenthood can become the way that God brings us to holiness. Parenthood must be grounded in spirituality!

Timothy P. O'Malley, PhD is director of education with the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. He is the recent author of two books, *Off the Hook: God, Love, Marriage, and Dating* (Ave Maria Press, 2018) and *Bored Again Catholic: How the Mass Could Save Your Life* (Our Sunday Visitor, 2017). He is married to Kara and has two young children.

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