

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

We are all anxiously awaiting the Class of 2019's rendition of our Annual Christmas Pageant. This school year, I was approached and asked if we would be interested in having a live newsfeed with some of our students singing Christmas carols on the steps of the church prior to the start of the pageant. Recognizing the hard work and the pride that we have for our school, I happily said yes!

Having said that, in anticipation of tomorrow evening's Christmas Pageant, the live newsfeed, and out of respect for those attending 5:30 p.m. Mass in The Lady Chapel, we will have the stanchions set up for parents and guests to line up to enter the church. The center steps to the church will be closed off for the students who will be a part of the television shots. The lines will form on Park Avenue and wind around and up 84th Street and 83rd Street. The church doors will open at **6:00 p.m.**, as well as the handicap accessible door on 84th Street. You will be directed accordingly. We hope that you will take some time outside the church and watch our students as they are broadcasted live on television.

We appreciate and understand how excited our Eighth Grade parents are to see their children perform in their last Christmas Pageant. As is the tradition, 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, so that all the Eighth Grade parents will have the opportunity to share the space and see their children perform. 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.

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.

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

Student arrival times are noted below. The weather is expected to be cold on Thursday, so it is best to not arrive before your child's scheduled time.

4:30 p.m. First Grade Angels, Eighth Grade Angel Leaders and Cantors
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 and Second Grades

Have a good week.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 2
Midterm Schedule – Grades 1-8
Logo Shop order form – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- 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.**
- Wednesday, December 19th – **Advent Prayer Service** Grades 4-8.
- Thursday, December 20th – **Advent Prayer Service** Grades K-3.
- Friday, December 21st – **12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Monday, December 24th – **Christmas Eve – No School.**
- Tuesday, December 25th – **Christmas Day - No School.**
- Wednesday, December 26th through Friday, December 28th – **Christmas Vacation - No School.**
- Monday, December 31st – **New Year’s Eve – No School.**
- Tuesday, January 1st – **Feast of the Solemnity of Mary.**
- Tuesday, January 1st – **New Year’s Day – No School.**
- Wednesday, January 2nd - **New Year’s Holiday – No School.**
- Thursday, January 3rd – **School Resumes.**

***Parent Information:**

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

- **News from the Development Event Office**

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 that the school offices will be closed for Christmas 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.

All year end check donations need to be received by Thursday, December 20th.

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