

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was so nice to see so many of you on Friday evening. McKinnon Hall was ablaze in green – from the stage lights, to everyone’s attire. Thank you to the volunteers for all their hard work in making the evening such a success.

As you know, today is Ash Wednesday and the start of the Season of Lent. I encourage you to speak with your child on what he/she can do during Lent. Instead of giving up the proverbial “candy or cookies”, maybe you can come up with something that has even more meaning.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 7
Confirmation Memo – Grade 8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, March 7th – **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-3 in McKinnon Hall.
- Sunday, March 10th – **Daylight Savings Time – Set 1 hour ahead.**
- Wednesday, March 13th – **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades 4-8 in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, March 13th – **Reconciliation** Grades 3-5 at 1:15 p.m.
- 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.
- Thursday, March 21st - **Lenten Prayer Service** Grades K-3 in McKinnon Hall.

***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 in fact 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.

- **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 **March 13th and 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.

High School Information

Over the course of the last week and in the upcoming weeks, you will be hearing from the high schools that your son/daughter has applied to. The schools contact you directly regarding his/her acceptance, wait list or not accepted status. I ask that you submit **directly to Ms. Larkin's office, not your child's homeroom teacher**, a hard copy of any letters he/she receives so that we can be apprised of the results. Please do not email any letters or attachments. If you have already emailed copies of the letters, please resubmit a hard copy of the letters directly to Ms. Larkin's office.

If your child is offered a merit scholarship, **a copy of the letter from the high school** must be submitted **directly to the Ms. Larkin's office, not to your child's homeroom teacher**, in order for your child to be recognized at graduation. Again, if you have already emailed a copy of the scholarship letter, please resubmit a hard copy of the letter(s) directly to Ms. Larkin's office. The deadline for all letters to be given to Ms. Larkin was **Thursday, February 28th**.

If the letter is a form letter, please include your child's name on the top of the page.

- **From the Development Office:**

- **2019 Benefit Auction**

Our 2019 Benefit Auction is fast approaching. The Auction is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 13th, in Wallace Hall. Invitations will be in the mail shortly.

As you know, 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.

As you know, this is our largest fundraiser endeavor of the school year! No donation is too big or too small.

When thinking of donations, consider establishments you frequent with friends or with your family. Examples of such experiences are 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 involved, our **next Auction meeting is on Friday, March 15th at 8:30 a.m.**

- **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 **saintignatiusloyola.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 Tuesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 14th there will be regularly scheduled orchestra and lessons. As originally marked in the Strings Program Calendar, there will be NO LESSONS on Wednesday, March 13th.

- **STARS Summer Camp 2019**

You may not be thinking summer, since we are still in subzero weather. However, now that the days will be getting longer, summer is fast approaching. Hence, time to start thinking summer camp. Saint Ignatius Loyola School's STARS Summer Camp is a great way to kick off 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.

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