

# SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was nice to see so many of you over the course of Catholic Schools Week. It was a week full of great events for all the students from the Kindergarten through to the Eighth Grade. We began the week with an assembly for our youngest scientists, followed by our friendly math competition with Chatham Day School. On Thursday, we hosted Career Day. Our illustrious panel shared that they were quite impressed with the level of questions our students posed. We capped off the week, in celebration of the Class of 2019, at the Annual Sullivan Cup.

In the busyness of the week, some students also took time out to participate in our Annual Schoolwide Speech Bee. On Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 16 student winners from the individual fifth grade to the eighth grade competitions took to the stage in McKinnon Hall to participate. This year's speech topic focused on "Challenges Youth Face." It is never easy to speak in front of a large audience; I feel it is even more difficult when you range in age from 10 to 14 years old and stand in front of over 300 of your classmates. Each student was so articulate, confident and well-versed in his or her topic. As I told the students, they are all winners. Unfortunately, only three speakers can advance to the next Districtwide round.

## **Grades Five through Eight Participants**

Daniel Bajada	Angela Gray
Vienna Casey	Grace Harris
Ellen Chan	Abigail Lavalley
Mary Caitlin Cronin	Madeline Miller Murphy
Meghan Croston	Sergio Santander
Luca Dalven	Brian Schlafer
Eileen Fitzpatrick	Luca Smith
Nora Gallagher	Jack Tully

## **School-Wide Speech Bee Winners**

**First Place** – Abigail Lavalley

**Second Place** – Meghan Croston

**Third Place** – Sergio Santander

Congratulations to our Speech Competition winners for a job well done!

When our students were not practicing their speeches on the "challenges of youth" many of them were practicing their various instruments. The following students have been asked to participate in the New York City Honor Band.

## **Junior Honor Band**

Michael Berry  
Madeline Blair  
Callaway Dannhauser  
Brian Kapfer  
Elizabeth Kirkpatrick  
Ian Lafferty  
Rachel Lee  
Anthony Lucarelli  
Justina Marque  
Isabella Ostuni

### **Senior Honor Band**

Giselle Acosta  
Daniel Corcoran  
Annelise Frohnhofer  
Colette Hartman  
Matthew Kushner  
Roman Peterson  
Giuliana Zvonik

It can be said that Saint Ignatius Loyola School students never rest on their laurels.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin  
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Letter from the Superintendent of Schools – Grades K-8  
2019 Yearbook Underwriting – Grade 8  
2019 Yearbook Directory – Grade 8

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

### **\*Important to Note:**

- Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – **Ladies' Night Out in McKinnon Hall.**
- Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – **Professional Day – No School.**
- Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – **No School Winter Recess.**
- Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – **Grade 2 First Holy Communion Parent Meeting** at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

### **Parent Information:**

- It is important to note that the calendar is now in the parental portal. Please contact Mr. Tom Clarke if you misplaced the password.
- **Date Changes from the Calendar:**  
Friday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>**, there will be no school for the students, as noted in Ms. Larkin's letter on Monday. It is a Professional Day for the faculty.  
Friday, **May 24<sup>th</sup>**, is a full day of school.  
Friday, **May 31<sup>st</sup>**, 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.

- **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 Data Sheets** must be completed and returned directly to the principal's office no later than **Friday, February 15, 2019.**

**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 is Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

- **From the Development Office:**

**Ladies Night Out**

Our Annual Ladies Night Out is this Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thank you for your strong response! There is still time to R.S.V.P. Please stop by the front office or contact Anna Sakalis if you misplaced the invite and/or the raffle sheet.

We have exciting raffle items. They include a Coach handbag and wallet, a Gucci wool scarf, a cashmere wrap, gift cards and much more!

Our 'Ladies Only' evening will offer shopping experiences and an opportunity for you to enjoy quality time with moms and other Saint Ignatius Loyola School friends.... An event you will be sorry to miss!

Feel free to invite friends - the more the merrier.

**Celtic Celebration**

Save the date, our Annual Celtic Celebration is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>. The invitation is to follow.

**2019 Benefit Auction**

Save the date, our 2019 Benefit Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. As in every year, 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 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.

Our next Auction meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. All parents who are available to lend a hand and get involved are welcome to attend.

- If you are **not** returning to Saint Ignatius Loyola School in September 2019, please submit the sheet below to Ms. Larkin's office.

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\_\_\_ My child/ren **will not be returning** to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

He/she will be attending:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Name of School to Submit Transcripts

**(Transcripts will be forwarded only if tuition is current.)**

Name of Student/s \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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