

# SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

It was so nice to see so many of you at Friday evening's Harvest Dance. It was very clear from the expressions on everyone's faces as they exited, that a good time was had by all.

As we settle into our newly minted title of 2018 National Blue Ribbon School, I am so proud to share that, of the 49 nonpublic schools in the nation awarded Blue Ribbon recognition, Saint Ignatius Loyola School is the only non-public school in New York State to be named. This definitely is a reason for all of us to be so proud.

If you would indulge me just a little more... Last week, Dr. Timothy McNiff, the Superintendent of Schools contacted my office to share that Saint Ignatius Loyola School had the highest ELA scores in the Archdiocese of New York, including Westchester, on the 2018 New York State Tests. Congratulations to all!!!!

On a different note, the State of the School address has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. For our new families, the State of the School meeting gives you an opportunity to hear from myself, Ms. Savarese, Ms. Anna Sakalis and Mr. Fernando Castro. We discuss the successes and challenges of the previous school year. So, mark your calendar.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin  
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Permission Slip – Grade 6  
Permission Slip – Grade 7  
Permission Slip – Grade 8  
Letter from Ms. Larkin – Grades K – 8  
Halloween Carnival Invite – Grades K – 8  
Halloween Carnival Grand Prize Raffle – Grades K – 8  
Halloween 50/50 Ticket Raffle – Grades K - 8

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

**\*Important to Note:**

- Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – **Mass Grades 6-8 at 1:15 p.m. in Church.**
- Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>- **Last Day to Return Community Raffles.**
- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – **Third Grade Parent Meeting** in the Great Room from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - **Halloween Carnival Set-Up** in McKinnon Hall.
- Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> - **Halloween Carnival Sponsored by the Eighth Grade** in McKinnon Hall.

## **\*Parent Information:**

- As I noted in last week's Weekly, our website has a refreshing new look. As a part of the changes made to the school's website, there are now pages on the website that are password protected. Attached to this week's Weekly is a letter showing the parent portal username and password. We ask that you not share the aforementioned information with anyone outside of the current Saint Ignatius Loyola School community, since it is a secure area of the website.
- **Mark your calendar**  
**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, school will be closed in celebration and gratitude for our 2018 National Blue Ribbon recognition.**
- **Kindergarten Bus Service** began last week. As a gentle reminder, we ask that you write on an index card and pin into your child's backpack and blazer:
  - The name of the person meeting your child at the bus stop
  - Your child's bus stop
  - Your child's bus number
  - The best phone number to reach either you or the person picking up your child
  - Your home address
- **Ronald McDonald House**  
October 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be running our annual drive for the Ronald McDonald House. Listed below are the items requested per grade. Your child should bring the item(s) directly to his/her classroom. They should not be left in the front office.

### **Ronald McDonald House Items**

- K - 1** soup
- K - 2** pasta
- 1 - 1** paper towels
- 1 - 2** toilet paper (preferably the four pack)
- 2 - 1** napkins
- 2 - 2** paper plates
- 3 - 1** antibacterial wipes
- 3 - 2** disinfecting spray (preferably Lysol)
- 4 - 1** mustard
- 4 - 2** mayonnaise
- 5 - 1** ketchup
- 5 - 2** tomato sauce
- 6 - 1** toothbrushes (child and adult)
- 6 - 2** toothpaste (child and adult)
- 7 - 1** canned fruit
- 7 - 2** canned vegetables
- 8 - 1** hand sanitizers
- 8 - 2** band-aids

Thank you for your continued support of our Ronald McDonald House family.

- **Date Changes from the Calendar:**  
**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, school will be closed in celebration of Blue Ribbon.**  
**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, is a full day of school.**  
**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, is a noon dismissal.**  
**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, State of the School Meeting.**  
**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, is a full day of school.**  
**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, is a noon dismissal.**
- **Eighth Grade High School Information:**  
It is crucial that you and your eighth grade child attend open houses of the various schools that you are interested in before applying. Please consult each private school's website, the TACHS Student Directory, Public High School Directory and Specialized Public High School Handbook for open house information.

For schools that require letters of recommendation and transcripts, the request forms must be filled out and submitted to Mrs. Zuck no later than **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. If the school requires online submissions, please forward the link(s) to Mrs. Zuck, not to the teacher. You will be assessed a \$50 late fee per application if forms are submitted after the October 19<sup>th</sup> deadline.

SHSAT and LaGuardia tickets will be printed and sent home on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. For most students, the SHSAT exam will take place on **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at Stuyvesant High School**. Read your tickets thoroughly. Please read with your eighth grader: *Useful Tips for SHSAT Testing* (pages 28-43) in the *2018-2019 Specialized High Schools Student Handbook*.

Please call Mrs. Zuck at extension 106 with any questions.

- **News from the Development Office**

- **Harvest Dance**

Thank you to all the parent volunteers and co-chairs who helped with setup, served the food, soft drinks, crafts, face art, selling tickets/raffles, assisted with cafeteria security and helped with breakdown – THANK YOU!!!

The Harvest Dance was a huge success!

- **Worlds Finest Chocolate**

Thank you to all our students who helped this year's sale be a huge success!

**Last call - Please send in** any outstanding chocolate payment in the form of a check, made payable to Saint Ignatius Loyola School and send to the Development Department by this Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Our top three Chocolate Sale winners are:**

**First Prize: Madison Kelly**

**Second Prize: Luke Bandur-Rosen**

**Third Prize: Alexander Macdonald**

**Congratulations to all!**

- **Halloween**

On Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Graduating Class of 2019 will be sponsoring the Annual Halloween Carnival in McKinnon Hall.

Attached please find the tickets request form along with the two raffle forms. Money raised from this event is used to underwrite the cost of the eighth grade graduation trip and yearbook.

- **Community Raffle**

All Community Raffle ticket stubs and payments are due back to the Development Office by Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. We ask that all checks be made payable to Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

Additional raffle tickets are available at the front office. Please contact the Development Office at 212-861-3820 ext. 135 with any questions you may have. This fundraiser is the one and only event where students can earn dress down passes.

- **SoulCycle – Save the Date**

We have booked a SoulCycle ride on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. at the studio on West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Funds raised this year will be donated to assist one of our Saint Ignatius Loyola School families, who has been directly impacted by Hurricane Michael.

Details for the ride to follow.

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