

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

I am extremely excited and proud to announce that, on Monday, October 1st, the U.S. Department of Education contacted me to share the news that Saint Ignatius Loyola School was named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.

It is such a pride filled moment since this is the second time under the tenure and leadership of myself and Ms. Savarese that Saint Ignatius Loyola School has been designated an "Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School."

We can now proudly call ourselves a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School and a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.

We appreciate and understand that this recognition does not happen in isolation. It is through the hard work of the administration, the faculty, the students and, of course, the parents. The application process is similar to writing a thesis paper. Saint Ignatius Loyola School qualified to apply since our test scores for both the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and the New York State Tests were in the top 10% nationally. Writing the application involved pulling together our standardized test scores, describing our different types of programs, as well as an in-depth explanation of our curriculum.

In writing about the school, we were held to a word limit which we found to be quite challenging, since we had so many great things to share about Saint Ignatius Loyola School.

I would be remiss if I did not extend an extra thank you to Ms. Rosalie Savarese and Mrs. Ana Zuck. They willingly gave up many evenings to work along with me to complete the application.

Below is the announcement from the U.S. Secretary of Education Betsey DeVos.

Dear Principal of Saint Ignatius Loyola School:

Congratulations! Saint Ignatius Loyola School in Archdiocese of New York has been designated an Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2018 by U. S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. Your school is one of 349 schools in the nation and one of twenty schools from New York to be recognized in 2018. You will be receiving your school's official letter of designation by the end of this week.

Congratulations to the Saint Ignatius Loyola School community!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

Harvest Dance 50/50 Raffle – Grades K – 8
Cocktail Reception Invite – Grades K – 2, New Parents
Community Raffle Flyer – Grades K - 8
Community Raffle Tickets – Grades K - 8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, October 4th – **Band Begins.**
- Thursday, October 4th – **Community Raffle Begins.**
- Friday, October 5th – **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal. No After School Care.**
- Monday, October 8th – **Columbus Day – No School.**
- Tuesday, October 9th – **Winter Uniform Begins.**
- Wednesday, October 10th – **Dr. Grace Pilcer Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting – 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Great Room.**
- Thursday, October 11th – **High School Fair - Grades 6-8 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.**
- Friday, October 12th – **World’s Finest Chocolate Sale Ends.**
- Friday, October 12th – **Harvest Dance** in Wallace Hall.
- Monday, October 15th – **Professional Day - No School.**
- Tuesday, October 16th – **Preschool Directors’ Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the Great Room.**
- Wednesday, October 17th – **Mass Grades 3-5 at 1:15 p.m. in Church.**
- Thursday, October 18th – **Mass Grades 6-8 at 1:15 p.m. in Church.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Kindergarten Bus Service** began today. As a gentle reminder, we ask that you write on an index card and pin into your child’s backpack:
 - 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 1st through Friday, October 26th, 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 30th, is a full day of school.
Friday, December 7th, is a noon dismissal.
Friday, May 24th, is a full day of school.
Friday, May 31st, is a noon dismissal.

- **Eighth Grade High School 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 19th**. If the school requires online submissions, please forward the link(s) to Mrs. Zuck, not to the teacher.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents, please join us at the High School Fair on Thursday, October 11th, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

Academic Scholarships:

There are many available. Please visit the schools and their websites. Here are a few notable ones that have come to our attention:

- 1) This year's Xavier Scholarship Exam (HSPT) will take place on Saturday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m. Registration is required online by November 9th. It is important to note, if your son is a Regis candidate, your son may only take the HSPT once and must take it at Regis. Parents must sign a consent form granting permission for Regis to share the scores with Xavier.
- 2) New this year: Students interested in being considered for a merit scholarship at Fordham Prep, must submit a Merit Scholarship Recommendation Form from his principal and submit a Merit Scholarship Essay Form. Deadline is December 31, 2018.
- 3) St. John's Prep offers the Peter F. Vallone Scholarship Examination on Saturday, December 1st. Applications are available online and are due on November 27th.
- 4) Archbishop Molloy High School – Columbus Citizens Foundation Scholarships and Named Scholarships are available to those who qualify. Applications and more information may be found on the school's website.
- 5) Iona Preparatory School's Blessed Edmund Rice Merit Scholarship – application, personal essay and principal recommendation are due December 15, 2018. The criteria to apply may be found on www.ionaprep.org.

- **Girls Scouts**

Girl Scouting helps to build women with a sense of courage, confidence and character. The Girls Scouts are offered multiple activities and opportunities within the program, in addition to the opportunity to take part in Girl Scout Sunday Mass and weekend trips.

The Girl Scouts at Saint Ignatius Loyola School meet on Mondays, typically once a month from 3:10 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

If your daughter was not a Girl Scout last year and is interested in being part of a Girl Scout Troop at Saint Ignatius Loyola School, please feel free to contact Danielle Klyap at my3arks@gmail.com.

- **News from the Development Office**

BINGO

Friday night's Back-to-School Bingo was a night of great fun for all. Thank you to all our volunteers! To our eighth grade student volunteers who helped throughout the evening: Indya Adam, Sophia Chan, Madison Kelly, Sofia Mychalczak, Keara O'Donnell, Kate Rice, Frances Smith, Anne Tully and Hannah Young – THANK YOU!

World's Finest Chocolate Sale

Thank you to all our students who are making this year's sale such a huge success! **For prize eligibility, all money and/or unopened box of chocolates must be returned by Friday, October 12th.**

We ask that all payments be made in the form of a check, made payable to Saint Ignatius Loyola School and sent to the Development Office by Friday, October 12th.

Harvest Dance

The Annual Harvest Dance is scheduled for Friday, October 12th, in Wallace Hall. Please find the raffle sheet in today's Weekly. The invitation was included last week.

Space is limited, so we kindly ask you to R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, October 10th. We are in need of volunteers to assist throughout the event, including set up, and are grateful for any assistance you can offer - please let us know when you R.S.V.P. for the dance.

Community Raffle

This year's Community Raffle announcement and raffle tickets are included in today's Weekly. Additional raffle tickets will be 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.

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