

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary has several definitions for the word “community.” As noted below:

- a. a unified body of individuals*
- b. the people with common interests living in a particular area*
- c. an interacting population of various kinds of individuals (such as species) in a common location*
- d. a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society*
- e. a group linked by a common policy*

No matter the number of definitions, our school community truly embodied the word “community” last week for two separate events – the Halloween Carnival and our SoulCycle ride.

Thank you to our Eighth Grade parents and our Class of 2019 for the success of the Halloween Carnival.

Thank you to all who rode with us on Friday evening and to those of you who donated but were unable to join us on the ride - you were with us in spirit. An additional thank you goes out to Mrs. Christy Messina, who was our SoulCycle Ambassador.

Have a good week.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

- Permission Slip – Grade 3
- Report Card Conference Memo – Grades K-3
- Report Card Conference Memo – Grades 4-8
- Christmas Pageant Sign-Up Forms – Grades K-7
- Community Directory – Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Friday, November 9th – **End of First Quarter.**
- Friday, November 9th – **No School in celebration and gratitude for our 2018 National Blue Ribbon recognition.**
- Sunday, November 11th - **Veteran’s Day.**
- Monday, November 12th – **Veteran’s Day Observed - No School.**

- Thursday, November 15th – **Grade 2 Parent Reconciliation Meeting** at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Wallace Hall.
- Monday, November 19th – **Thanksgiving Mass** Grades K-8 at 1:15 p.m. in church. All are welcome to attend.
- Monday, November 19th – **Parent Christmas Craft/Miniature Trim-a-Tree Night** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- Tuesday, November 20th – **Pajama Day – Details to follow.**
- Tuesday, November 20th – **Thanksgiving Recess Begins at 3:00 p.m. Dismissal. No Afterschool Care.**
- Wednesday, November 21st – **Thanksgiving Recess No School.**
- Thursday, November 22nd – **Thanksgiving Day No School.**
- Friday, November 23rd – **Thanksgiving Recess No School.**

***Parent Information:**

- **Manhattan Community Board 8 Meeting – Regarding Bike Lanes**

An update by the Department of Transportation regarding the addition of crosstown bike lanes is scheduled to be discussed on Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m., at the City of New York’s Manhattan Community Board 8 Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the New York Blood Center auditorium located at 310 East 67th Street between First Avenue and Second Avenue.

If your schedule allows, your support is needed. It is important to note that this is not just a Saint Ignatius Loyola School concern, but a community and neighborhood concern.

- **Ronald McDonald House Kids Charity Fun Run**

On Saturday, November 10th, at 9 a.m., the **Ronald McDonald House Kids Charity Fun Run** will take place in Central Park. Fun new additions this year - **Face Painting, Balloon Artist, and Iron Man** greeting the children. The run is a wonderful opportunity for children to have fun and raise money for an important cause - children running for children! Your participation and raising of funds help provide families fighting cancer a “home-away-from-home” in NYC. Join in the fun! The Fun Run pamphlets were distributed in class. Just follow the steps listed in the pamphlet and register online. Join the Saint Ignatius Loyola School team. You must join the Saint Ignatius Loyola School team to be included as part of the school’s team totals. Then register your child for the Fun Run. This step will register your child for the run and will allow you to create your fundraising page. Ask friends and family to sponsor your child online. Let’s have this year be our best turnout. **Please note: The Fun Run will be at a new location.** Please meet at: **Central Park Naumburg Bandshell / Bethesda Fountain site.** GREAT CAUSE! GREAT FUN! **GO LIONS!** Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Muldoon-Coughlin at 917-816-4618, or email nancymuldooncoughlin@gmail.com.

- **Eighth Grade High School Information:**

This year’s Xavier Scholarship Exam takes place on Saturday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m. You must apply online by November 9th. ***Your son may take the HSPT only once.*** If your son took the HSPT at Regis High school, please give Xavier High school permission to access his score from Regis.

Please note that Dominican Academy and St. Vincent Ferrer now require online applications to be completed, in addition to the TACHS Applicant Record that is completed and submitted by Saint Ignatius Loyola School. It is the parent’s responsibility to review and follow each school’s particular application process (Catholic, public and private), as they are all different and change from year to year.

Regular public school applications are to be completed and submitted to Mrs. Zuck no later than **Friday, November 16th.**

- **Date Changes from the Calendar:**

Friday, November 9th, school will be closed in celebration of Blue Ribbon.

Friday, November 30th, is a full day of school.

Friday, December 7th, is a noon dismissal.

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 Office**

Halloween Carnival

Thank you to our Eighth Graders for a fantastic Halloween Carnival! A huge shout out to all our eighth grade parents. An additional shout out for our event co-chairs Brian & Aurora Dutzer and Eric & Asako Lyons! The décor, treats and café were enjoyed by all in attendance!

Community Raffle

Dress down passes are scheduled be sent home today with your child. Please contact the Development Director, Anna Sakalis, at sakalisa@saintignatiusloyola.org if you did not receive the passes.

10 Raffle tickets at a cost of \$50 = 10 Dress Down Passes

20 Raffle tickets at a cost of \$100 = 25 Dress Down Passes

It is important to note, dress down passes are **only transferrable to siblings**. **Regretfully, we are unable to replace passes that have been lost or misplaced.**

The pass must be presented to your child's homeroom teacher on the day he/she is redeeming it. Each pass is numbered and has been individually assigned to each student.

Dress down passes cannot be used on liturgy days and other special occasion days when full uniform is required. Please refer to page 3 of your 2018 - 2019 Student Handbook for Casual Dress Down Day guidelines.

The last day to use Dress down passes is Thursday, May 16, 2019.

Christmas Santa Brunch Weekend**Craft Night/Miniature Trim-a Tree Night**

It is hard to believe the Annual Christmas Santa Brunch weekend is less than a month away! There is a lot to do in preparation for our Christmas weekend.

Join us for an adult only evening of crafting and packaging at our Christmas Craft/Miniature Trim-a-Tree Night on Monday, November 19th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

We ask for you to **bring your own miniature Christmas tree trimmings** and we will supply the tree. There will also be some pricing and gift basket packaging to be done.

Gift Baskets:

Each year, our volunteers give their heart, soul and time creating gourmet baskets to sell at our Christmas Santa Brunch weekend. If you are able to donate, the following items are needed to continue our tradition.

Baked/Packaged Basket Items: cookies (i.e. biscotti, gingerbread), chocolates, crackers, breadsticks, gourmet coffees, teas and hot chocolate; gourmet jams & jellies; small jars of honey & syrup; pastas, grains, sauces, olive oil, balsamic vinegar; cooking utensils etc.

Libation Basket Items: champagne, prosecco, wine, cordials; gourmet snack foods (spreads, crackers); stemware.

To ensure that the assembly of baskets can begin at Christmas Craft/Miniature Trim-a-Tree Night, kindly drop off your donations to the main office by Wednesday, November 14th. Please label the items as such. Do not hesitate to contact Anna Sakalis, at 212-861-3820 ext. 135 or by email at sakalisa@saintignatiusloyola.org with any questions you may have.

The Christmas Santa Brunch Weekend does take a village of extra special elves to be a success!

THANK YOU!

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