

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA WEEKLY

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Dear Parents,

From school year to school year, it never gets old celebrating all of the wonderful academic, spiritual, athletic, fine arts and social happenings in our school community. I am once again happy to share how successful we were in the **2017-2018** school year.

Our enrollment in the **2017-2018** school year remained strong with 535 students. There were 51% boys and 49% girls and 91% of our students were baptized Catholic. Our student body was represented by 48 nations.

Each school year, the faculty builds on the foundation that has been laid in the primary grades to help the students grow and develop into both concrete and abstract thinkers. It is clear through the merit scholarships awarded to the **Class of 2018**, that the students are meeting and surpassing the expectations set before them. The **Class of 2018** was awarded \$3.2 million dollars in merit scholarship. The students' hard work afforded them opportunities in the Archdiocesan schools, the private schools in and beyond New York City, as well as the Specialized Public High Schools. I have said on many occasions that the world is our students' oyster as they move on to high school.

In a recent conversation with a representative from the United States Department of Education regarding our school's Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and New York State scores, she shared that our students rank in the top 10% nationally, from the kindergarten through to the eighth grade. Our students in the Third Grade through to Eighth Grade were the highest performers in the Archdiocese of New York on the New York State English Language Arts Exam.

At a recent Admissions Meet and Greet, one of our sibling families shared that something "magical" happens here. It is through the administration, faculty, staff, parents, and, of course, the students' commitment and dedication to Saint Ignatius Loyola School that wonderful, magical things happen and continue to happen on 84th Street.

As you will note from the attachments included, our students' achievements, coupled with your involvement, continue to exceed expectations.

We have so much to be proud of as a school community.

Have a good week!

Sincerely,

Mary E. Larkin
Principal

Attached to the Weekly are the following:

State of the School Information – Grades K-8
Letter from the Superintendent of Schools – Grades K-8
CulinArt February Lunch Menu– Grades K-8

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

***Important to Note:**

- Thursday, January 31st – **Orchestra & Jazz Band Concert** at 6:00 p.m. in McKinnon Hall.
- Friday, February 1st – **Sullivan Cup – Eighth Grade Parents only.**
- Friday, February 1st – **Faculty Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal – No After School Care.**
- Saturday, February 2nd – **First Reconciliation** for Second Grade at 10:00 a.m. in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.
- Monday, February 4th – **Grades 1 through 7 Admissions Notifications will be mailed this week.**
- Friday, February 8th – **Ladies' Night Out in McKinnon 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.
- As a reminder, the **State of the School Meeting** scheduled for this evening has been cancelled. Included in today's Weekly are the detailed charts that we would have shared with you.
- **Date Changes from the Calendar:**
Friday, February 15th, 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 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 stays 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.

- **STRINGS PROGRAM:**
The Winter Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble Concert is scheduled to take place in McKinnon Hall tomorrow evening, **Thursday, January 31st**

Dress Rehearsal Thursday, January 31st McKinnon Hall

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Beginning Orchestra & Intermediate Orchestra

4:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Advanced Orchestra*

*Advanced students who are not in afterschool can stay in McKinnon Hall until their rehearsal time

Concert Thursday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m. McKinnon Hall

Call time for all students to report to the Music Room is 5:30 p.m.

Concert Dress:

Students are required to wear "concert black".

Girls: Black dresses or skirts, tea length or longer. Tops should also be black and have sleeves. No short skirts or sleeveless tops. Black or nude hose/tights and black shoes, if possible. No sneakers.

Boys: Black trousers and white button-up shirts. No tuxedos, polo shirts, jeans, ties, or bow-ties. Black socks and black shoes, if possible. No sneakers

- **Second Grade Parent Information**
Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. - We will gather in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with your children. Seating in the church will be on a first come, first served basis. Families may have the entire pew for their extended family.

The children do not have to wear their school uniforms. However, we do ask that they do not wear gym type clothes.

As a gentle reminder, we will be in a sacred space, so we ask that you refrain from being on your cellphone, drinking coffee and eating.

- **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 28th.

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 scheduled for next Friday, February 8th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please stop by the front office or contact Anna Sakalis if you misplaced the invite and/or the raffle sheet.

Raffle items include - a Coach handbag and wallet, Gucci wool scarf, cashmere wrap, gift cards and 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.

So that we can plan accordingly, please **R.S.V.P by Monday, February 4th.**

2019 Benefit Auction

Save the date, our 2019 Benefit Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th. 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 garnering donations, consider establishments you frequent alone or with your family, the stores you shop at, and/or your place of employment.

Opportunities/experiences you can offer and would like to donate to the auction, please share your ideas with us fellow members of the school. Examples of such are classes, sports events, hotels, restaurants, entertainment, fashion, beauty, health, nutrition

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.

- **TRANSPORTATION**

Current school issued metro cards will expire on Thursday, January 31, 2019. New metro cards will be given out the week of January 28th.

- If you are **not** returning to Saint Ignatius Loyola School in September 2019, we ask that you complete the tear off sheet below and return it to Ms. Larkin's office by Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Please tear off and return to Ms. Larkin's office by **Tuesday, February 5, 2019.**

___ 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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