



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

February 5, 2010

Dear Loyola High School Families,

As I write this, there is a strange calm over this building as if the energy has been blown out the door. Although the peace is welcome, it makes me realize again that the heart and soul and energy of this high school are our students who, at this moment, are energizing the Wow Zone. It has been a wonderful Catholic Schools Week complete with talent and music and zombies and pancakes and, most especially, the all-school Mass. The week will culminate this afternoon with basketball, powder puff football, snow art and myriad of other activities.

It is weeks like this one that remind me why we chose to send our children here, why I chose to teach here, and why I pray to lead here until the day I retire. It is a place where the Spirit is alive and joy overshadows despair – a place of hope.

Next Wednesday is Re-enrollment Night and I hope you plan on attending. The food will be great, your registration fee will be waived, and we have lots of great prizes to give away. *Please call Gretchen at 388-2997 and let her know how many members of your family will be attending.* I would also invite you to visit the website and see the great work our teachers have done in building their own websites. Some of them are a little rough yet but we are working to get them all proofed and edited.

I hear the front doors opening and a gust of cold air is carrying the sound of laughter – they're back. I couldn't be happier.

Blessings,

Bette Blaisdell  
Loyola High School Principal

## **Other News ~**

An effort is underway to create a full-time Booster Club for Loyola Activities. An informal meeting was held January 27, 2010, to determine interest in this project, and it was well attended. Many ideas were exchanged, some questions answered, and everyone there was excited to get started.

The next meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 6:15pm** at the Loose Moose Saloon Conference Center in downtown Mankato. All parents, staff, alumni and interested parties are welcome to attend this meeting; the organizers are looking for ideas for Booster Club activities as well as people willing to serve on the board and/or committees.

Please contact Brad O'Donnell as soon as possible at: [bodonnell@macsmn.com](mailto:bodonnell@macsmn.com) or 507-340-3902, if you would like to serve on the board or a committee, or if you have any other questions about this project. Hope to see you at the meeting!

***RE-ENROLLMENT NIGHT – Be sure to mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 10, for Re-Enrollment Night on the Good Counsel Campus. Please RSVP to the school office by calling 388-9344 or emailing [rmartinka@macsmn.com](mailto:rmartinka@macsmn.com). A flyer with more details was sent with report cards.***

**ANNOUNCING FEBRUARY SPIRIT SHOP HOURS** – For the month of February, Loyola Catholic School's Spirit Shop, located on the Fitzgerald Campus, will change their hours to: Tuesdays, 12:30 – 3:30 P.M. and Wednesdays, 7:30 – 8:30 A.M. At other times, please call Keri (340-6991) or Joan (380-6677) for an appointment.

**FCA MANKATO LOYOLA NIGHT WITH THE TIMBERWOLVES** will be Sunday, February 21, 2010, 6:00 P.M. at the Target Center. It is open to LCS students in Grades 8-12. The bus will leave the GC Campus at 3:30 P.M. The cost is \$11.00 and the deadline for signup and payment is February 10, 2010. Return permission forms and payment to Mr. Biehn or the Activities Office.

**THESPIANS GONE WILD!** The Loyola Drama/Theater Department will be hosting a Wild Game Tasting on Saturday, February 27, at 6:30 PM. Tickets for *Thespians Gone Wild!* are only \$15.00 per person to attend this fundraiser that will benefit the Loyola Theater Department. HUNTERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you have wild game or fish that you would like to donate for this fun event, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Todd Tanhoff to arrange a donation or to join this fun committee. Call 340.0644 or email [ttanhoff@yourcts.net](mailto:ttanhoff@yourcts.net).

## **LCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>Monday, February 8</b>	<b>McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonald's 5:00 – 7:00</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 9</b>	<b>NO A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 10</b>	<b>Re-Enrollment Night on GC Campus</b>
<b>Monday, February 15</b>	<b>President's Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 17</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>Friday, February 19</b>	<b>Mid-Quarter for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Monday, March 8</b>	<b>McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonald's 5:00 – 7:00</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>	<b>NO A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Thursday, March 18</b>	<b>End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Friday, March 19</b>	<b>Staff Development Day – No School</b>
<b>Thursday, April 1</b>	<b>Holy Thursday – No School</b>
<b>Friday, April 2</b>	<b>Good Friday – No School</b>
<b>Monday, April 5</b>	<b>Easter Monday – No School</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 6</b>	<b>NCEA Conference / Staff Day - No School PreK –12</b>
<b>Monday, April 12</b>	<b>McEducator Night - Madison Ave McDonald's 5:00 – 7:00</b>
<b>Friday, April 23</b>	<b>Mid-Quarter for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Friday, April 30</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>Saturday, May 1</b>	<b>MACS Nite</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 11</b>	<b>NO A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Friday, May 28</b>	<b>Last Day of School</b>