



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
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**WEEKLY LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS** are published on the school website, [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org). From the homepage, click on "Parents," then select "School Newsletters" from the link.

**HALLOWEEN DANCE** -- Fitz Builders Club will sponsor a Halloween dance tonight from 7:00 – 10:00 P.M. for Grades 6-8. (A signed permission form is needed to attend.) All proceeds will go to our UNICEF donation.

**RAKE THE TOWN** -- Calling all Builders Club members and parents. Start your Halloween day by doing service for others. We will be participating in the citywide program through VINE, helping those in need rake their lawns. The morning culminates with a lunch at St. Joseph the Worker Church. There will be drawings for door prizes and we will have a lot of fun. If you are not yet a Builders Club member, it is not too late to join. What a great way to earn service hours!

**TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF**-- In Uruguay, more than half a million children and adolescents are living in poverty. Through the creation and management of socio-educative and cultural centers, UNICEF will help at-risk adolescents by providing education, family counseling, job skills, recreation and social services. Funds raised through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF will support programs like these desperately needed in Uruguay. YOU can help. Pick up a box in the office or see Mrs. Doyle for more details.

**CONFERENCES** – Your assigned conference time will be sent home on Monday, November 2. Please ask your student for their conference sheet. Conferences for the Fitzgerald Campus will be held Wednesday, November 11, 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. and Thursday, November 12, 1:00 – 7:00 P.M. There is **NO SCHOOL** on Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13. (If you can help the Home & School Association with snacks/meals for conferences, please see the form below.)

**SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES** will be on Wednesday, November 4. If your child is having their pictures retaken, they may be out of uniform for the day. All other children need to be in their school uniform. To have pictures taken, each child must have one of the following: their original packet of pictures or a new order packet that includes payment for the photos. New order packets are available in the office. If you can help with retakes, please call the office (388- 9344).

**STUFF A TRUCK** -- Our school will be collecting food and supplies for our local food shelf through Thursday, November 5th. Please give generously. Personal items like shampoo and deodorant are most welcome. We collected over 1600 lbs. of food and personal items last year. Our goal this year is to top 2000 lbs. The homeroom with the most weight and that collects items from each category on their list will win a homeroom breakfast courtesy of the Fitz Builders Club.

**GUTHRIE THEATER** -- The seventh grade students will be going to the Guthrie Theatre to see A Christmas Carol on Tuesday, November 24. Please read and return a completed permission form (see below) by Friday, November 6th with the payment of \$21.00. If your student needs a scholarship, please contact Mr. Schumacher (388-9344).

**FITZGERALD BOOK CLUB** -- Always wanted to join a book club? Here is your chance to join others in reading, enjoy good books, and have great food. Fitzgerald Book Club will begin Friday, November 6, at 7:20 A.M. in the Media Center. We will meet twice a month, once at the first of the month to begin our book and once at the end of the month to discuss the book and other works by that author. Our second meeting for November will be on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:20-7:50 A.M. We are going to start our book club with a humorous story by Gary Schmidt, The Wednesday Wars. Purchase the book from a bookstore or borrow one from our library or the public library. If you are unable to locate or purchase a book, see Mrs. Corcoran. Book club requires no other work than reading and sharing good books with friends. Please sign up in the library or email [rcorcoran@macsmn.com](mailto:rcorcoran@macsmn.com) by Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, if you plan to participate so I can prepare accordingly. This Club is open to all 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you and happy reading, -- Mrs. Ruthie Corcoran

\*\*Check out the book club website for more info: <http://www.loyolabookclub.blogspot.com/>\*\*

**BOOK FAIR** -- You are invited to celebrate the coming of the fair by making a bookworm. These little guys will help us prepare for and decorate the book fair, which is coming to Loyola Elementary and Middle School during conferences – November 11th and 12th. These cute critters will be on display at the book fair.

Supplies: Anything your heart desires. Bookworms can be created out of any material that you like.

Rules (these are good):

Work alone or work with many (families with more than one child can work on a bookworm as a team and each child will reap the rewards!)

Please identify works of art with child/children's name and teacher's name.

Voluntary activity

Don't make it a chore.... It is suppose to be fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Rewards: A fun celebration of reading and creativity! Every person who enters will receive a small trinket from the book fair and their name will be entered into several drawings for book fair prizes.

Due date: Thursday, November 5 or sooner!!!

Questions contact: Ruthie Corcoran @388-2997 ext 268

**ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL** (boys' and girls' grades 4/5/6) information and registration can be found at the following link: <http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org/activitieselementary.htm> Deadline for registration is November 7, 2009.

## FROM THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents:

A number of parents have asked about blocking certain websites when a student is at home. My suggested free method is to use OpenDNS. <http://www.opendns.com/>

In a nutshell, all computers use what is called Domain Name System (DNS) to access the Internet. When you type in [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), your computer first finds a DNS server (typically, through your home router- it is all done behind the scenes). This DNS server looks through an internal database, which says, "OK, [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)'s Internet Protocol (IP) address is 74.125.45.100" It is actually this IP address that computers across the world use to communicate. What this means is that in order to access the Internet, your computers must talk to a DNS server in order to successfully communicate. This is where OpenDNS comes in handy.

Since anytime we enter an Internet address such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), a DNS server must be queried. We can use OpenDNS to act as our DNS server, which has the ability to filter the web content going through your home network.

In order to use OpenDNS, I suggest adding the information to your Router, which can be selected from here: <https://store.opendns.com/setup/> Within the router page, OpenDNS will provide links to instructions for your router.

Here is another webpage explaining how to use OpenDNS for content filtering once you have OpenDNS set up:

<http://blogs.howtogeek.com/mysticgeek/2008/08/07/protect-your-kids-online-with-any-os-using-open-dns/>

Please note that every home network is set up differently and you can get support by going here: <http://www.opendns.com/support/> -- If you have difficulty, please contact your network provider.

John DuVal

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**WHEN TO CALL FOR HELP WHEN YOU ARE SICK---**Contact your clinic or doctor or call 911 if the sick person:

- Has difficulty breathing or chest pain.
- Has gray/blue lips or skin.
- Has fever above 104 F (above 101 F for a child) that cannot be reduced.
- Has sever or persistent coughing.
- Has a sign of dehydration
- Has a seizure.
- Is unable to move an arm or leg.
- Is confused or not waking up.
- Improves and then symptoms return.

Minnesotans with flu symptoms can call the Minnesota FluLine toll free at 1-866-259-4655.

**THINGS THEOLOGICAL** - The next Things Theological at St. Joseph's the Worker Church will be "Grow to Meet Him: Advent" presented by Bishop John Quinn of the Diocese of Winona on Thursday, November 12, 7:00 P.M. St. Joseph's the Worker Church is located at W. 7<sup>th</sup> and Hubbell Streets. For more information, contact St. Joseph's at 388-3766.

***PLEASE SCROLL DOWN FOR A GUTHRIE THEATER PERMISSION FORM  
AND  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS!***

**LCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Friday, October 30	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter - Builders Club Dance - 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 31	Builders Club participates in Rake the Town
Sunday, November 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Monday, November 2	Knowledge Bowl Meet - Leaves at 6:45 A.M.
Wednesday, November 4	Mass at SSPP - 8:15 A.M. - FCA Club Meeting Study Table - 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. Lifetouch Picture Retakes - After Mass
Thursday, November 5	Deadline for Stuff-A-Truck Items
Friday, November 6	Spirit Day!
Saturday, November 7	Wired to the Heart Event
Tuesday, November 10	No A.M. Busing - School Begins at 8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, November 11	Mass at SSPP - 8:15 A.M. - FCA Club Meeting NO STUDY TABLE
Thursday, November 12	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. No School
Friday, November 13	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 1:00 - 7:00 P.M. No School
Wednesday, November 18	Mass at SSPP - 8:15 A.M. - SADD Meeting Study Table - 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Thursday, November 19	Knowledge Bowl Meet - Leave at 7:00 A.M.
Friday, November 20	Jacque the Fur Trader visits 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Tuesday, November 24	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade to the Guthrie Theater for "A Christmas Carol"
Wednesday, November 25	Mass at SSPP - 8:15 A.M. - FCA Meeting NO STUDY TABLE
Thursday & Friday, November 26-27	No School - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Wednesday, December 2	Mass at SSPP - 8:15 A.M. - Builders Club Meeting
Tuesday, December 8	No A.M. Busing - School Begins at 8:00 A.M. Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary Builders Club Meeting
Wednesday, December 9	Advent Penance Service and Confessions
Wednesday, December 16	Mass at SSPP - 8:15 A.M. - FCA Meeting
December 21 - January 1	No School - Christmas Break

# Happy Fall!!

## Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are coming soon!

The Loyola Catholic School Home & School Association needs your help in treating faculty/staff with tasty suppers for both conference nights.

Conferences are set at the Intermediate School for the following times:  
4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, November 11th  
1:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

If you are graciously willing to donate an item, please complete the tear off section & send it back to school with your child by Thursday, November 5th.

Wednesday, November 11 ~ serve cheese and crackers  
Thursday, November 12 ~ serve a full meal

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your H & S Reps:

Chris Doyle  
625-8668

Michelle Headington  
345-2137

Cheryl Liu  
386-7242

Kim Dehen  
345-8502

Jeanne Atkinson  
386-1232

Ana Ovalle  
387-8220

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Yes, I can donate the following Item(s) for the Parent Teacher conferences at Fitzgerald Intermediate:

- |                          |                |                          |               |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fruit          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bottled water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chips/Munchies | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dessert       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheese         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Crackers      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____    |                          |               |

Grade (Check one): \_\_\_\_\_ 6, 7, & 8) \_\_\_\_\_ 4 & 5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: H & S representative will call to confirm your commitment by Monday, Nov 9th. If you are not contacted, we appreciate your generosity and hope we can count on you in the future.

# LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I/We, the parents or legal guardians of \_\_\_\_\_, request that our student be allowed to participate in the field trip described below. This activity will take place away from the school site and will be supervised by employees of Loyola Catholic School and/or volunteers arranged by the advisor organizing the field trip. All of the rules and regulations contained in the Student-Parent Handbook are in effect. Students who violate the rules subject themselves to the stated consequences and, if necessary and appropriate, may be sent home.

## Field Trip Information

Grade Level: **Seventh Graders**

Field Trip Event: **Attend the play, A Christmas Carol**

Field Trip Destination: **Guthrie Theatre, Downtown Minneapolis**

Advisors in Charge: **Kathleen Felt, Seventh Grade Language Arts**

Date of Field Trip: **Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

Time of Departure: **8:15 A. M.**

Time of Return: **2:50 P. M.**

Mode of Transportation: **Bus**

Student Cost: ***\$21.00 (This covers the ticket and the bus. Please make checks payable to Loyola Catholic School.)***

In case of medical emergency, please get the necessary medical attention and contact me at the following number(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.

If unable to reach me at this number, please call \_\_\_\_\_ at this alternate number: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Emergency Contact Person)

I/We give permission for our student to participate in this activity. In consideration for the work done in arranging this activity, we hereby release and hold harmless the school and its agents of any liability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**\*Please sign and return this permission slip by Thursday, November 5th.**

### LUNCH

**Lunch will be a sack lunch with milk from Food Service. Please circle one choice: PBJ, Ham, or Turkey**

### CLOTHING

**The Guthrie is a dress-up place. Students should dress appropriately for the theater as they would before a game, which means a nice, collared shirt and pants for boys and nice slacks or a skirt for girls. Students may wear their uniforms.**