



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

Fitzgerald Campus
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Mankato, MN 56001
507/388-9344

February 17, 2012

Dear Parents,

The Loyola Speech team took 3rd out of 20 teams at our Loyola Crusader Classic last Saturday! The following Fitzgerald Campus students placed in this event: Discussion: Adam Schwartz-2nd place Novice; Duo Interpretation: Madelin Ekstrom and Kenady Benning-8th, Elaine Adams and Emma Goebel-1st in Novice; Extemporaneous Speaking: Phil Goettl-6th place, Sean Willaert-1st in Novice; Humorous: Isabel Zwaschka-4th in Novice and Jake Homan-6th in Novice; Prose: Taylor Sexton-6th place and Rebecca Kohlmeyer-4th place. Congratulations to all of you!

Last night, Alexandra Koberoski competed in the Regional Spelling Bee at South Central College. Competing against 42 other contestants, she made it into the 5th round. Alexandra, you represented us well and we are proud of you.

There is no school on Monday because of Presidents' Day. However, we will have a "State of the School" meeting with the Trustees on Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. in the Good Counsel Campus cafeteria. I hope you will be able to join us.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:15 A.M. to begin our celebration of this Holy Season.

8th Grade Parents, please RSVP to Mrs. Martinka (388-9344 or rmartinka@loyolacatholicschool.org) if you and your student are able to attend the 8th grade Open House on Sunday, February 26, from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. on the Good Counsel Campus. Please feel free to invite 8th graders not currently attending Loyola and their parents also. Please see below for more information.

It's also that time of year that students need to refresh their school supplies; i.e. pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, etc. Your help would be appreciated.

God bless,
Mr. Schumacher,
Principal

STATE OF THE SCHOOL MEETING -- Please mark your calendars for a "State of the School" meeting with LCS Trustees this coming **Monday, February 20, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Good Counsel campus cafeteria. It's Presidents' Day so there are no classes that day, just an evening meeting for parents.

SPIRIT SHOP SPECIAL! It's the February, Fleeting, Fleece Sale! All fleece (youth and adult) will be \$15.00 off! Stop by on Wednesday, February 22, between 7:30 A.M. and 5:15 P.M. to take advantage of this "hot" sale!

SCOLIOSIS SCREENING -- We will be checking 6th thru 8th grade for scoliosis on **Wednesday, February 22**. Scoliosis is curvature of the spine and can usually be corrected if detected in these growing years. The procedure for screening is a simple one in which the students' backs will be examined as they stand upright and as they bend forward.

- Boys and girls will be screened separately. Clothing hides some of the subtle changes of the back and makes accurate screening much more difficult. Therefore, students will be asked to remove their shirts. Bras, swimsuits and undershirts are acceptable for girls.
- If your child has a suspected curvature, you will be notified and asked to take your child to your primary health care provider for further evaluation.
- If you do not wish to have your child participate in this screening program, please submit a note indicating this to the school.

Thank you,
Jan Derksen-Roth, School Nurse
207-3672

WE TREASURE THE CLASS OF 2016 -- 8th graders and their parents are invited to an afternoon of tours of the Good Counsel Campus, team-building activities for the student, meeting the high school teachers, and a question and answer session with administrators for parents, as well as a meal. It will be held **Sunday, February 26, 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.** on the Good Counsel Campus. Please RSVP by February 20 to the Fitzgerald Campus office at 388-9344 or rmartinka@loyolacatholicschool.org. Please reserve this special time for you and your future 9th grader to enjoy together. Childcare will **not** be available for siblings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- It's time again to get ready for another band concert! The next concert will be on **Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 P.M. in the Theatre at the Fitzgerald Campus**. This will feature the 5th grade band, 6th grade band, combined 7th & 8th grade band and the Loyola Concert Band. All are invited to attend this free performance!

Band students:

Report time for this concert is 6:15. We will do warm ups and tuning in the room before heading out to the theatre.

Remember Concert Attire:

5th/6th grade: Nice clothes, no jeans.

7-12 Gentlemen: Black shoes, BLACK SOCKS, Black pants, White button down dress shirt. Ties optional but encouraged for 7-8, mandatory for 9-12.

7-12 Ladies: Black dress shoes (either flats or pumps, no platforms please), Black skirt or pants (skirts must go down to the knee or be worn with leggings), White dress top.

LIFETOUCH SPRING PHOTOS will be taken on **Thursday, March 1**. For every picture taken, Loyola receives money from Lifetouch, and you are under no obligation to purchase any of the photos. This is a simple, easy fundraiser. Flyers are being sent home today. (This will be a Non-uniform Day!)

VOLUNTEER PARENTS -- If you have gone through the **VIRTUS training**, we need the **Certificate of Attendance**. Please submit this certificate **by February 29th** to any office with the envelope marked: **ATTN: Volunteering**. Loyola is required by the Diocese to have proof of attendance on file for all volunteers. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Schlosser at 388-2997 or jschlosser@loyolacatholicschool.org.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP is just around the corner, **Tuesday, March 6**. We are in need of the following parent volunteers for both sessions; 4:30 & 6:30 P.M.

- Workers in classrooms or
- "Treat table" coordinator
- Supplying 2 dozen cookies
- Assist LPA with childcare in the gym

Please contact the Primary School office (388-0614) if you are available.

GRADES 4-6 SCIENCE FAIR -- Science fair will be here before we know it, so we would like to let you know about a few deadlines your child will need to meet.

- **Tuesday, March 6**- Elementary Project Approval Form due at school. The research plan is an outline of the project the student plans to complete. **This form is to be completed before actual experimentation begins** and may be turned in at any time up to the deadline. Students who do projects involving vertebrates or human test subjects may have additional forms to complete. (See information below.)
- **Thursday, March 8**- on-line Registration, fee and T-shirt orders due
To complete the on-line registration and make payment, please go to www.mnsu.edu/sciencefair/studentparent/studentreg.html. T-shirt orders should also be placed on-line.
- **Saturday, April 28**- Regional Science Fair at MSU

Additional information and forms can be found on the SC/SW MN Regional Science Fair Website: www.mnsu.edu/sciencefair. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Tucker (atucker@loyolacatholicschool.org), Ms. Ruehle (lruehle@loyolacatholicschool.org), or Mrs. Sizer (tsizer@loyolacatholicschool.org) at 388-9344.

SIXTH GRADE HISTORY DAY PROJECTS are due on Friday, March 2. Six individuals and six group projects will move on to the Regional Fair held on March 20 at MSU. If you would like to order a project board from the History Center in St. Paul (these boards are bigger and taller than those found in local shops), please send money and the request to Mrs. Doyle. Prices are: \$8.00 for a white board, \$9.50 for a black board, \$2.00 for a white title piece and \$3.00 for a black title piece.

WINTER 2012 SCRIP NEWS:

Special Scrip ordering schedule for the upcoming week:

- Week of February 20: **Order due Tuesday, February 21, at 10:00 A.M.** and can be picked up Thursday after 2:00 P.M. or on Friday.

VOLUNTEER ACCOMPANIST -- The 7 and 8th grade choirs are in need of a volunteer accompanist that would be willing to play during rehearsals once or twice a week. We rehearse Monday - Thursday from 1:30 - 2:50. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bridget Hermer at 388-2997.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT -- Thank you to all who ate at Chipotle on Tuesday, February 7. It was great to see families of all grades pre-k through seniors. Due to your support, the Loyola Booster Club will be receiving a check for \$796.00 to put towards Loyola's Activities!

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER -- The Loyola Catholic High School Student Council is hosting a *fundraiser at Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, February 29th, from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.* The Student Council is raising money that will *directly benefit the LHS students* through different school activities. For every buffet bought, the Student Council receives 10% of it plus any tips that are given to us. This fundraiser has great possibilities! Please show your support and school pride by joining us on the above date and time. Remember to mark your calendars.

GRADES 6 – 8 SPRING BASEBALL WARM-UPS will be held on Sundays from 3:00 – 4:30 P.M. in the Fitzgerald Campus gym. (Enter through the Mulberry Street entrance.) Bring your gloves and bats. Please contact Geno Rajtar (317-2216) with questions.

CHAMBER CHOIR UPCOMING PERFORMANCE -- The St. John's/St. Ben's Chamber Choir, conducted by Axel Theimer, with the Loyola High School Concert Choir will be performing an evening of Sacred and Secular Choral Music at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel, 170 Good Counsel Drive on Thursday, March 1st at 7:30 P.M. The concert is free and all are welcome. A freewill offering will be taken. Please join us for an evening of music. Host families are needed for the college students for one night. If you have room in your home, please consider being a host. Twenty-four host families are needed. Contact Bridget Hermer at bhermer@loyolacatholicschool.org or 388-2997.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2012 YOUNG WRITERS & ARTISTS CONFERENCE which will be held at Bethany Lutheran College, 9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. -- Grades 3-6 may attend Tuesday, March 6 or Wednesday, March 7; and Grades 7-9, Wednesday, March 7. A brochure and specific grade level printouts are available on our website at: <http://mncsc.org/Programs-Services/Academic-Outreach/Young-Writers---Artists-Conference.aspx>
Only **online** registrations are accepted at www.mncsc.org, click on "Events & Registration." Sessions fill fast so register today! **Registration deadline is February 23.** Please contact Mary Hillmann with questions at mhillmann@mncsc.org or [952-715-8745](tel:952-715-8745). This is an opportunity for Loyola students, but it is not a school-sponsored activity.

SACRED SPACE MINISTRY OF THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME is offering the following events:

- **Mom's Lunch Out** – Treat yourself and/or a friend to a special lunch, sharing, and a brief bit of inspiration. Choose any one or all of these opportunities.

Tuesday, March 20

Tuesday, April 24

12:00 – 1:30 P.M.

Fee is \$20.00 if you are able.

Don't let financial constraints keep you away. All programs are held at the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Good Counsel Hill (across the Hill from Loyola). To register or for more information, please contact Sr. Mary Jo Welter at mjwelter@ssndmankato.org or 389-4266.

MANKATO KIDS TRIATHLON TEAM -- Join the Mankato Kids Triathlon Team! For Ages 6 - 16. Six weeks of practice (2 times/week) starting May 1 and three Triathlon Races in June and July. The Mankato Kids Triathlon Informational/Parents meeting will be Friday, March 16, at 7:00 P.M. It will be at the new location of Nicollet Bike Shop at 607 N. Riverfront Drive. Kids are welcome to attend. Check our website for more details! www.mankatokidstriathlon.com

CALENDAR

Monday, February 20	No School – Presidents’ Day! State of the School Meeting – GC Campus Cafeteria – 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday – Mass at 8:15 – SSPP – No Meeting Scoliosis Screening
Friday, February 24	Mid 3 rd Quarter
Sunday, February 26	8 th Grade Open House – GC Campus – 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday, February 28	Grades 5-12 Band Concert – 7:00 P.M. - Theater
Wednesday, February 29	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No Meeting – Leap Day! High School Student Council Fundraiser – Pizza Ranch – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, March 1	Lifetouch Spring Pictures St. Ben’s/St. John’s/Loyola High School Choir Concert – 7:30 P.M. Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel
Friday, March 2	Spirit Day! Jeans for Jesus - \$1.00 each for Rice Bowl
Tuesday, March 6	Kindergarten Roundup – 4:30 & 6:30 – GC Campus
Wednesday, March 7	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting
Friday, March 9	Jeans for Jesus – \$1.00 each for Kids Against Hunger
Monday, March 12	McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonalds – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 13	No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, March 14	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting
Tuesday, March 20	Enrollment Night – GC Campus – 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. Grades 7 – 12 Choir Concert – GC Campus – 7:15 P.M.
Friday, March 23	End of 3 rd Quarter
Monday, March 26	No School – Conferences – Noon – 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday – Friday, March 27 – 30	No Busing A.M. or P.M. – ISD #77 Not in School – LCS still in session!
Wednesday, March 28	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No Meeting
Thursday, March 29	School in Session – Conferences 3:30 – 7:30 P.M.
Monday – Friday, April 2 – 6	No School at LCS
Friday, April 6	Good Friday
Sunday, April 8	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 9	School Resumes McEducator Night – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Madison Avenue McDonalds
Tuesday, April 10	No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 11	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting
Friday, April 13	Spirit Day!
Wednesday, April 18	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting
Wednesday, April 25	No Mass
Thursday, April 26	All School Mass – GC Campus
Wednesday, May 2	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting

Thursday, May 3	Mid-4 th Quarter Spirit Day!
Friday, May 4	No School – Staff Development
Saturday, May 5	MACS Nite
Tuesday, May 8	No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, May 9	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No Meeting
Monday, May 14	McEducator Nite – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Madison Avenue McDonalds
Wednesday, May 16	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting
Wednesday, May 23	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No Meeting
Sunday, May 27	High School Baccalaureate
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day – No School
Wednesday, May 30	High School Graduation
Thursday, June 1	Last Day of School

Please scroll down for the SkateTime permission form and see the attached Soccer Frenzy form and baseball clothing order form.



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February 7, 2012

Dear Parent or Guardian of Grades 4-8 Students:

In a few weeks your child in Grades 4-8 will be given the opportunity to roller skate in Physical Education. The company, **Skatetime**, will be delivering skates to our school on Monday, February 27th. We will be renting these skates for two weeks to be used in class. The fee is \$7.00 per student for the two-week rental. Please send \$7.00 cash or a check made payable to Loyola Catholic School for each child in your family at Fitzgerald.

Please sign and return this note with your fee of \$7.00 per student to the school as soon as possible.

We are excited to give this unique opportunity to LCS students.

Sincerely,
Mr. Douglas

THIS WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS AND HIS/HER PARENTS/GUARDIAN.

I request that my child(ren) _____, be allowed to participate in the roller skating unit during the week of February 27, 2012.

In signing this form for myself, or the participant who is under 18, I understand and agree to absolve Loyola Catholic School, Skatetime, and all sponsors be they individuals or organizations, single or collectively, of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss or inconvenience suffered in any activities associated with the said event.

Signature of parent/guardian

Dated this day

Signature of participant

Dated this day

FORMS ARE DUE NOW!