



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

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February 3, 2012

Dear Parents,

What a great week we had celebrating the gift of a Catholic education.

We celebrated an all-school Mass on Wednesday with Bishop John Quinn of Winona and several Mankato area priests. In a special way, we thanked God for the gifts of family, friends, and alumni who support our school and also recognized the School Sisters of Notre Dame for their involvement in Mankato Catholic School Education since 1865. Nationally known liturgical music composer Steve Agrisano was also present and led the singing for two of his songs.

The entire school came together in the spirit of service to help our brothers and sisters in the Greater Mankato community who are experiencing poverty or are in danger of experiencing poverty by donating items from clothing to personal care items to the *South Central MN Project Community Connect*. Thank you for your generosity and prayers for success of this project.

Finally, today we played together at the WOW Zone. What a great way to end the week!

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the preparations for this week and to the Parent Association for the cookies for the students on Tuesday.

The winners of the rosary essay contest "Gazing on Christ through the Rosary" sponsored by the Diocese of Winona are Ben Ellingworth, Zoey Weller, Anne Wood, Nick Willey, Elaine Adams and Christian Deaconson. Congratulations! Thanks to all who participated.

God bless,  
Mr. Schumacher,  
Principal

**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.

**MATH COUNTS** -- Each year, Loyola's 7th and 8th graders participate in Math Counts. It is a program and competition to promote achievement in math. The School Math Counts competition for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders was held at Fitzgerald on Wednesday and Thursday, January 22 & 23. The following students have qualified for the Fitzgerald Math Counts Team: Sean Willaert, Katerina Vetter, Isaac Becker and Phil Goettl. Congratulations to all of these students. The Math Counts Team will now advance to Chapter Competition. This event was held today at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. A great job done by all the participants!

**ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS** -- All the eighth grade students are revising the Law of Life essays to be entered in a contest. They are due to Ms. Felt by Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. All submitted essays must have a purple cover sheet signed by the parent. Please ask to read your student's essay and then sign the form so we can get them submitted on time. We will know the results of the contest in April and winners will attend a reception in their honor. Thank you. ~Ms. Felt, Language Arts

**ACCELERATED READERS** -- The seventh graders who achieved their Accelerated Reading goals are Kenady Benning, Alyssa Compton, Ellie Hodapp, Colton Corcoran, Braxton Matuska, Marlee Buhs, Ella Haefner, Gabby Hill, Elaine Adams, Emma Goebel and Charlotte Lena. The eighth graders who achieved their Accelerated Reading goals are Anna Brielmaier, Phil Goettl, Taylor Gross, Katerina Vetter, Amanda Rensch, and Isaac Becker. Congratulations to all of you!

**SCOLIOSIS SCREENING** -- We will be checking 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**COOK'S TOUR OF KITCHENS** -- The Loyola High School Music Department invites you to the **Kitchen Parade of Homes**. Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 and include tours of four beautiful new kitchens on Trail Drive in Mankato. Each home features an area designer and builder. Come to the kitchens to see what surprises await you! This event will take place on Sunday, February 12, from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Please help the LHS Band & Choir raise funds for their service trip to New York City and purchase your tickets soon. For more information, please call 507-388-2997, go to Loyola's website: [loyolacatholicschool.org](http://loyolacatholicschool.org), or email Bridget Hermer, LHS Music Director, at [bhermer@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:bhermer@loyolacatholicschool.org). Tickets can be purchased from high school band & choir members, at the school offices or homes on the day of the sale. The homes are located on Trail Drive in Mankato.

**CHEERLEADING CLUB AT LOYOLA**-- There will be a meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012 in Mrs. Koch's room on the Good Counsel Campus at 6:00 P.M. for any girls in grades 7-11 and their parents to discuss the possibility of starting a Cheerleading Club beginning in the fall of 2012. The cheerleaders would begin meeting this spring, attend camp and practice this summer and then cheer for football, basketball (girls and boys) and volleyball next school year. There are no "try-outs" so everyone is included, and students may cheer for only part of the season to allow them to play sports. Hope to see you there! If you are unable to attend, feel free to contact Michelle Alvarez at 507-779-1504, [mkalvarez5@gmail.com](mailto:mkalvarez5@gmail.com) to be placed on the list of interested students.

**LOYOLA BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISER** -- Get a Taste of Your Own Generosity! Join us at **Chipotle on Madison Avenue, Tuesday, February 7, 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.** Bring the flyer your child received yesterday and the Booster Club will receive 50% of the proceeds.

**PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER** -- The Loyola Catholic High School Student Council is hosting a *fundraiser at Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, February 29th, from 5:00pm-10:00pm*. 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.

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

## **SCHOOL REMINDERS!**

- Please call the office (388-9344) by 8:30 A.M. if your student will be absent.
- Do not send your child to school unless he/she are fever free or has not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours.
- If you pick your child up at school at dismissal time and enter the building, please wait in the main hallway until the bell rings at 2:50 P.M.
- Please have “normal” after school plans for your students; i.e. how they, most days, will be going home at the end of the day. If a change needs to be made, please call the office by 2:00 P.M. It helps in finding the student and relaying the message instead of last minute calls.

Thank you for your help in these matters.

**JOIN US FOR MARDI GRAS AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER!** -- Saturday, February 18, starting at 6:00 P.M. Great food, entertainment, and company at St. Joseph the Worker Auditorium, W. 7<sup>th</sup> & Hubbell Ave, in Mankato. This is an adult-only event. Dinner includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, and a multi-course sit-down dinner. There will be entertainment throughout the evening with special guest, The Magic of Jared Sherlock. Tickets must be purchased in advance: \$30.00 individual, \$240 .00 table of 8. Call the parish office at 388-3766.

**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.
- **The Heart Writes: Scribbles, poems and other musings** – A day for all, poet or non-poet, to hear the voice inside, to listen, to reflect, to share.  
Saturday, February 11, 9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
Fee is: 40.00, includes lunch.

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](mailto:mjwelter@ssndmankato.org) or 389-4266.

## **CALENDAR**

Friday, February 3	Spirit Day! WOW Zone – 11:00 – 2:30
Monday, February 6	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Biz Town
Tuesday, February 7	Booster Club Fundraiser – Chipotle – 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 8	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting
Sunday, February 12	Cooks Tour of Kitchens – Trail Drive – 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Monday, February 13	McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonalds – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, February 14	No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M. – Valentine’s Day!
Wednesday, February 15	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting
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 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Sunday, February 26	8 <sup>th</sup> 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
Friday, March 2	Spirit Day!
Tuesday, March 6	Kindergarten Roundup – 4:30 & 6:30 – GC Campus
Wednesday, March 7	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting
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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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



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### **Winter 2012 SCRIP NEWS:**

#### **\* Special Scrip ordering schedule for upcoming weeks:**

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

#### **\*Mankato/North Mankato restaurants support our Scrip program.**

- Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 (valid at both Mankato and Hutchinson restaurants)
- Culver's \$10
- Dino's Pizzeria, Neighbor's, Number 4/ Tav on the Ave available in \$5, \$10 & \$20's (only valid at these Mankato locations)
- Erbert & Gerbert's \$10
- McDonald's \$5 booklets and \$25 Arch cards
- Pub 500 \$10
- Taco John's \$10

#### **\*Community Scrip \$10, \$25 and \$100 can be used at these area restaurant locations.** See the restrictions (if any) listed at [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org) on the Community Scrip Listing.

- Applewood
- Charley's Restaurant
- City Grille (formerly Country Kitchen of St. Peter)
- Gary's Pizza
- Godfather's Pizza
- Happy Chef
- Mexican Village
- Mr. Goodcents Subs & Pasta
- 101 Main Restaurant (Mankato City Center Hotel)
- Papa Murphy's Pizza
- Perkins Family Restaurant
- Subway
- Webster's Restaurant (Best Western)
- Wowser's Sports Bar & Grill

#### **\* Kwik Trip has extended its 9% Scrip rebate until March 30, 2012.**

**\*HyVee news --** Our local HyVee is tracking their HyVee Scrip cards to see where they are redeemed. You will notice the mark of "x" on the cards for this purpose.

If you have questions call JoAnn at 388-0601 or email me at [jschlosser@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:jschlosser@loyolacatholicschool.org).