

LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

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February 10, 2012

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Ms. Ruehle on being selected to receive one of this year's Air Force Association 2012 Educator Grants. This grant was established to assist educators in bringing knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) into our nation's classrooms. The money will be used to purchase telescopes for the fifth grade Traveling Telescopes program. Thank you, Linda, for all your hard work.

The Loyola Speech team won the Worthington Invitational on Saturday placing 1st out of 21 teams. The following Fitzgerald Campus students placed in this event: Duo: Elaine Adams/Emma Goebel placed 4th and Isabelle Zwaschka/Olivia Zwaschka-Blue Award; Extemp Speaking: Sean Willaert received the Red Award; Great Speeches: Christian Bach won the Blue Award; and Humorous: Isabelle Zwaschka received the Blue Award. Congratulations to all of you!

The school winners of the rosary essay contest "Gazing on Christ through the Rosary" sponsored by the Diocese of Winona in the 7th and 8th grade category is Christian Deaconson and grade 4-6 winner is Anne Wood.

Eighth grader, Alexandra Koberoski, will represent Loyola Catholic School at the Regional Spelling Bee at South Central College on Thursday, February 16, at 5:30 P.M. We wish her the best of luck in this competition.

Please mark your calendars for a "State of the School" meeting with LCS Trustees on 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.

We are planning an open house for the class of 2016 on Sunday afternoon, February 26, from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. at our Good Counsel campus. The event is open to ALL families of 8th graders so if you know of a family who doesn't presently attend Loyola, be sure to extend our invitation...or better yet, bring them!

The Diocese of Winona has mandated that children and young people participate in a safe environment program called *CIRCLE OF GRACE*, consisting of three or four age-appropriate lessons to be integrated with our religion program each year. PS-12 lessons are designed to give children the vocabulary and opportunity to talk about safety, feelings, their own sacredness and dignity; and the tools to bring any concerns to trusted adults. A parent letter and brochure about CIRCLE OF GRACE are posted on the LCS web site. When we schedule the lessons later this spring, you will receive additional letters and guides to help you talk about safety at home. At the heart of the program is learning that each person lives and moves in a "Circle of Grace," a sacred, God-given space/boundary, filled with love, self-respect, and respect for the dignity of others. If you have questions or concerns, or want to learn more about the program in advance, you are most welcome to stop in and preview the lessons.

When dropping off your student in the morning, please be alert for students who may be crossing between cars. Please pull ahead as far as possible. If you are unable to stop directly in front of the school, look for other possibilities, such as turning left into a parking place. Your student can then use the tunnel to get to school. If necessary, you might need to go around the block and try again. Thank you for your attention.

God bless,
Mr. Schumacher,
Principal

NOTES FROM SR. MARY BETH

PRESCHOOL REMINDER -- Only a few days remain until open enrollment for Preschool begins on February 15. By enrolling early, LCS families have the first and best chance of having their child included in the class of their choice. Don't wait!

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 on night of Round-Up
- Calling volunteers & coordinating treats
- Supplying a pan of bars or cookies
- Tour guides
- Child Care

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

ALCOHOL & DRUG EDUCATION -- The 7th and 8th grade students will be participating in alcohol and drug education lessons during some of their religious education classes the week of February 13th.

Did you know more than 50% of people aged 12 and older who abused prescription drugs in 2008 and 2009 got them from friends or family for free? On February 16th, we will have the AWARe program present the dangers of prescription drug abuse to our 7th and 8th graders. If you would like more information about AWARe, go to <http://www.awarerx.org/main.php> or feel free to contact me at the Fitzgerald Campus (388-9344). ~Janell Sipe, School Counselor

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.

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.

COOK'S TOUR OF KITCHENS -- THIS WEEKEND! The Loyola High School Music Department invites you to the **Kitchen Parade of Homes on Sunday, February 12 from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.** Tickets are \$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! Please help the LHS Band & Choir raise funds for their service trip to New York City. Tickets are available at the homes (31 Trail Drive, 51 Trail Drive, 70 Trail Drive, and 150 Doc Jones Road, Mankato). Please go to the LCS website for additional information: loyolacatholicschool.org. Hope to see you there!

McEDUCATOR NIGHT -- Join us for dinner on **Monday, February 13** for Loyola Catholic School **McEducator night** at McDonald's! Bring your family to the Madison Avenue McDonald's store for dinner between the hours of 5:00-7:00 P.M. and turn in your receipt as you leave the counter. McDonald's generously donates a portion of inside sales to our school community.

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

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.

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@loyolacatholicsschool.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.

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.

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 will be sent home in the near future. (This will be a Non-uniform Day!)

GRADES 6 – 8 SPRING BASEBALL WARM-UPS will be held on Sundays beginning February 12 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.

WINTER 2012 SCRIP NEWS:

Special Scrip ordering schedule for an 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.

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.

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. 7th & 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.

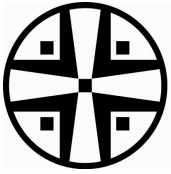
Fee is \$20.00 if you are able.

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.

CALENDAR

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| 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 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! |

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| Thursday, March 1 | High School Student Council Fundraiser – Pizza Ranch – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. |
| Friday, March 2 | Lifetouch Spring Pictures |
| Tuesday, March 6 | Spirit Day! |
| Wednesday, March 7 | Kindergarten Roundup – 4:30 & 6:30 – GC Campus |
| Monday, March 12 | Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting |
| Tuesday, March 13 | McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonalds – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. |
| Wednesday, March 14 | No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M. |
| Tuesday, March 20 | Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting |
| Friday, March 23 | Enrollment Night – GC Campus – 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. |
| Monday, March 26 | Grades 7 – 12 Choir Concert – GC Campus – 7:15 P.M. |
| Tuesday – Friday, March 27 – 30 | End of 3 rd Quarter |
| Wednesday, March 28 | No School – Conferences – Noon – 6:30 P.M. |
| Thursday, March 29 | No Busing A.M. or P.M. – ISD #77 Not in School – LCS still in session! |
| Monday – Friday, April 2 – 6 | Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No Meeting |
| Friday, April 6 | School in Session – Conferences 3:30 – 7:30 P.M. |
| Sunday, April 8 | No School at LCS |
| Monday, April 9 | Good Friday |
| Tuesday, April 10 | Easter Sunday |
| Wednesday, April 11 | School Resumes |
| Friday, April 13 | McEducator Night – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Madison Avenue McDonalds |
| Wednesday, April 18 | No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M. |
| Wednesday, April 25 | Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting |
| Thursday, April 26 | Spirit Day! |
| Wednesday, May 2 | Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting |
| Thursday, May 3 | No Mass |
| Friday, May 4 | All School Mass – GC Campus |
| Saturday, May 5 | Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting |
| Tuesday, May 8 | Mid-4 th Quarter |
| Wednesday, May 9 | Spirit Day! |
| Monday, May 14 | No School – Staff Development |
| Wednesday, May 16 | MACS Nite |
| Wednesday, May 23 | No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M. |
| Sunday, May 27 | Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No Meeting |
| Monday, May 28 | McEducator Nite – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Madison Avenue McDonalds |
| Wednesday, May 30 | Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting |
| Thursday, June 1 | Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No Meeting |
| | High School Baccalaureate |
| | Memorial Day – No School |
| | High School Graduation |
| | Last Day of School |



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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