

LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

Fitzgerald Campus
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January 6, 2012

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

The all-school National Geographic Geography Bee was held on Wednesday afternoon. Congratulations to the ten classroom finalists from grades four through eight: Matthew Karst, Morgan Houlihan, Anne Wood, Brayton Matuska, Cahlin Clow, Kaitlyn Frutiger, Elaine Adams, David Ohene-Frimpong, Sonya Benzmilller, and Isaac Becker. Our second place winner was Elaine Adams and the school champion is Anne Wood. Anne will now complete a written test to qualify for the State Bee.

The Elk's Club annually sponsors an essay contest for students. Our 6th graders participate in this contest and the theme was "Why I Pledge My Allegiance to the Flag". Two of our students were this year's top three essay winners. They are T.J. Siegler and Gabrielle Vetter. They will advance to the district level. Congratulations T.J. and Gabby!

Forms were handed out earlier in the week for the Open Door Dental Clinic, which will be held on Tuesday, January 17. If you'd like your child to be screened for possible dental problems, as well as receive a toothbrush, teeth cleaning instructions and a fluoride varnish application, please return the form by Monday. It is free to students in District 77. (Please see below for additional information.)

We have had reports of students being dropped off on the corner of Mulberry and 5th Street, causing unsafe conditions and backing up traffic on Mulberry Street. Please turn the corner onto 5th Street and drop your student off in front of the school. Also, please have your child picked up from school on time. School is dismissed at 2:50 P.M. Thanks for your cooperation.

Mr. Schumacher,
Principal

SPEECH PRACTICE will be held every Tuesday and Thursday through March from 4:30-8:30 P.M. in the Media Center on the Good Counsel Campus.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK -- The week of January 9-14, 2012, parish communities across the U.S. will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, a special time in which the Church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations of dedicated people as married and single people, men to serve as priests, deacons, brothers, and women as religious sisters. It begins with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday. You are invited to renew your baptismal commitment and to pray for a strengthening of all vocations.

GRADES 4-5 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVD -- The 4th-5th grade Christmas program crashed on the computer and we are unable to retrieve the footage. (We still have the Pre-K and the K-3 programs.) Next week, Mrs. Martinka will return your order forms/checks. If you would still like a copy of the Pre-K and K-3 programs, please let Mrs. Martinka know (rmartinka@loyolacatholicschool.org) or 388-9344.

THE SPIRIT SHOP will be **CLOSED** Wednesdays, January 11 **and** February 1, 2012. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Please visit the Spirit Shop **January 18 or 25** to pick up your new Spirit wear for Catholic Schools Week. Thank you. Keri Solheid (340-6991)

ORAL HEALTH SCREENING -- Your child received information describing a service offered to all students in District 77. Through a grant from Delta Dental of MN, **Open Door Health Center and the MSU Dental Hygiene Department will provide oral health screening and fluoride varnish AT SCHOOL on January 17 to students who request them.** There is no charge. Please read the information carefully. If you request this service, please **return the signed permission to the office by Monday, January 9.** **Questions can be directed to Iris at the Open Door Health Center at 388-2120.**

OLD BOARD GAMES LYING AROUND? -- Grades 4-6 are in need of board games to play during recess on days it is too cold (or wet) to go outside. If you have any games you would be willing to donate, please send them to school with your child or drop them off in the school office. Thank you.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW ART TEACHER -- Hello everyone! My name is Megan Petersen; I am your new 7th and 8th grade art teacher. I am thrilled and excited to teach your children. A little bit about me, I graduated high school from Owatonna where I was in many extra curricular activities such as speech, theater, choir, color guard and NHS. As you can see, the arts are a big part of my life! I went to college at Minnesota State University, Mankato where I attained my BFA in Art. I was also part of the Forensic team and went to many nations over my four years.

Some of you may know me from last year. I was a coach for the Loyola Speech team and will continue coaching this year! I enjoy teaching and coaching. The ability to see a child grow and learn is the greatest thing. It's a good feeling when you see children finally understand and you see that little light bulb go off in their head!

I like to stay active by working out, making cupcakes and being an adult volunteer with the youth group, Job's Daughters here in Mankato. During the summer I teach swimming lessons, something I have done for seven years. I take pleasure in knowing I am helping the youth grow and thrive.

Hope to see you soon,
Megan Petersen

McEDUCATOR NIGHT – Please join us for McEducator Night on Monday, January 9, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. at the Madison Avenue McDonalds. **Our 6th graders will be our hosts for the evening.** “THANK YOU” to McDonalds for donating a portion of the proceeds to Loyola Catholic School.

SCRIP NEWS

Kwik Trip has extended its 9% Scrip rebate until March 30, 2012. To take advantage of this, please place paper orders by March 26 or online orders by March 30.

There is a special weekly order schedule for the weeks beginning January 16th and January 30th. For the week of January 16th, the order needs to be submitted by **Monday, January 16, at 10:00 A.M.** Scrip pickup this week will be the regular schedule. The week of January 30th, the order needs to be submitted by **Tuesday, January 31, at 10:00 A.M.** Scrip pickup will be Thursday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. and all day on Friday, 7:30 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.

5TH & 6TH GRADE MOUNT KATO SKI TRIP – The Mount Kato ski trip for the 5th and 6th grade is scheduled for Friday, January 27th. The bus will leave school at 8:40 A.M. and will return at 2:30 P.M. We are in need of 3 or 4 chaperones to help students on the lifts and at the top of the hill. Please contact Jay Douglas (jdouglas@loyolacatholicschool.org or 388-9344) or check the appropriate spot on the permission slip if you can help. Cost of the field trip is \$17.50, which includes a lift ticket and rental. The cost is \$1.50 if your student has a ski pass. We will have a trailer if students have their own ski equipment. Students will take a sack lunch from school. Please indicate lunch choice on the permission slip. Scroll down for the permission slip below. (Please note that if your student does not attend this Ski Day, he/she will be considered absent from school. Thank you.)

THINGS THEOLOGICAL PRESENTS -- “Breaking Rules and Starting Rebellions” by Jason Kotecki, on Wednesday, January 25th, from 6:30-7:30 P.M. Did you know that there are countless rules you’re dutifully following every single day...that don’t actually exist? Join us at St. Joseph the Worker, W. 7th & Hubbell Av, Mankato. Call 388-3766 for more information.

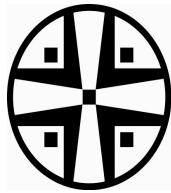
CELEBRATE ME WEEK is a faith-based camp that is held for boys and girls going into the 7th grade in the Fall of 2012. It is a week-long in which each camper is given endless opportunities to learn more about themselves through a variety of experiences and activities. The camp gives campers the tools to deal with the challenges of adolescence, including low self-esteem, peer pressure, friendships, family, and conformity. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and it is a very popular camp. If you don’t register early, you may not get a spot. It is held at Lake Washington outside of Madison Lake. Registration is now open. Over 100 campers around the state area already registered. For more information about the camp or to register a camper visit <http://www.celebrate-me.com/>. The weeklong camp offers three different sessions during July and August 2012.

CALENDAR

Friday, January 6	Spirit Day!
Monday, January 9	Math League at East McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonalds – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 10	No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M. Kindness Retreat for Grades 4/5
Wednesday, January 11	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP - No Meeting

Monday, January 16	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 17	Free Dental Screening at School (Permission form needed)
Wednesday, January 18	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting
Thursday, January 19	Last Day of 2 nd Quarter
Friday, January 20	No School – Teacher Workday
Wednesday, January 25	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Celebrating January Birthdays
	Spelling Bee – 12:40 P.M.
Friday, January 27	5 th & 6 th Grade Ski Trip – 8:40 – 2:15
Monday, January 30	No School – Staff Development
Tuesday – Friday, January 31 – February 3	Catholic Schools’ Week
Wednesday, February 1	Catholic Schools’ Week All School Mass – 11:00 A.M. – SSPP
Monday, February 6	6 th Grade to Biz Town
Wednesday, February 8	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting
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!
Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday – Mass at 8:15 – SSPP – No Meeting
Friday, February 24	Mid 3 rd Quarter
Wednesday, February 29	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No Meeting – Leap Day!
Thursday, March 1	Lifetouch Spring Pictures
Friday, March 2	Spirit Day!
Wednesday, March 7	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No 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
Friday, March 23	End of 3 rd Quarter
Monday, March 26	No School – Conferences – Noon – 6:30 P.M.
Thursday, March 29	Conferences – 3:30 – 7:30 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 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Tuesday – Friday, April 3 – 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
Thursday, April 26	All School Mass
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
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
Thursday, May 30	High School Graduation
Friday, June 1	Spirit Day! Last Day of School



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FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I/We, the parents/legal guardians of:

Student: Last Name

(please print)

First Name

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 LCS and/or volunteers. 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, will be sent home.

Field Trip Information

Activity: **Mount Kato Ski Trip (5th and 6th grade)**

Field Trip Destination: **Mount Kato**

Cost of Field Trip: **\$17.50 (Includes Lift Ticket and Rental); \$1.50 with Mt. Kato Ski Pass**

Advisor in Charge: **Mr. Douglas**

Date of Field Trip: **Friday, January 27th, 8:40 A.M. - 2:15 P.M.**

School Sack Lunch, Please **Check one:** **Turkey** **Peanut Butter** **Ham**

Transportation: **Bus**

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 _____

(Emergency Contact Person)

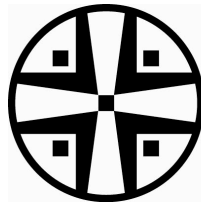
at _____

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

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

_____ I would be willing to chaperone. Please contact me at: _____.



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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Our school believes that to do well in school, students need to be comfortable with who they are and feel physically and emotionally safe. In this effort to create a safe and caring culture, we are bringing in Youth Frontiers to facilitate a Kindness Retreat.

Since 1987 Youth Frontiers, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis, has been delivering programs to build positive school communities that help young people realize the importance of respecting themselves and others. Their vision is to change the way young people treat each other in every hallway, lunch line and classroom of every school in America so that today's young people make tomorrow's world better. Last year, Youth Frontiers worked with nearly 100,000 students and educators throughout the country.

On the Kindness Retreat, the Youth Frontiers retreat staff will focus on creating a more positive school community by engaging students in a variety of activities that build students' empathy skills and teach safe ways to help prevent bullying.

This high-energy, interactive retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2012, for the 4th and 5th grade class and will be held in Sts. Peter & Paul's building on the 4th floor. We encourage parents and caregivers to inquire about the retreat experience once the student returns home by asking the following questions:

1. What activities did you find fun?
2. What were some of the unkind actions going on at school that you discussed?
3. Have you been affected by the unkind actions?
4. What is one thing you can do tomorrow at school to show kindness?

Visit www.youthfrontiers.org/kindnessparentvideo/ for more information on Youth Frontiers or to access great parent resources and watch a video about the Kindness Retreat.

Sincerely,

William Schumacher,
Principal