



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

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November 3, 2011

Dear Parents,

Today marks the end of the 1st grading period of the year. Report cards will be mailed out the middle of next week.

There is no school on Friday, November 4. It is a workday for teachers to complete their grades and plan for the second quarter. The office on the Fitzgerald Campus will be closed on Friday.

Mrs. Martinka is expecting the new arrival of a grandchild and may be gone for a period of time in the next couple of weeks. Mrs. Marcie Douglas, Mrs. Cindy Matuska or Mrs. Elaine Buhs will be covering for her. Please welcome them and help them out where you can.

“Discovering the Difference at Loyola Catholic School” November theme is: “We Strive for Academic Excellence”. Here are some ways we see this carrying through our system:

- A greater percentage of Loyola graduates seek post-secondary education
- Technology is a priority (1:1 laptop initiative)
- Small class sizes
- Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities due to our school size
- Accredited K-12 school through North Central.

God Bless,
Mr. Schumacher, Principal

GREAT PROMISE AWARDS -- On October 25th, the Serra Club of Mankato honored students who have shown “great promise” as future Catholic leaders through their example of service, generosity, and leadership. They are current 7th graders who were nominated by their 6th grade teachers at the conclusion of their 6th grade year. The Serra Club of Mankato has been hosting a Great Promise Award event since 2005 making 2011 the 6th celebration. Six of this year’s award recipients attend Loyola Catholic School: Emma Goebel, Lindsay Theuninck, Lillie McDermott, Tiara Coughlan, Ellie Hodapp, and Elizabeth Ninneman. We’re proud of all of you!

SPIRIT SHOP NEW ARRIVALS.....Ladies’ Under Armour zippered hoodies are now in. We also just received a **brand new windshirt!** The Spirit Shop is open on Wednesdays from 7:30 A.M. – 5:15 P.M. Come, check out our new items.

STUFF-A-TRUCK CAMPAIGN – The annual Stuff-A-Truck Campaign to benefit the Echo Food Shelf is now underway through the middle of November. Classrooms will be collecting non-perishable food items such as: canned vegetables, shampoo and conditioner, baby formula and baby food, pasta, cereal, laundry detergent, baking supplies, cleaning supplies, and peanut butter. Please be generous.

NO BUSING FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 -- Loyola Catholic School **does** have school. There is no busing that day. School begins at 8:00 A.M. and dismisses at 2:50 P.M. You will need to make arrangements for your child/ren to get **to and from** school. (The shuttle will run between the two Campuses for Club House and after school activities.)

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EARLY DISMISSAL – For early release or late starts, Loyola Catholic School will follow ISD #77. Listen to the local TV/radio stations for cancellation information or call the weather hotline at 386-4777. Also, in the event of an early release, there will **not** be a bus going from the Fitzgerald Campus to the Good Counsel Campus and your child will be sent home according to the emergency plans you filled out with your registration forms.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION – Another VIRTUS training session has been scheduled at St. John's Church (lower hall) for Tuesday, November 15, at 6:00 P.M. To register, go to www.virtus.org and begin the registration process by clicking "Registration" on the left side. Contact the office (388-9344) with questions.

The 5th grade teachers are in need of adult chaperones for the upcoming field trip to Orchestra Hall and The Works in Minneapolis on Friday, December 2. If you're interested in helping chaperone for this field trip, please take advantage of the VIRTUS training session on November 15.

HERBERGER'S COUPON BOOKS -- The Loyola Band and Choir are selling Herberger's Coupon Books for Community Days on November 11 and 12! Each book sells for \$5.00 and contains coupons for over \$230.00 with a special \$10.00 coupon on any purchase over \$10.00. The students receive 100% of the sale. This money will be used to offset the cost of the band and choir trip to New York City. Coupon books are available in the Fitzgerald Campus office. Thanks for supporting the Loyola Band and Choir!

BASKETBALL PARENT MEETINGS -- There will be a **Girls Basketball Parent Meeting** on Monday, November 7, at 6:00 P.M. in the Fitzgerald Campus Library. This meeting is for all parents who will have a daughter in 7th-12th grade playing basketball.

There will be a **Boys Basketball Parent Meeting** on Monday, November 14, at 6:00 P.M. in the Fitzgerald Campus Library. This meeting is for all parents who will have a son in 7th-12th grade playing basketball.

HY VEE SMART POINTS PROGRAM -- Help us win a **Smart Board for our School** by doing your grocery shopping at Hy-Vee and buying Proctor and Gamble products. This opportunity will take place October 1 through December 31. Please see information further down in the newsletter. If you are not comfortable with entering the information on line, please turn the coupons into the office.

SUMDOG'S (www.sumdog.com) is a website that has math games which the students play to practice basic math facts. As a teacher, they can see how students are doing at a particular operation whether adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. Teachers can also limit which facts the students can work on. For example, if the class needs to work on multiplication, the games can test multiplication facts. The contest was sponsored by South Central College and the results are in! The Fitzgerald Campus finished in 2nd place and was also one of the daily winners. Braxton Matuska, Jack Leiferman, Christian Vetter and Charlotte Lena were among the top ten students. Full results can be found at http://www.sumdog.com/contests/south_central_minnesota/results. Now that the contest is done, students can still visit the website to practice their math facts.

SCRIP NEWS

Thanksgiving Holiday Week Scrip Schedule -- Scrip orders placed and paid for by 10:00 A.M. on Monday, November 21, will be available for pickup the afternoon of Wednesday, November 23. The Loyola Scrip office will be closed November 24-25 for Thanksgiving.

PrestoPay is now only 15 cents per order at www.shopwithscrip.com -- Ordering Scrip will be easier and more convenient when using PrestoPay. After the one-time registration of your bank data, you can use PrestoPay to pay for your weekly orders that include reloadable cards and e-cards(electronic). Reloadable and e-cards eliminate the wait for the physical delivery of a Scrip card. PrestoPay payment eliminates the need to pay by check.

Experience the benefits of electronic payment and get started with PrestoPay today! For orders with paying by PrestoPay and placed by 10:00 A.M. each Monday in November, one lucky family will receive a prize! Choose from: a Loyola Booster Club Crusader Saver card or a dozen fresh baked Chocolate Chunk Cookies from the Loyola Food Service Department.

UPCOMING EVENTS OFFERED BY SACRED SPACE MINISTRY, SSND

- "From Gratitude to Greatness" – A day to reflect, pray, and celebrate blessings. Saturday, November 12, 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. – Cost is \$40.00 and includes lunch
- "Enneagram Weekend" – Friday, November 18 – Sunday, November 20, beginning on Friday at 7:00 P.M. and ending with lunch on Sunday – Cost is \$155.00, which includes accommodations and meals.

For more information or to register, please contact Sister Mary Jo Welter at mjwelter@ssndmankato.org or 389-4200.

44TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR at **Holy Family Catholic Church** in Lake Crystal, Minnesota, on **Saturday, November 20, 2010**. Craft and Bake Sale as well as a luncheon from 11:00 – 1:00 for \$6.00. The Raffle Drawing will be at 1:00 P.M. Winner need not be present for the raffle drawing.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS this Saturday, November 5, at 2:00 A.M. Remember to set your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR!**

NOTE TO 8TH GRADE PARENTS -- Permission Slip to View The Outsiders

In Language Arts, we have been reading the novel, The Outsiders. This book is typically used in junior high, and the public schools in Mankato also use it in eighth grade. The students like the book and their discussions are excellent. I would like to show them the movie in class. It has an industry rating of PG 13. I would like you to sign the form giving your student permission to view the film in class. The form needs to be turned in to me by Monday, November 7, as we will watch the film Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

My student, _____, has permission to view the movie, The Outsiders in Language Arts.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

If you prefer, just e-mail permission to kfelt@loyolacatholicschool.org. Thank you!
~Ms. Kathleen Felt, Language Arts 7 and 8

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 3	End of 1 st Quarter Spirit Day
Friday, November 4	No School – Staff Development
Sunday, November 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Monday, November 7	Girls’ Parents Basketball Meeting – 6:00 P.M. – Fitz Library
Tuesday, November 8	No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, November 9	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP Study Table – 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. with Mrs. Klasen
Friday, November 11	No A.M. or P.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M. and ends at 2:50 P.M. The Sports Bus will run between the two campuses. Wired to the Heart – Minnesota State, Mankato Ballroom
Monday, November 14	Math League at Dakota Meadows – 3:30 P.M. Boys’ Parents Basketball Meeting – 6:00 P.M. – Fitz Library McEducator Night – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Madison Avenue McDonalds
Tuesday, November 15	VIRTUS Training Session – 6:00 P.M. – St. John’s Church (Lower Hall)
Wednesday, November 16	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting Study Table – 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. with Mrs. Klasen
Tuesday, November 22	7 th Grade to the Guthrie Theater to see <u>A Christmas Carol</u>
Wednesday, November 23 – Friday, November 25	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 28	Jacque the Fur Trader visits 6 th Grade – P.M.
Wednesday, November 30	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting Study Table – 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. with Mrs. Klasen

Friday, December 2	Spirit Day 5 th Grade to Orchestra Hall and The Works, Minneapolis
Monday, December 5	Band Concert – Grades 6-12 – 7:00 P.M. Fitzgerald Campus Theater
Wednesday, December 7	Study Table – 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. with Mrs. Klasen
Thursday, December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception – All School Mass – GC Campus
Monday, December 12	McEducator Night – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Madison Avenue McDonalds Grade 6 Christmas Program – Theater – 6:30 P.M. Grades 7-8 Choir Concert – Theater – 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, December 13	No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, December 14	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP Study Table – 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. with Mrs. Klasen
Friday, December 16	Grades 4/5 Christmas Program – Theater - 8:30 A.M.
Monday, December 19	Make Up Date for Grades 4/5 Christmas Program – Theater – 8:30 A.M.
Wednesday, December 21	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting
Thursday, December 22 - Monday, January 2	No School – Christmas Break



It's that time of year again. Back to School is here and the **Hy-Vee SMART Points Program** is back by popular demand! Just like last year, the school with the most points wins a **SMART Board™** interactive whiteboard. In addition to that, the individual with the most points earned from each winning school will win a brand new iPad tablet for a child currently attending the winning school.

How do you get started? Let's refresh your memory. Every \$20 worth of Procter & Gamble products purchased at Hy-Vee earns you 100 SMART Points to donate to the school of your choice. This year, we've made it even easier to earn more points. If you buy two (2) or more Sara Lee Fresh Bakery products in the same transaction as your qualifying \$20 Procter & Gamble purchase, you will receive an additional 100 points. The more you shop, the better your school's chances of winning. Over 200 schools will win! The program ends 12/30/11 at NOON so you better hurry and get started so your school has the best chance of winning.

****Attention Loyola families: please use the school name of Loyola Catholic School to enter the code for your point redemption. Do not use the name: Loyola Catholic High School or Fitzgerald Middle School. We need to be sure all the points go to 1 account set up for Loyola Catholic School.**



Loyola Booster Club

Fundraising Events:

Crusader Saver Cards

They are only \$5.00 per card and good for the rest of the year. They are a steal with all of the wonderful businesses that offered money saving coupons on each of these cards.

Reminder that if you received cards to sell last year, to either turn money in or return unsold cards to any of the offices. Didn't get one? They are available in the high school office or contact Gene Rajtar.

Family and Corporate Sponsors

A great way to support all of Loyola's activities.

Family Memberships \$25.00/ Corporate Memberships \$75.00

See forms on Booster Club website (link off of Loyola's main website)

JV/V Athletics and Activities Home Events

Saturday, November 5 - State Cross Country Meet at St. Olaf College.

Monday, November 7 - Girls' Basketball Parent Meeting 6:00 P.M. in the Fitzgerald Library for 7th-12th grade parents.

Monday, November 14 - Girls Basketball Practice Begins for 7th-12th grade
Boys' Basketball Parent Meeting 6:00 P.M. in the Fitzgerald Library for 7th-12th grade parents.

Wednesday, November 16 - Booster Club Meeting - 6:15 P.M. at the Loose Moose

Monday, November 21 - Boys Basketball Practice Begins for 7th-12th grade.

Friday, December 2 - High School Play, Nuncrackers - 7:30 P.M. - Fitzgerald Theatre

Saturday, December 3 - High School Play, Nuncrackers - 2:00 and 7:30 P.M. - Fitzgerald Theatre

Sunday, December 4 - High School Play, Nuncrackers - 2:00 P.M. - Fitzgerald Theatre

Monday, December 5 - 6th-12th Grade Band Concert - 7:00 P.M. - Fitzgerald Campus

Monday, December 12 - 6th-8th Grade Choir Concert - 5:30 P.M. - Fitzgerald Campus

GO CRUSADERS!!