



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Students performed the Fitzgerald Christmas Concerts this past week. The attendance of parents, siblings, and grandparents was outstanding. The Christmas Concert is a reminder of how important family is to our students. The students' expression when they see their relatives at these concerts is priceless. Please attend and support the high school choir concert on Sunday and the primary concerts next Tuesday.

Parents, join us next Wednesday at 8:15 A.M. for the annual Christmas Basket Mass at SSPP. This Mass is a great way to send the students off for Christmas Break.

The eighth graders will be taking the PLAN TEST next Tuesday. Please express to your child how important it is to do their best on the Plan Test. Mid-Quarter D-F reports will be sent home on Tuesday. Please check Net Classroom to see your child's progress in school.

Merry Christmas,

Mr. Schumacher,
Principal

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR -- The Loyola Concert Choir will be presenting an evening of music and Scripture readings celebrating the Advent Season on Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 P.M. in the Loyola Chapel on the Good Counsel Campus. Admission is free; however, students will be collecting donations for the Echo Food Shelf. Please join us!

STUDENT COUNCIL is sponsoring a Christmas Dance on Wednesday, December 21. The dance will be held in the Fitzgerald Campus gym from 7:00 – 10:00 P.M. Chaperones are needed (You must have completed the VIRTUS training session.). Please contact Mrs. Ellingworth (mellingworth@loyolacatholicschool.org) with any questions.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS – This year the Fitzgerald Builders Club is again sponsoring the annual Christmas Basket project. Each homeroom adopts a family and provides them with Christmas presents as well as a Christmas meal. All of the families are from the area Catholic churches. We are asking students to bring in a cash donation, (or items on the family's list), and non-perishable food items for their Christmas dinner.

Students are encouraged to contribute some of their own money so they can really benefit from this project and understand the true meaning of Christmas. Any amount that your family can contribute will be appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer to be a shopper on Monday, December 19, from 8:15-11:00 approximately, please call or email your child's homeroom teacher or Mrs. Doyle at idoyle@loyolacatholicschool.org. We will contact you once we firm up our plans. We will be busing the students to Wal-Mart and you will meet us there. Thank you for your help in making this a Christmas to remember for others.

LAND OF MISFIT CLOTHING AND GOODIE SALE! -- The Spirit Shop and Playground Committee are teaming up on **Wednesday, December 21st**, to sell last minute Christmas items. Discontinued and slightly damaged Spirit wear will be offered at a discounted price just in time of the holidays. We'll also have a bake sale and stocking stuffers for that special Loyola student on your list!!! **Sale runs 4:00 - 7:30 P.M. on the Fitzgerald Campus. Don't miss out!! (The Spirit Shop will be open 7:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M. next Wednesday.)**

SALVATION ARMY GIFT WRAP -- Loyola students will be working at the **Salvation Army's** gift wrap table on Friday, December 23. We invite all Loyola families to bring in all their last minute gifts to be wrapped. Giftwrapping is \$4.00 per item. This is a donation and tax deductible. Let's support our students as they support our community. The giftwrap area is located in the food court next to Subway.

STOCKING STUFFER IDEA – Why not purchase a chocolate chunk cookie coupon for your favorite student? They are available in the Fitzgerald Campus office for 50 cents each and are redeemed in the Fitzgerald Campus lunchroom.

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.



TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE 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 through December 31. If you are not comfortable with entering the information on line, please turn the coupons into the office.

**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.

SCRIP NEWS

Monday, December 19, at 10:00 A.M. is the deadline to order SCRIP to receive it before Christmas. Pickup will be Thursday, December 22. The SCRIP office is closed December 23rd through December 30th. SCRIP weekly ordering resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 10:00 A.M. Loyola Community SCRIP can be purchased from Voyager Bank and Holy Rosary Parish Office during their regular business hours.

PrestoPay feature is now only 15 cents per order at www.shopwithscrip.com. Experience the benefits of electronic payment and get started with PrestoPay today! For orders placed using PrestoPay by 10:00 A.M. each Monday in December, one lucky family will receive a prize! Choose from: a Loyola Booster Club Crusader Saver card or a dozen fresh baked cookies from the Loyola Food Service Department.

December 5th weekly winner - Gordy and Terri Compton - a dozen cookies; and the December 12th weekly winner - Cindy Gosch - a dozen cookies

Save this link in your favorites: <http://www.glscrip.com/shop/specialoffers.aspx>. It includes a listing of current and upcoming special SCRIP card offers at www.shopwithscrip.com. Earn greater SCRIP tuition rebate when buying from these SCRIP retailers. If you have questions, contact JoAnn at 388-0601 or jschlosser@loyolacatholic.school.org

CALENDAR

Monday, December 19	Make Up Date for Grades 4/5 Christmas Program – Theater – 8:30 A.M. Christmas Basket Shopping – 8:30 A.M. at Walmart
Wednesday, December 21	Christmas Basket Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – No Meeting Student Council Christmas Dance – 7:00 – 10:00 P.M. - Gym
Thursday, December 22 - Monday, January 2	No School – Christmas Break
Wednesday, January 4	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting Geography Bee
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	Dental Screening (Watch for Information)
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
Monday, January 30	No School – Staff Development
Tuesday – Friday, January 31 – February 3	Catholic Schools' Week
Wednesday, February 3	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!
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 – Teacher Workday
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.
Monday, April 2	No School?
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
Monday, May 28
Thursday, May 30
Friday, June 1

High School Baccalaureate
Memorial Day – No School
High School Graduation
Spirit Day! Last Day of School