



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

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December 2, 2011

Dear Parents.

The Band Concert on Monday night is at 7:00 P.M. Please come and support the students. They have worked hard to perform for you.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attended Reconciliation today and the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will celebrate this Sacrament next Friday for Advent.

Fr. Wilmot is looking for volunteers to take part in Mass for the Christmas celebration at St. Joseph The Worker. I'm sure the other parishes could use our help as well. Students, let us support the parishes and represent our school by being part of this request and the Christmas celebrations.

Mr. Schumacher,  
Principal

**LHS MUSICAL --** Loyola High School presents **NUNCRACKERS: THE NUNSENSE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** at the Fitzgerald Campus Theater tonight at **7:30 P.M., Saturday, December 3, 2:00 and 7:30 P.M., and Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 P.M.** Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. They can be purchased at the door.

**BAND CONCERT --** The first Loyola Band Concert of the year is coming up quickly! This concert will be on **Monday, December 5,** in the theatre at Fitzgerald Campus at **7:00 P.M.** It will feature the sixth grade band, seventh and eighth grade bands and the high school band. Each group will be playing some Christmas music as well as some pep band tunes. Fitzgerald band **students need to report to the band room at 6:15 P.M.** Sixth grade is to wear nice/dress clothes, similar to what they wear to Church and 7/8th grade students need to wear black bottom/white top. We look forward to sharing all of our hard work with you!

**SUMDOG IN THE NEWS --** In October, Loyola took second place in a contest sponsored by [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com). We competed against schools in southwest Minnesota and received \$100 worth of math software for answering math questions. From December 5th to the 15th, Sumdog is sponsoring another contest, but this time it is STATE wide. This time, the winners will receive \$750 worth of math software. Please encourage your students to go online in their free time to answer math problems and help Loyola WIN! How do I get there? The classroom teacher will set up student accounts that have a login and password to get onto the site. The website is [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com).

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS –** This week, homerooms received the information regarding their Christmas Basket families. Now they will begin collecting money so that students can shop for their families on December 19. Please encourage your student to earn the money to donate to this project. We received the details about these families from the four parishes.

**STUFF-A-TRUCK CAMPAIGN –** The annual Stuff-A-Truck Campaign to benefit the Echo Food Shelf is now concluded. We collected 1,400 pounds of food for Stuff-a-Truck, and Mrs. Breiter's class was the winner of a homeroom breakfast with 207 pounds! Congratulations and thank you for your generosity.

**EXTENDED SPIRIT SHOP HOURS –** Announcing our extended Spirit Shop hours for this Christmas season! Each Wednesday in December, we will be open **7:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.** All of our new items have arrived (“bling” t-shirts, three styles of zippered hoodies, youth sweatpants, winter beanie hats, travel coffee mugs and much more.) Please call Keri (340-6991) with any questions. Thanks!

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTS --** The **6th grade and 7th and 8th grade Choir** students will perform a Christmas Concert on **Monday, December 12, at 6:30 P.M.** All 6th grade students will be a part of the concert and should dress up for this concert. The 7th and 8th grade choirs will also be performing. The Men’s Choir will need to wear khaki pants and a shirt and tie with their cleanest pair of shoes. The Women’s Choir will wear black pants, white t-shirt (short sleeved), and black flat shoes (if possible). **Choir students should meet in the choir room at 6:00 P.M.**

**ATTENTION 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS:** You are invited to **join the Social Studies class wiki**. Directions, rubrics, and due dates for projects will be posted here. Visiting our wiki often will help you stay current with what your student is working on in class and allow you to help them with projects and proofread their written work. The students will post their finished projects here as well so you will be able to view your child’s digital work. The wiki is a private website so you will need to request access and be approved before you can view the work we are doing. Some of you completed this process last year but will need to request access again. Once you have requested access, an email will be sent to you from PBworks letting you know that you have been approved. There will be a link in that email for you to complete the registration process. Click on this link to request access to our class wiki. <https://mrsbreiter.pbworks.com/w/request-access>

**LOYOLAN ST. JOSEPHITES** --While I am aware that play and concerts etc. will keep many of you occupied until after December 12<sup>th</sup>, we at St. Joe’s invite you to participate in your parish’s 4:00 P.M. Mass for Christmas. We need singers and musicians. Practices are on Wednesdays in the church 5:30– 6:15 P.M. (K-8) & 7:30- 8:30 P.M. (9-12). We also need little angels & shepherds for our Nativity mime, so call Julie Rousch at 388-2118. Let us be one in praising the Lord this Christmas. Fr.W.

**LOYOLA DAY at BARNES & NOBLE**-The Loyola Parent Association is partnering with Barnes & Noble on Saturday, December 10 for the annual holiday book fair!

All books, toys, (Barnes & Noble has a large selection of great toys!) gifts, Starbucks treats, and Nook purchases are included so you can cross many off your list on one day and in one place! Loyola receives a percentage of sales when each shopper mentions **LOYOLA** at the registers.

Loyola students will be singing Christmas carols and playing instruments through out the day, staff members will be reading stories and the LPA will wrap any Barnes & Noble purchases.

Please stop in to shop and be sure to stay for the entertainment. Be sure to stop by the wrapping table to say hello!

See the attached flyer for more information. The flyer can be forwarded to all out of town friends and family to use at **ANY** Barnes & Noble on Saturday, December 10th only! Out of town shoppers must present the attached voucher for Loyola to get credit for their purchase.

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

### **LAWS OF LIFE – WHAT'S YOUR STORY?**

The Laws of Life Essay contest is an annual event sponsored locally for all middle school and senior high students. The contest invites young people to express in writing their personal ideals and the law of life they value most. Ultimately, the contest is about concerned adults in our community working together with educators to support, honor, and publicly recognize youth who reflect upon and write about their personal beliefs and values.

The program is available to all junior high and senior high students in district 77 (public and private) and over the past twelve years over \$60,000 has been awarded in scholarships to students. A panel of educators and business people from the area scores the essays, and the best essays and authors are honored at our annual recognition event in April.

Last year, 86 junior high essays were submitted and 15 were selected for recognition. Two different readers and two different judges anonymously scored each essay. The Fitzgerald Campus had three finalists. The Laws of Life Contest is open to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested in sharing your story, please talk to Ms. Felt for more details. We've all learned some wonderful laws of life – we would love to hear your story.

## **VIRTUS TRAINING WORKSHOPS:**

\* Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 P.M., St. Joseph the Worker Church, Mankato  
The workshop is approximately 2 ½ hours in length. **Pre-registration is required** and is done online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). **Specific instructions on how to register are available from the office** or you may call (388-9344) with questions.

**VIRTUS training must be completed by ALL Loyola volunteers.**

**UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, PLEASE PRINT THE CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE AND SEND IT TO THE OFFICE TO THE ATTENTION OF "VOLUNTEERS". (If you have not submitted a certificate, please go to the VIRTUS website and print one to send to us. Thank you.**

## **SCRIP NEWS**

**PrestoPay feature now only 15 cents per order at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://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 features of reloadable cards and e-cards (electronic). Reloadable and e-cards eliminate the wait for the physical delivery of a Scrip card. PrestoPay payment feature eliminates the payment by check.

***Experience the benefits of electronic payment and get started with PrestoPay today! For orders placed with payment by PrestoPay by 10am 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.***

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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). These specials give you a greater Scrip tuition rebate. Reminder- total rebate amounts are generally split 50/50 between the family tuition account and the Loyola General Fund. If you have questions, contact JoAnn at 388-0601 or [jschlosser@loyolacatholicsschool.org](mailto:jschlosser@loyolacatholicsschool.org)

### ***PrestoPay/Scrip November weekly contest winners:***

November 7: Amanda and John Lillis - prize of a Crusader saver card  
November 14: Jennifer and Adam Chelstrom - prize of a Crusader saver card  
November 21: Jim & Becky Ness - one dozen cookies  
November 28: Jane & Nathan Younge - one dozen cookies



**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.



## STOCKING STUFFER IDEA



Need a gift for your Fitzgerald Student?  
Need a gift for your friends at Fitzgerald?

### Chocolate Chunk Cookie Certificates

For sale at the Fitzgerald Office

Certificates are for sale before and after school  
and are \$.50 each

Good for one chocolate chunk cookie in the Fitzgerald lunch room



### CALENDAR

Friday, December 2

Spirit Day

5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Orchestra Hall and The Works, Minneapolis

Knowledge Bowl Meet

Nuncrackers – 7:30 P.M. – Fitzgerald Campus Theater

Saturday, December 3

Nuncrackers - 2:00 and 7:30 P.M. – Fitzgerald Campus Theater

Sunday, December 4

Nuncrackers – 2:00 P.M. – Fitzgerald Campus Theater

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 and Grades 7-8 Choir Concerts – Theater – 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 13	No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M. VIRTUS Training Session – 6:00 P.M. – St. Joseph the Worker Church
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. Christmas Basket Shopping
Wednesday, December 21	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting
Thursday, December 22 - Monday, January 2	No School – Christmas Break
Wednesday, January 4	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – FCA Meeting
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.
Wednesday, January 11	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP - No Meeting
Monday, January 16	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wednesday, January 18	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Builders Club Meeting
Thursday, January 19	Last Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
Friday, January 20	No School – Teacher Workday
Wednesday, January 25	Mass at 8:15 A.M. – SSPP – Celebrating January Birthdays
Monday, January 30	No School – Staff Development
Tuesday – Friday, January 31 – February 3	Catholic Schools’ Week
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!
Friday, February 24	Mid 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

