



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

September 30, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are certainly in the “**SPIRIT AND PRIDE**” mode today! We had a great time at the **homecoming parade** (a fun tradition brought back after many years) enjoying the floats/banners made by high school/intermediate students. Our Kindergarten class really got “into” their Loyola Class of 2024 identity as they practiced the National Anthem with the Class of 2012. They look mighty fine in their “2024” shirts. Be sure to cheer them on tonight when they sing at the game!

The diocesan gathering of Catholic school administrators/pastors last Friday was very worthwhile. There were introductions and updates, an inspiring message from Bishop John Quinn, Mass, and then the SURPRISE...lunch and discussions during a cruise on The Pelican Breeze, a paddleboat on Albert Lea Lake. (A lovely way to make sure no one left early!) As I watched our Kindergarteners and Seniors at practice this morning I recalled Bishop’s words, “*We teach...we get to see the future!*”

Please review the attached Uniform Policy. A number of children are coming to school out of uniform.

SHIRTS are to be navy or white (more color options *begin in grade 6*).

PANTS are to be navy blue TWILL--not cargo, not zip-off shorts, not sweats, not Yoga pants, not Leggings.

Girls may wear solid white or navy Yoga pants, Leggings and tights UNDER uniform jumpers/skorts/shorts, but not as pants.

With jumpers/skorts/shorts, solid white or navy socks are preferred.

For safety reasons **crocs, sandals and flip-flops are not appropriate at school.**

Helping your child to keep the Uniform Policy is a good way for him/her to grow in respect, as well as school spirit and pride. Thank you for your cooperation.

Next week Shannon and Rhonda (secretary at our Fitzgerald campus) will be scheduling **parent/teacher conferences**. We already know that it will be a major headache because so many families requested conferences on Tuesday evening and gave us very narrow windows. Shannon and Rhonda will probably need major soft music and aromatherapy afterward, and many parents will not get their first choice. Thanks for being patient and flexible.

😊 Two young friends arrived at the same time one morning and compared notes for the day. “I get to go to the Twins game today!” said one. The other picked up on it and moaned, “And I get to go get my *flu shot* today.”

😊 A little guy, taking his role as “classroom helper” very seriously, delivered a message to the office. When Shannon asked him to wait for a return message he sighed, “I’ll sit here for a minute” and settled into a chair. I joined in and said, “You must be feeling a little tired today.” “Yup,” he sighed, “I *am* a kinda bit tired.”

😊 A little one tugged on my sleeve, pulled me close and whispered, “I have some really good news...I found a baby butterfly and I found a ladybug!”

😊 A little boy got off the bus and announced, “Sister, there’s deer living on this Hill!” “How do you know that?” I asked. “I saw deer beds! I was looking out the window on the bus. When the grass is patted down, that’s a deer bed. When the grass stands up straight, that’s not a deer bed.”

See you at the Crusader Bowl and Homecoming game! Go Crusaders!

Sister Mary Beth

- Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19. If you forgot to return the conference request form this week, please return it on Monday, October 3. Confirmed conference times will be sent home on Friday, October 7. Any student missing a form will be assigned a conference time.
- **Loyola Parent Association Women's Social/Fundraiser** - Thursday, October 6th 6-9p.m. in the Sohler Commons. This will be a social event with Silpada jewelry for sale. (Proceeds of the jewelry sale are used to purchase more jewelry for the silent auction portion of Wired to the Heart.) We will have a raffle to win your choice of jewelry and a full fruit and dessert table to enjoy while catching up with friends! Any questions? Contact Elaine Buhs at ebuhs96@yahoo.com
- **Kindergarten students** will join Grade 1-3 for Mass beginning on Tuesday, October 11. Mass is at 1:45pm. Everyone is welcome!
- **October Birthday Mass** will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 11. Students in grades 1-3 celebrating birthdays during the month of October and Kindergarten students who celebrate August, September and October birthdays are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to ECHO Food Shelf.
- **Loyola Catholic School is not in session on Wednesday, October 19-October 24.**
- **Camp Clubhouse** is being offered on Wednesday, October 19 and Monday, October 24 from 8am-4pm. Information and registration forms can be found at the end of this newsletter or in the Primary school office. Camp Clubhouse is not available Thursday, October 20 or Friday, October 21.
- **Volunteer opportunities:** Background checks and Diocese **VIRTUS training** are required for all volunteers whether it is for the classroom, field trips, assisting with picture day or Vision & Hearing screening or lunchroom helper. Information & forms are available in the office. Why not complete the process now so that you are ready when an opportunity arises?

Loyola asks that you contribute \$7.00 for the cost of the child protection background check. A check can be turned in to the office with completed forms.

If you completed a background check at Loyola within the last 5 years, you do not need to complete another one. The Diocese training is new this year and is required of all volunteers. It takes place of the "Safe & Sacred" training from the past.

- **VIRTUS Training workshop:** A VIRTUS training workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at the Fitzgerald Campus, DeSmet Hall. The workshop will begin at 6:00pm and last approximately 2 ½ hours. Pre registration is required and is done online at www.virtusonline.org
A worksheet to assist with the online registration is available in the office.
- Looking for something in last week's newsletter? **Weekly newsletters** are published on the school website. www.loyolacatholicschool.org
From the Homepage, click on "Parents," then select "School Newsletters" from the links.
- **Student names** should be placed in their outerwear. Many of the children wear the same Loyola sweatshirts so it is important that they have a name in them so we can be sure they get back to the rightful owner. Thank you!
- **School pictures** have been distributed. Please be sure to check your child's backpack. Information about school picture retakes should be available next week.
- The School Sisters of Notre Dame will host their annual **Fall Craft Fair** on Saturday, October 8 from 8:30am-2:00pm. The fair is at the Provincial House. Come early for the best selection!
- 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 in newsletter. If you are not comfortable with entering the information on line, please turn the coupons in to the office.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Tuesday	October 4	Mass 1:45pm (grades 1-3)
Wednesday	October 5	Preschool School pictures
Thursday	October 6	Preschool School pictures
Friday	October 7	SPIRIT DAY!
Monday	October 10	McDonald's McEducator night 5-7pm, Madison Ave. McDonalds
Tuesday	October 11	District #77- 2 hour late start Loyola Primary 8:05am start No morning bus available Mass 1:45pm (grades K-3) October Birthday Mass (K-3) & Birthday Mass for Kindergarteners with August and September birthdays
Tuesday	October 18	Mass 1:45pm Parent/Teacher Conferences, K-12 4-8pm School in session Preschool-Grade 12
Wednesday	October 19	No School K-12 Parent teacher conferences 9am-3pm Camp Clubhouse available Kindergarten-Grade 5 Preschool is in session
Thursday-Friday	October 20 & 21	No School Preschool-Grade 12 MEA-Minnesota Educators Association meetings
Monday	October 24	No School Preschool-Grade 12, Staff in service Camp Clubhouse available
Tuesday	October 25	Mass 1:45pm
Monday	November 1	All Saints day Mass 9:30am, SSND Chapel
Friday	November 4	No School Kindergarten-Grade 12 Camp Clubhouse available Kindergarten-Grade 5 Preschool in session
Tuesday	November 8	District #77- 2 hour late start Loyola Primary 8:05am start No morning bus available Mass 1:45pm
Tuesday	November 15	November Birthday Mass 1:45pm
Wednesday-Friday	November 23-25	No School Kindergarten-Grade 12 Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday	December 13	December Birthday Mass
Tuesday	December 20	Christmas programs Times to be announced
Thursday-Monday	December 22-January 2	No School Preschool-Grade 12 Christmas Holiday

SPIRIT SHOP NEWS:

The Loyola SPIRIT shop is open every Wednesday from 7:30am-5:15pm. Other hours may be arranged by calling Keri Solheid at 340-6991.

Come check out the new items for this school year!

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Loyola Catholic School is actively supporting Fair Trade practices by offer coffee and tea for sale. Items can be purchased at the Good Counsel campus (Rm. 133) and with Judy Doyle at the Fitzgerald campus. Boxes of tea are on sale for \$5, and coffee bags are on sale for \$10 and Chocolate is \$4.00 per bar. The purpose of this ongoing sale is to not only raise awareness of Fair Trade, but to also raise a little money for our school.

We will plan to have coffee, tea and chocolate available all year. Fair Trade handcraft items will be for sale during Parent/Teacher conferences in October and again in the spring. We hope you can support us in this endeavor. If you are looking for more information please check out the Mankato Area Fair Trade Initiative's website: <http://www.maftti.org/>

## **Food For Thought**

Did you know that Loyola Catholic School participates in the local "farm to school" product program? This is a national organization that promotes healthy school meals while utilizing local fresh food.

We have been very fortunate to receive great local produce this fall. We have gotten sweet corn, apples, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers and watermelon. We are serving local products in the lunchroom whenever we can. The students enjoy knowing where their food is coming from.

Some other new items on the menu this year have been fresh spinach salad, cole slaw, cottage cheese and Cesar salad. Students are encouraged to try a new item and let us know if they like it.

If you would like to have lunch with your student please give the foodservice a call at 388-0612.



## SMART Points. SMART Reward.

Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again! The Hy-Vee SMART Points promotion is back by popular demand! Hy-Vee, Procter & Gamble and now Sara Lee have partnered together to help build a brighter future for our students, teachers and our school. SMART Board™ interactive whiteboards engage students in exciting new ways, inspiring a higher education within a more creative environment. The power of this technology remains the focus of this great promotion.

Every \$20 of Procter & Gamble products purchased at Hy-Vee, in a single transaction, earns the shopper 100 SMART Points to donate to the school of their choice. This year you can earn even more points for our school! Get an additional 100 SMART Points when you purchase \$5 of Sara Lee Bakery products in the same transaction as your qualifying \$20 Procter & Gamble purchase. Printed on the receipt will be a promotional code to be entered on [www.hy-vee.com](http://www.hy-vee.com). Once the code is entered, select the school for which you would like to make the donation. Shoppers can earn SMART Points from October 1, 2011–December 31, 2011.



Over 200 schools with the most points will win!\* Visit [www.hy-vee.com](http://www.hy-vee.com) and click the SMART POINTS logo to see where our school stands compared to other participating schools in our area. Plus, this year the participant with the most points earned from each winning school will win a MacBook® computer. We encourage you to invest in the future of our school and share the details of this promotion with your friends and family during the promotional period.

**\*\*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. We need to be sure all the points go to 1 account set up for Loyola Catholic School.**

\*Qualified schools will be grouped according to geographic location. Point totals will be divided by the number of students enrolled in each of the participating schools, qualifying schools with the most points per grouping wins. Program ends 12/31/11. See [www.hy-vee.com](http://www.hy-vee.com) for official rules. Program dates: 10/1/11 - 12/31/11

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## Loyola Booster Club Up Coming Events

### **Fundraising Events:**

#### **2nd annual Crusader Bowl Football Game**

Family Fun Event for ALL!

Loyola Homecoming

Friday, September 30

5:00-7:00pm

Admission for the entire family to:

The Hog Roast/Carnival

Homecoming football game (7:00pm kick off)

& Your Name entered in the Blue & Gold raffle

Tickets are \$50

Available in the School offices & At Game

#### **Crusader Saver Cards**

Only \$10 per card, with all of the wonderful businesses that offered money saving coupons on each of these cards they are a steal!!

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

Corporate Memberships \$75

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

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bean Bag Toss:**

Saturday, October 8, 2011, Registration at 12:30, Start at 1:15 at the Loose Moose, proceeds to go toward baseball spring trip and equipment

Contact: Terry Reynolds or Al Kiefer

## **JV/V Athletics and Activities Home Events:**

Friday, September 30, 2011

7:00 pm Homecoming Varsity Football – Good Counsel Campus  
\*\*\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crusader Bowl – Carnival and Food 5 pm to 7 pm\*\*\*\*

Saturday, October 1, 2011

12:00 pm Girls JV/V Soccer – Good Counsel Campus

Monday, October 3, 2011

4:30 pm Boys JV Soccer – Good Counsel Campus

6:00 pm JV Volleyball – Fitzgerald

7:15 pm V Volleyball – Fitzgerald

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

4:30 pm Girls JV/V Soccer – Good Counsel Campus

Thursday, October 6, 2011

6:00 pm JV Volleyball – Fitzgerald

7:15 pm V Volleyball – Fitzgerald

\*Reminder all students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger get in free to home events!!

**GO CRUSADERS!!**