



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

January 6, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It was so good to see everyone at school again after Christmas vacation! I hope you had wonderful gatherings with family and friends celebrating Jesus' Birthday and the New Year together.

Loyola hosted "**Business After Hours**" on Tuesday evening. Our custodians had the building in tiptop shape; our teachers, staff and students had every classroom and hallway beautifully arranged and decorated; Food Service and helpers provided delicious refreshments; and many, many volunteers were on hand to serve, give tours, and share the good news about LCS. It was a wonderful event, a great crowd, and the Loyola family spirit of welcome and graciousness came shining through!

Next Monday, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the feast that traditionally begins **National Vocation Awareness week**. During the week primary students will learn and pray about God's invitation to become dedicated married couples; generous single persons; and faithful priests, deacons, brothers and sisters in service to God's people. **It would be a good time to sit down with your children, take a loving look at their Baptism pictures, renew Baptismal promises together, and pray with your children to discover and live the dreams God has for them.**

Did you know? We are busily planning for **Catholic Schools Week, January 29-February 4**. Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate with us at our **all school Liturgy on Wednesday, February 1, at 11:00**. Mass will be in SSPP church. Stay tuned for news about other events!

Did you know? We've set the date for **Kindergarten Round Up!** If you have friends, family members, neighbors or co-workers who are planning to enroll their child in Kindergarten in 2012-13, please encourage them to attend our Round Up on **Tuesday, March 6**. Sessions begin at 4:30 and 6:30 and last about one hour. Loyola families are our best recruiters!

Don't forget to return your paperwork if your child will participate in the **Open Door dental screening on January 19**. Thanks!

A REMINDER: when you bring your children to a sporting event, they need to stay *at the event* with you—not be away from the gym unsupervised. This is a safety issue as well as a matter of respect. We often find children "on their own" upstairs, in the staff workrooms, and in other areas of the building. Not good, not smart, not safe. Please, let's work together on this.

😊 At lunch I overheard one six year-old say to another, "Well, you think *THAT* is amazing? I have something that is even *more* amazing!"

😊 Mrs. M was visiting with a first grader who sighed, "I miss Kindergarten. Those were the good old days!"

😊 Early morning playtime seems to be fun on these "refreeze" mornings. Yesterday a child called to her friends, "Hey, watch me! I will demonstrate how to use this!" as she slid across an icy patch.

Blessings!

Sister Mary Beth

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- **January and June Birthday Mass** will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 17. Students in grades K-3 celebrating birthdays during the month of January and students celebrating their June ½ birthdays are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to ECHO Food Shelf. “**Birthday**” students will meet their guests at 1:10pm outside the office.
- Join us for dinner on **Monday, January 9** for Loyola Catholic School **McEducator night** at McDonald’s! Bring your family to the Madison Avenue McDonald’s store for dinner between the hours of 5:00-7:00 p.m. and turn in your receipt as you leave the counter. McDonald’s generously donates a portion of inside sales to our school community. This is a great way to support our school, meet friends, and not have to cook dinner!
- A DVD featuring the **Christmas programs** of Preschool and Kindergarten-Grade 3 is available for purchase. The order form is attached. The cost is \$12.00 per DVD and the last day to order is **Monday, January 9**.
- Loyola Catholic School **will not be in session** the following days in January:
 - * Monday, January 16 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday,
 - * Friday, January 20 for Staff Development and end of the quarter grading. (Camp Clubhouse available)
 - * Monday, January 30 for Staff Development
- An **All School Mass** celebrating National Catholic Schools week is planned for Wednesday, February 1 at 11:00 am. The Mass will be in SSPP Church. Plan on joining us for this beautiful celebration of our school community and Catholic Schools across the nation.

A schedule of events for Catholic Schools week will be coming home soon.

- **SCRIP NEWS:**

***Kwik Trip** has extended its 9% Scrip rebate until March 30, 2012.

***Special Scrip ordering schedule for upcoming weeks:**

***January 16** *Order due Monday at 10:00am* even though there is No School.

***January 30** *Order due Tuesday, January 31, at 10:00am and can be picked up Thursday after 2:00pm or on Friday.*

- **SPIRIT Shop: THE SPIRIT SHOP** will be **CLOSED** Wednesday, January 11 **and** February 1, 2012. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Please visit the Spirit Shop **January 18 or 25** between 7:30-5:15 to pick up your new Spirit wear for Catholic Schools Week. Thank you. Keri Solheid (340-6991)
- **THINGS THEOLOGICAL PRESENTS:** “Breaking Rules and Starting Rebellions” by Jason Kotecki, Wed., Jan.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 Ave, Mankato. Call 388-3766 for more information.



Preschool news:

- The Preschool teachers are looking for leftover wrapping paper and gift boxes. Please drop them off in the preschool room if you have any to spare.
- See the bulletin board outside the Preschool classroom for many upcoming **volunteer opportunities**.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Monday	January 9	LCS Nite at McDonalds 5-7pm Madison Ave. McDonalds
Tuesday	January 10	ISD #77 2 hour late start LCS starts at 8:05am Loyola Parent Assoc. meeting 7-9pm; LCS GCC Commons
Friday	January 13	5pm Open House at Fitz Campus
Monday	January 16	No School PK-12; Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Wednesday	January 18	Girls Club 3-5pm
Friday	January 20	No School PK-12; End of Semester Camp Clubhouse available
Monday	January 30	No School PK-12; Staff Development
Wednesday	February 1	National Catholic Schools Week Mass; 11:00am
Monday	February 20	No School PK-12; President's Day
Tuesday	March 6	Kindergarten Round-Up; 4:30pm & 6:30pm
Tuesday	March 20	Enrollment Night
Friday	March 23	End of Quarter 3
Monday	March 26	No School PK-12; Staff development
Monday-Friday	April 2-April 6	No School; Easter Break
Friday	May 4	No School PK-12; Staff Development
Saturday	May 5	MACS Nite
Monday	May 28	No School; Memorial Day
Thursday	May 31	Last day of Preschool
Friday	June 1	Last day of School K-11



Christmas Program DVD order form

If you are interested in purchasing a DVD copy of the Christmas program, please fill out the form and include a check for \$12.00. Forms should be returned to the school office **NO LATER THAN** January 9. The DVD of the program will not be available until after the first of the year.

The DVD will include the programs presented by Preschool, Kindergarten-Grade 3.

Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas!

I would like to order ____ copy/copies of the Christmas Program.

I have enclosed \$12.00 for each copy ordered.

Your Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Please send home with child _____
Call me to pick up when it is available _____

Orders are due in school office by Monday, January 9, 2011