



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

October 28, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thanks for attending **parent teacher conferences** last week. We had 100% attendance...most families made it to their scheduled time, and others made special arrangements. We appreciate your efforts!

You may have read in the Free Press that Mankato is now a **"Fair Trade"** city. Loyola has applied to become a "Fair Trade" school. Thanks for stopping at our Fair Trade store during conferences, and our **Book Fair**, too. How did you like all those aliens?

Hope you had a nice **MEA break!** Most staff members came back to school saying it went way too fast!

We had a busy **staff development day** on Monday (and Mrs. G had a very busy Camp Clubhouse day). The day started with prayer highlighting the 178<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame; and included a 2-hour Technology workshop; a 2-hour CPR/safety training; committee updates during a quick lunch; an hour workshop on causes and signs of anxiety in children and ways to support the anxious child; and an hour to work in K-12 curriculum committee groups.

On Tuesday evening, **six of our current 7<sup>th</sup> graders received the Serra Club's "Bright Promise" award** in recognition of their exemplary Christian leadership and service. We congratulate Tiara Coughlan, Emma Goebel, Ellie Hodapp, Lillie McDermott, Elizabeth Ninneman and Lindsey Theuninck.

**Fall Harvest Time celebrations** were fun! Students dressed in fall colors today and enjoyed games and treats during their celebrations this afternoon. On Monday and Tuesday our PS students will enjoy "Orange Events."

Don't forget **"Trunk or Treat,"** a fun event for the family on **Saturday from 12:00-2pm**. Check the flier from Loyola Parent Association for details. Decorate your car and bring treats, find a parking spot in the Loyola lot, and enjoy!

**Next Tuesday students in K-3 and 9-12 will celebrate the feast of All Saints by joining the Sisters for Mass at 9:30 in their Chapel.** Children in LCS primary will be in the procession, lead the intercessions, and sing a song during the preparation of gifts. Members of the high school choir will sing after Communion. You are welcome to join us. Just come in the main entrance of the Sisters' Residence and ask the receptionist for directions.

😊 As I helped a Kindergartener tie his shoes he asked, "How did you learn to do that so fast?" "Well," I said, "I suppose I've been working on it ever since I was in Kindergarten." He gave me a knowing look, "Oh," he said, "so it was *practice*."

😊 A youngster proudly showed me his new shoes. "Are they good for running?" I asked. "Yeah, and I'm great at running!" he replied. "I've been running all my life!"

😊 Many long years ago, on my 27<sup>th</sup> birthday, a first grader asked my age and I told her I was "189." Her eyes got big and she replied, "But you don't even look 100!" This year I told a little girl "189 and a half." She replied, "*Really?* You *look* younger. I always thought you were younger than 80!" To another student I said "15" and he responded, "I know that's not true. No way!"

Enjoy your weekend! See you at **Trunk or Treat!**

Sister Mary Beth

- Come and join us on Saturday afternoon for Loyola's Second Annual **Trunk or Treat** to be held **from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. on the Good Counsel Campus!** It will be bigger and better than last year!! Decorate the trunk of your car, bring your goodies and join in the fun!
- **Loyola Catholic School is not in session on Friday, November 4. It is a Staff work day.**
- **Camp Clubhouse** is being offered on Friday, November 4 from 8am-4pm. Information and registration forms can be found at the end of this newsletter or in the Primary school office.
- **NO BUS available FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11** -- Loyola Catholic School **is in session on Friday, November 11** however there is no busing that day. School begins at 8:00 A.M. and dismisses at 2:55 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.)
- **THANK YOU** to the Loyola Parent Association for coordinating super and lunch during Parent Teacher conferences. Thank you to all parent who generously donated items, your kindness is appreciated! Also, thank you to those who attended the Book Fair and visited our Fair Trade table during conferences.
- **VIRTUS Training workshop:** A VIRTUS training workshop is scheduled for November 15 at St. John the Baptist Church, Mankato. 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](http://www.virtusonline.org) A worksheet to assist with the online registration is available in the office.

**VIRTUS** training must be completed by ALL Loyola volunteers. VIRTUS training takes the place of the previous Safe & Sacred program. A worksheet to assist with the online registration is available in the office.

- 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.
- The **Loyola Band and Choir** has 2 fundraisers going on to help offset the cost of their trip to New York City. If you are interested in either, please contact a LCS High School student or information can be given from the Primary School office. The fundraisers are:
  1. **Magazine Sale** going on now. If you need to renew a subscription for your personal use or for your business please contact Bridget Hermer, LCS Choir Director, or any High School Music student. Information is also available on the school website. The students make 40% of every order.

2. **Herbergers Coupon Books** for Community Days! .

Each book sells for \$5 and contains coupons for over \$230 with a special \$10 coupon on any purchase over \$10. The students receive 100% of the sale.

Thanks for supporting the Loyola Band and Choir!

- The mornings are a little **chilly this time of year**. Please be sure to dress your child appropriately to be outside in the morning and for lunch recess. Hats and light mittens are a good idea. Children are to be on the playground until 8:00am, when the teachers bring them in from the playground.



### **Preschool news:**

- Preschool is in session on Friday, November 4. LCS Kindergarten-Grade 12 is not in session.
- Preschool Parent teacher conference sign up sheets are posted outside of the Preschool room. Please be sure to sign up for a conference time.



## LOOKING AHEAD:

Monday	November 1	All Saints day Mass 9:30am, SSND Chapel
Thursday	November 3	SPIRIT Day
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
Wednesday	November 9	Girls Club 3:00-5:00pm
Friday	November 11	NO BUS AVAILABLE-morning or afterschool Mankato public schools not in session
Monday	November 14	McDonald's McEducator night 5-7pm, Madison Ave. McDonalds
Tuesday	November 15	November Birthday Mass 1:45pm
Tuesday	November 22	Mass 1:45pm
Wednesday-Friday	November 23-25	No School Kindergarten-Grade 12 Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday	November 22	Mass 1:45pm
Wednesday-Friday	November 23-25	NO SCHOOL Preschool-Grade 12 Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday	November 29	Mass 1:45pm
Friday	December 2	SPIRIT day!
Thursday	December 8	Mass- Immaculate Conception, time TBA
Monday	December 12	McDonald's McEducator night 5-7pm, Madison Ave. McDonalds
Tuesday	December 13	District #77- 2 hour late start Loyola Primary 8:05am start No morning bus available  December Birthday Mass
Tuesday	December 20	Christmas programs Kindergarten-Grade 3: 9:00am & 1:30pm Preschool: 10:30am
Thursday-Monday	December 22-January 2	No School Preschool-Grade 12 Christmas Holiday

**SPIRIT SHOP NEWS:**

**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!"**

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Loyola Book Fair update: A total of \$558.38 was raised for our classroom libraries. Scholastic matches the monetary donations schools generate, with a donation of up to one million books to three national non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need: Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., the Kids In Need Foundation, and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

We received about a \$1000.00 in book profit and about \$700.00 in cash to go toward our accelerated reader program and literacy events.

Approximately 110 kids participated in the "alien project"

Twelve Intermediate school and high school kids received service hours for working the book fair.

Mrs. Corcoran, Media Specialist

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**Food For Thought**

Five members of Student Council taste tested 3 new food items on Tuesday Oct 25 2011. They tried Camper Stew, Garlic Cheese Bisque and Chicken Oriental Wrap.

The camper stew is a hot dish made with beef, carrots and potatoes, and the students recommended that we add it to our menu. The bisque was well received and the students suggested serving them with soup. The wraps were well received but they thought the students in the lower grades might not like them as much as the older students.

We will start by serving the wraps as an ala' cart to the high school students.

Look for these new items on the December menu. Remember you may have lunch with your student any time. The cost is \$3.00. Any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call at 388-0612. Peggy Pettis



## Loyola Booster Club

### Fundraising Events:

#### Antiquities photography:

Loyola Booster Club has arranged to have the National photography company *Antiquities* come to Loyola~Fitzgerald campus for a fun photo opportunity.

#### **A little about *Antiquities*:**

- The chance to have a creative and unique old-fashioned portrait complete with props and clothing. (Up to size youth 16)
- *Antiquities* will photograph children from infant-age 16 years.
- *Antiquities* style dress consists of bare feet, overalls, blue jeans, lace dresses, etc.
- Check out the *Antiquities* website for more information: [www.antiquitieskids.com](http://www.antiquitieskids.com)
- Posters with sample pictures and information are posted at school.

#### **How do I participate?**

- Purchase a portrait coupon. The coupons are \$10.00 each and are available in the school offices. The coupon entitles the bearer to ONE 10x13 portrait featuring the Classic Sepia look. (\$89.95 retail value)

#### **Date of Photography sessions:**

- Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6  
You will be contacted for your sitting appointment prior to photography date.

#### **Crusader Saver Cards**

NOW Only \$5 per card for the rest of the year, 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)

## **Upcoming Athletics and Activities:**

**Saturday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**- Boys Varsity Football, Sectional playoffs. 7:00pm LCS Vs. Sleepy Eye St. Mary at Sleepy Eye.

**Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**- State Cross Country Meet at St. Olaf College.

**Monday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**- Girls Basketball Parent Meeting 6:00 in the Fitzgerald Library. 7th-12th grade parents.

**Monday Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**- Girls Basketball Practice Begins 7th-12th grade.  
Boys Basketball Parent Meeting 6:00 in the Fitzgerald Library. 7th-12th grade parents.

**Wednesday Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**- Booster Club Meeting 6:15 at the Loose Moose

**Monday Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**- Boys Basketball Practice Begins 7th-12th grade.

**Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>**- One Act Play (Nuncrackers) 7:30 Fitzgerald Theatre

**Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**- One Act Play 2:00 and 7:30. Fitzgerald Theatre

**Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**- One Act Play 2:00. Fitzgerald Theatre

**Monday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**- 6th-12th Grade Band Concert 7:00 Fitzgerald Campus

**Monday Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**- 6th-8th Grade Choir Concert 5:30 Fitzgerald Campus

**GO CRUSADERS!!**