



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

November 3, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We shared in a wonderful celebration of **Mass on the feast of All Saints**. K-3 students processed into the Sisters Chapel, gathered near the altar, led the intercessions and sang/signed "At the Center of My Heart" during the preparation of gifts. We celebrated with the sisters on this feast last year, too, and it has become a great tradition! This year our high school students also joined us and our high school choir sang after Communion. So many sisters commented on how **good** our students are. One sister remarked, "Oh, I kept thinking I must be Heaven!"

PS classes enjoyed fun "**Orange Events**" this week! My favorite to watch was "bowling" in the hall...a pyramid of rolls of bathroom tissue and an orange ball. It was more challenging than you'd think!

Did you know? **LCS has a Technology Committee**, which meets each month, explores trends and possibilities, generates ways to connect technology to various areas of the curriculum, and plans for our present and future technology needs.

Did you know? **LCS has a Faculty Council**, which has as its primary function communication between staff and administration. The council generates ideas for improvement, helps with planning staff development, and makes suggestions regarding policies.

Did you know? **LCS has K-12 Curriculum Committees**, which meet regularly to ensure that we are teaching, assessing and meeting MN state standards as well as our own standards of achievement.

Did you know? "**Discover our Difference**" is our theme this year. We have surfaced nine hallmarks that help to make Loyola "different" in positive, life-giving ways and are highlighting one of those hallmarks each month. In September we focused on "**Spirit and Pride**" and in October, "**We appreciate our peaceful environment.**" Our November focus is "**We strive for academic excellence.**" Stayed tuned for another facet of our "difference" each month.

Thursday marks the **end of our first quarter**, and **Friday is a workday for K-12 staff** as they finalize grades, prepare report cards and plan for second quarter. **PS is in session. Camp Clubhouse is in session.**

**Parents/Guardians may pick up their child's report card in the office beginning at 2:45 on Monday, 11-7.** (Any report cards that have not been picked up will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon, 11-9.) Kindergarteners do not receive first quarter report cards.

😊 At lunch one day a group called me over and a spokesperson asked, "Do you have any kids?" "None of my own," I replied just as a little girl piped up, "She has a whole school full of kids!" Another child remarked, "Yeah, but she's lucky! She doesn't have to *pay* for any of them!"

😊 Arriving in the midst of sprinkles, a little one noted big my umbrella, pointed to the stocking cap on his head and said, "This is my *little* umbrella today!"

😊 When we took the Kindergarteners to the Sisters' Chapel on Monday to get acquainted before All Saints day, a little one looked up at the stained glass windows and asked, "Sister, who washes your windows?"

Sister Mary Beth

*Discover the Difference*

*~spirit and pride ~peaceful environment ~academic excellence*

*Loyola Catholic school*

- **Loyola Catholic School is not in session tomorrow, Friday, November 4. It is a Staff work day.** Preschool is in session as scheduled.
- **Tuesday, November 8 there is no morning bus available.** Mankato Public schools are on a 2 hour late start schedule. Loyola Primary School's day begins at 8:05am.
- **First Quarter Report Cards** will be available for parents to pick up starting at 2:45pm on Monday. Stop in the office anytime starting Monday after school. Any report cards not picked up will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon. Primary School office hours are 7:15am-3:45pm.

Report cards MUST be picked up by a Parents/ Guardians. Report cards cannot be picked up by your children or your friends. Thank you for respecting the confidentiality of report cards.

- **NO BUS available FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11** -- Loyola Catholic School **is in session on Friday, November 11** however there is no busing that day. Please make arrangements for your children to get **to and from** school. (The shuttle will run between the two campuses for Clubhouse and after school activities.)
- Loyola Catholic School will participate in the local **STUFF-A-TRUCK** program. Collection runs through Thursday, November 17. This is our chance to be Christ to our neighbors. Items for the Food Shelf may be sent to school with your child. Your generosity models for your children the Gospel teaching, "Feed the hungry."
- **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.

- 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. **Loyola is currently in the lead!**
- 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 Parent teacher conference sign up sheets are posted outside of the Preschool room. Please be sure to sign up for a conference time.
- Preschool will celebrate a **Thanksgiving feast** on November 21 and November 22. Parent Volunteers are needed. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards outside each classroom.



**Let's talk weather...**with cold weather is just around the corner! Here is some information to keep handy.

First and foremost, if Mankato Public Schools, (District #77) makes a decision about school start or dismissal, Loyola Catholic School will follow the same plan.

If school has been cancelled, start delayed, or released early, there are many ways to get this information. Please find what works best for your family.



Public school hotline number: 386-4777  
All local radio and television stations

In case of an early dismissal from school, we will follow your family's inclement weather release plan on file in the office. Please review your dismissal plan with your children, so they understand what you expect from them if this happens. If you are unsure of what your child's plan is, please call the office. 388-0614

As soon as we are notified by District #77 of an early dismissal, an email is sent out announcing the time of school closing. To accommodate parents work schedules, children may be picked up as soon as the announcement is made. Please be prompt in picking up your children at the announced school closure time.

Please understand that we have 175 children (not including preschool) that we need to get home safely in event of early dismissal. The school phone lines need to be left open as much as possible, so please use your radio, TV or email to find school dismissal information.

**Loyola Clubhouse is not available in event of early dismissal. The Activities bus DOES NOT bring children from the Fitzgerald Campus to the Good Counsel Campus.**

**Preschool: If students Kindergarten-Grade 12 are dismissed in the morning, afternoon preschool is not in session. If there is a delayed start time due to weather, there is no morning preschool.**





## LOOKING AHEAD:

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 2:45-5:00pm
Friday	November 11	NO BUS AVAILABLE-morning or after school 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
Monday	November 21	Preschool Thanksgiving feast celebrations
Tuesday	November 22	Mass 1:45pm  Preschool Thanksgiving feast celebrations
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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 (No Mass on Tuesday 12/6)
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, 1:45pm
Wednesday	December 14	Girls Club 2:45-5:00pm
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:**

**With the change in the weather do you need a LOYOLA jacket? Check out the Spirit Shop! There are many styles available.**

**Start your Christmas shopping early! Check out the new items including mugs, lanyards, wind shirts, and t-shirt designs.**

**The shop is open Wednesdays from 7:30 A.M. – 5:15 P.M.**

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**Scrip News**

**Thanksgiving Holiday week Scrip schedule**

Scrip orders placed and paid by 10 a.m. on Monday, November 21, will be available for pickup the afternoon of Wednesday, November 23. The Loyola Scrip office will be closed November 24-25 for the holiday.

**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 Presto pay orders placed by 10am each Monday in November one lucky family will receive a prize! Choose from: a Loyola Booster Club Crusader Saver card or a dozen fresh baked Chocolate Chunk Cookies from the Loyola Food Service Department.**



Loyola Booster Club

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**Fundraising Events:**

**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)

**GO CRUSADERS!!**