



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

December 16, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We celebrated our **December Birthday Mass** on Tuesday. **Jim and Betty Sohler were among our guests, representing Mrs. Dorothy Sohler.** Mrs. Sohler, at age 100 was unable join us in person but we "sent" our prayers and blessing song to her. You'll soon see a plaque, a reminder of Dorothy's generosity, near the new preschool room. **We'll celebrate Jan/June birthdays on the 17th.**

As you know, because of ongoing health concerns, Kathi Cliff has resigned from full time teaching in our **Kindergarten**, a tremendous loss to the Loyola family. We are very grateful to Betty Widmer-Blace who has graciously put her own commitments on hold--last spring and again this fall--to serve as Kathi's sub on a "wait and see, one day at a time" basis, hoping that Kathi would be well by semester time. Now knowing that Kathi will not return we are proceeding as planned and seeking a replacement for Betty to begin second semester on January 23.

Our third graders had the opportunity to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** today. What a gift to celebrate this grace right here at school.

On Wednesday, December 21, K-3 students are invited to relax together before the "holiday hustle and bustle." Children may wear pj's to school (they may bring blankets, pillows and water bottles, too) and after lunch we'll camp out on the gym floor, get cozy and comfy, enjoy treats, and watch two fun movies, "The Snowman" and "The Gruffalo."

Today your child received information describing a service offered to all students in the district. Through a grant from Delta Dental of MN, **Open Door Health Center and the MSU Dental Hygiene Department will provide oral health screening and fluoride varnish AT SCHOOL on January 19 to PS-12 students who request them.** There is no charge. Please read the information carefully. If you request this service, please **return the signed permission to the primary office by JAN 6.**

Did you know? Several LCS teachers including Rita Gerlach and Deb Maus, attended the TIES (Technology in Education) conference in Minneapolis on Monday and Tuesday. They came back with lots of new ideas, skills, and experiences to share.

Did you know? "Service is essential" at Loyola and begins early. Our preschool children rang bells for the Salvation Army on Tuesday evening! Irresistible.

😊 A PS cutie told me her family "had a Christmas" over the weekend and she received "my favorite doll and a coloring book and magic markers...they really *are* magic...they're *nu-nique!*" Her Mom grinned at me and whispered, "unique."

😊 Tuesday was balmy by December-in-Minnesota standards and a first grader commented, "It's not very cold today. Actually, my ears are hot!"

😊 One rainy morning I teased a 3rd grader: "If April showers bring May flowers, what do DECEMBER showers bring?" She thought for a second and replied, "Grumpy faces!"

We are eager to welcome you to our Christmas programs on Tuesday!

God bless!
Sister Mary Beth

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Loyola Catholic School

- **Loyola Catholic Primary and Preschool Christmas programs!**

Primary school (grades K-3) Tuesday, December 20 9:00am & 1:30pm Gymnasium
*Two show times are offered. Please plan on attending one performance in order to allow seating for all of our families.

Preschool (all classes) Tuesday, December 20 10:30am Gymnasium

Children may be out of uniform on December 20, wearing clothing that you feel is suitable for the Christmas program.

- The **Loyola Concert Choir** will present an evening of Music and Scripture Readings celebrating the Advent Season on Sunday, December 18th at 7PM in the Loyola Chapel on Good Counsel Hill. Admission is free however students will be collecting donations for the Echo Food Shelf. Please join us!
- With the switch to the new LCS website, many are having difficulty locating the link to the **Accelerated Reading** program. From the LCS Home page, it is located under the tab "Loyola Life". If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Corcoran at rcorcoran@loyolacatholicschool.org
- Loyola students will be working at the **Salvation Army** gift wrap on Dec 23. We invite all Loyola families to bring in all their last minute gifts to be wrapped. Gift wrap 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.
- **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.
- **SCRIP NEWS Monday, December 19th at 10 a.m. is the deadline to order and receive SCRIP before Christmas. SCRIP will be available for pickup on Thursday, December 22.**

The Scrip office is closed December 23-December 30. Scrip ordering will resume on Tuesday, January 3. Loyola Community Scrip can be purchased from Voyager Bank and Holy Rosary Parish Office during their regular business hours.

***PrestoPay feature** is now only 15 cents per order at www.shopwithscrip.com
Experience the benefits of electronic payment and get started with PrestoPay today!

The following are the winners in the PrestoPay contest:
December 5 weekly winner - Gordy and Terri Compton - a dozen cookies
December 12 weekly winner - Cindy Gosch - a dozen cookies

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<http://www.glscrip.com/shop/specialoffers.aspx>. It includes a listing of current and upcoming special Scrip card offers at www.shopwithscrip.com Earn greater Scrip tuition rebate when buying these Scrip retailers. If you have questions, contact JoAnn at 388-0601 or jschlosser@loyolacatholicschool.org



Preschool news:

- All three Preschool classes will present their **Christmas program** in one performance on Tuesday, December 20 at 10:30am in Loyola's Good Counsel Campus gymnasium.
- Preschool classes will meet through Wednesday, December 21 and then resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Tuesday	December 20	Christmas programs Kindergarten-Grade 3: 9:00am & 1:30pm Preschool: 10:30am
Wednesday	December 21	K-3 Pajama day SPIRIT Shop open 7:30am-7:30pm Misfit sale and Goodies sale
Thursday-Monday	December 22-January 2	No School Preschool-Grade 12 Christmas Holiday
Tuesday	January 3	Welcome back to school!



SPIRIT SHOP NEWS:

Land Of Misfit Clothing & Goodie Sale! The Spirit Shop and Playground Committee are teaming up on Wednesday, December 21, to sell last minute Christmas items. Discontinued and slightly damaged Spirit wear will be offered at a discounted price just in time for the holidays. We'll also have a bake sale and stocking stuffers for that special Loyola student on your list!!!

The SPIRIT shop will be open extended hours; 7:30am-7:30pm with the Misfit sale and Bake sale from 4:00-7:30pm. Don't miss it!!



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 and 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, 2012