



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

December 2, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations to Mrs. Cliff! Kathi was honored as a **2011 Loyola Hall of Fame inductee** at our banquet last evening. Hers is certainly a wonderful legacy to Loyola...35 years of giving children a joyful Kindergarten/gr 1 experience and a solid foundation for a lifetime of learning. Because of ongoing health concerns, Kathi is retiring from full time teaching, a great loss to the Loyola family. We promise our grateful, prayerful, love and support. **Also honored as Hall of Fame inductees were Dan and Kim Rotchadl and Chris Rodgers.**

We gathered for our first **Advent prayer service** on Monday and set our theme: ***We can Light the Way.*** We gathered again today for Advent prayer, bringing cash donations for the Welcome Inn~Theresa House and dressing in bright, shining (even sparkly!) shirts...ready to light up the world to welcome Jesus! We have a "living Advent Wreath" this year...four children "candles" wearing purple/pink tunics and "crowned" with light. Precious.

If you are looking for a great evening this weekend, try our school musical, "**Nuncrackers!**" On Wednesday pm, more than 50 SSNDs enjoyed the dress rehearsal. Delightful! Just remember when you go...the play is a work of *fiction*...although I think there might be a touch of each of those crazy sisters in each of us real ones! (That's probably why Kim calls us "such an appreciative audience!")

Next week we will celebrate the **feast of the Immaculate Conception** at our all school **Mass at 9am** in our GC campus student chapel. All are welcome.

Be sure to mark your calendars for "**Loyola Day**" at **Barnes & Noble**, Saturday, December 10. See the attachment for details. It promises to be a fun event!

Did you know? **Using SCRIP can make a real difference!** A family whose child is still too young to be enrolled already has over \$2000 in SCRIP earnings in their child's tuition account. (Grandma & Grandpa are faithfully using SCRIP, too.)

Did you know? If you enjoy giving **Gift Cards for Christmas**, SCRIP is the way to go!
We have cards from many national stores and restaurants as well local businesses.

Did you know? For several weeks, children in K-3 have been practicing the responses published in **the New Roman Missal** and are now using them at our Masses. We print the responses on our song sheets to help us remember the new words.

😊 On Monday I welcomed a child back from Thanksgiving vacation and asked, "Are you still full of turkey?" He replied, "I was! But I'm not now!"

😊 A PS student came to me with a "Here I am, love me!" look on her little face. I took her face in my hands and bent down so we could touch foreheads. She giggled and scooted away then came back for a repeat, then another, and another.

😊 Mrs. H shared that when her class talked about the star leading the Kings to Baby Jesus, a little one piped up, "It is like a GPS!" Another added, "Well, my Mom doesn't have a GPS, she just has to follow the star!"

😊 At Mass on Tuesday Father Mariano asked if anyone knew the meaning of Advent. Dozens of hands were immediately in the air. He called on four Kindergarteners who confidently responded: *patience, waiting, waiting for Jesus, and a time for loving Jesus.* No wonder the prophet Isaiah writes "and a little child shall lead them."

Sister Mary Beth

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Loyola Catholic School

- **Winter Recess Reminders:** Please be sure to dress your children to be outside for recess. The guideline used is if the temperature is above 0° with wind chill, the children will be outside for recess. Temperatures are checked first thing morning and before lunch recess. Many children are coming to school without mittens and hats!
- **LOYOLA DAY at BARNES & NOBLE-**The Loyola Parent Association is partnering with Barnes & Noble on December 10 for the annual holiday book fair!

All books, toys, (Barnes & Noble has a large selection of great toys!) gifts, Starbucks treats, and Nook purchases are included so you can cross many off your list on one day and in one place! Loyola receives a percentage of sales when each shopper mentions **LOYOLA** at the registers.

Loyola students will be singing Christmas carols and playing instruments through out the day, staff members will be reading stories and the LPA will wrap any Barnes & Noble purchases.

Please stop in to shop and stay for the entertainment. Be sure to stop by the wrapping table to say hello!

See the attached flyer for more information. The flyer can be forwarded to all out of town friends and family to use at **ANY** Barnes & Noble on Saturday, December 10th only! Out of town shoppers must present the attached voucher for Loyola to get credit for their purchase.

- Mark your calendars for the **Loyola Catholic Primary and Preschool Christmas programs!**

Primary school (grades K-3)	Tuesday, December 20	9:00am & 1:30pm	Gymnasium
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*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
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Children may be out of uniform on December 20, wearing clothing that you feel is suitable for the Christmas program.

- Loyola High School presents **“NUNCRACKERS, The Nonsense Christmas Musical”** this Friday, Dec. 2 (7:30 PM), Saturday, Dec. 3 (2:00 PM & 7:30 PM) & Sunday, December 4 (2:00 PM) at the Fitzgerald Campus Theater. Tickets are \$7 for adults & \$5 for students and are available in the HS office of the Fitzgerald Campus office. Please call 507-388-2997 for more information.
- **ST. JOSEPH the Worker/ Loyola families:** While aware that play and concerts etc. will keep many of you occupied until after December 12 we at St. Joe's invite you to participate in your parish's 4pm Mass for Christmas. We need singers and musicians. Practices are on Wednesdays in the church 5:30– 6:15pm (K-8) & 7:30- 8:30pm (9-12) We also need little angels & shepherds for our Nativity mime so call Julie Roush at 388- 2118. Let us be one in praising the Lord this Christmas. *Fr.W.*
- 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.
- **VIRTUS Training workshops:**

* Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00pm St. Joseph the Worker Church, Mankato

The workshop is approximately 2 ½ hours in length. **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.

VIRTUS training must be completed by ALL Loyola volunteers.



Preschool news:

- Preschool students are **ringing bells for The Salvation Army** on Monday, December 12 from 5-7pm at ShopKo. Volunteer sign up sheets are located outside the classroom.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Friday	December 2	Advent prayer service Shine for Jesus day!
Wednesday	December 7	SPIRIT Shop open 7:30am-7:30pm, Fitzgerald campus
Thursday	December 8	Mass- Immaculate Conception, 9:00am (No Mass on Tuesday 12/6)
Friday	December 9	Advent prayer service Shine for Jesus day!
Saturday	December 10	LCS Day at Barnes & Noble 9:30am-10:00pm
Monday	December 12	McDonald's McEducator night 5-7pm, Madison Ave. McDonalds Preschool Bell Ringing 5-7pm at Shopko.
Tuesday	December 13	District #77- 2 hour late start Loyola Primary 8:05am start No morning bus available December Birthday Mass, 1:45pm VIRTUS Training-St. Joseph the Worker Church
Wednesday	December 14	SPIRIT Shop open 7:30am-7:30pm, Fitzgerald campus Girls Club 2:45-5:00pm
Friday	December 16	Advent prayer service Shine for Jesus day!
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
Tuesday	January 3	First day back to school



Winter Weather

‘Tis the season to clarify!!!

****Students wear snow pants and boots for outdoor play when there is significant snow (more than a dusting) on the ground and/or for warmth.***

*If students do not have snow pants or boots, they play on areas that have been cleared of snow...the road or on the cement. *They do not stay in the building.*

*Students may leave their snow pants and boots at school all week, but will bring snow pants home *on Fridays to be laundered.*

**Students do not need to wear snow pants and boots home unless it is bitterly cold or if we have a weather-related early dismissal.* If it was too cold to play outside for lunchtime recess (zero or below with wind-chill) the children wear their winter gear for warmth on the way home. During a winter storm early dismissal, students wear their winter gear home, prepared for a longer, possibly hazardous trip.

*If students arrive between 7:30-7:45am after a fresh snow, and have their snow pants and boots in their locker, they may come in the building and quickly get “dressed” for outdoor play. If they arrive later than 7:45 they will be asked to stay on the cleared road or cement.

***Please label snow pants, boots, mittens and hats with your child’s name. Many children wear identical or very similar styles, colors and sizes. LABELS are a MUST!**

*When it is stormy or bitterly cold, students going home by car wait inside the building at dismissal time. When we see you walking toward the building or pulling up to the curb, we’ll bring or send your children to meet you.

Thanks for your cooperation!
Sister Mary Beth

SPIRIT SHOP NEWS:

EXTENDED SPIRIT SHOP HOURS – Announcing our extended Spirit Shop hours for this Christmas season! Each Wednesday in December, we will be open 7:30am– 7:30pm.

All of our new items have arrived (“bling”t-shirts, three styles of zippered hoodies, youth sweatpants, winter beanie hats, travel coffee mugs and much more.) Please call Keri (340-6991) with any questions.

Scrip News

PrestoPay feature now only 15 cents per order at 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 orders placed with payment by PrestoPay by 10am each Monday in December, one lucky family will receive a prize! Choose from: a Loyola Booster Club Crusader Saver card or a dozen fresh baked Cookies from the Loyola Food Service Department.

Save this link in your favorites <http://www.glscrip.com/shop/specialoffers.aspx>. It includes a listing of current and upcoming special Scrip card offers at www.shopwithscrip.com. These specials give you a greater Scrip tuition rebate. Reminder- total rebate amounts are generally split 50/50 between the family tuition account and the Loyola General Fund. If you have questions, contact JoAnn at 388-0601 or jschlosser@loyolacatholicschool.org

PrestoPay/Scrip November weekly contest winners:

- November 7: Amanda and John Lillis - prize of a Crusader saver card
- November 14: Jennifer and Adam Chelstrom - prize of a Crusader saver card
- November 21: Jim & Becky Ness - one dozen cookies
- November 28: Jane & Nathan Younge - one dozen cookies

Loyola students have been invited to take part in a contest for the Mayo Clinic Health System. Although the form says deadline is December 2, the information was just given to us. If your child is interested in participating, entries need to be in the school office by Friday, December 9.

Mayo Clinic Health System Launches Name the Robot Contest for State-of-Art da Vinci Surgical Robot

Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato has announced a contest to name its new da Vinci® surgical robot, an advanced technology that provides increased vision, precision, dexterity and control for surgeons performing delicate and complex operations. The “Name the Robot” Contest is open to all elementary students.

“We are very proud to make this cutting edge medical technology available to patients throughout the region,” says Greg Kutcher, M.D., president and CEO of the Southwest Minnesota region of Mayo Clinic Health System. “Involving young people in naming our new robot helps them understand the incredible advancements taking place within health care today and increases awareness about the specialized care services offered by Mayo Clinic Health System locally.”

Students can draw a picture of a surgical robot and give it a name. Participating schools will return the entries to Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato at the beginning of December and a panel of surgeons, nurses and other staff members will select the winner.

The selected art will be displayed in the da Vinci® operating room at Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato and the student will receive special recognition.

A contest flyer is attached to the newsletter as a separate pdf. attachment. Paper copies are also available in the office.

