



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

December 21, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Are strains of the children's Christmas program songs still humming in your mind and heart? They are in mine! Actually I've heard them in "surround sound" for weeks, floating down from the music room directly above the office and drifting in from the Preschool rooms across the hall...I love it.

I also love seeing everyone together on stage...whether it is all of our preschoolers, or all of our K-3 students, it is a wonderful sight! Many, many thanks to all the teachers and all of the PS aides and helpers (including several high school students) who planned, prepared, and guided the children through their precious programs.

Many thanks for helping your child "shine for Jesus" on Fridays during Advent. Yesterday our check for \$479.16 was delivered to the Welcome Inn~Theresa House. Students in grades 4-12 participated in their traditional Christmas Basket project, bringing donations, shopping, and wrapping gifts for parish families in need.

January promises to be a busy month! We will welcome several new students, host "Business After Hours," begin second semester, and prepare for Catholic Schools Week. Stay tuned!

😊 A preschooler noticed the painting of The Last Supper that hangs in our office and started asking question after question, and accepting my answer, until we got to the big bowl of water and white towel in the foreground. "What's that?" she asked. "A bowl of water so Jesus' friends could wash up before supper," I replied. "Oh... and what's that?" she asked. "A towel," I said. "No, it's not," she said with great authority, "It's Jesus' baby blanket from when he was in the manger!"

😊 A young Mom (and also Mom-to-be) stopped in Mrs. Homan's room to say Hi and a first grader announced for all to hear, "Hey, you're just like Mary! You're going to have a baby, too!"

😊 The stage curtain is about 4" off the floor and while waiting for the PS program, I noticed two little feet under the curtain, then two little hands on the floor, then a sweet little face on the floor--and two big eyes looking at me.

Thank you for all the gifts and treats you've sent this week! We feel very loved and appreciated!

One of my all-time favorite Christmas cards has on its cover a tiny drawing of the newborn Jesus sleeping in a manger, and on the inside just two words: "Small Wonder." Thank you for sharing your "small wonder(s)" with us here at Loyola (I think you know we love each and every one of them) and I pray that your family is always blessed with the peace and joy of knowing that Jesus is forever "Emmanuel, *God-With-Us*." Merry Christmas!

Sister Mary Beth

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- 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- 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.

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**Preschool news:**

- Preschool classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.



*The faculty and staff of  
Loyola Catholic Primary School wish you a  
Merry Christmas and  
many blessings in 2012!*



## LOOKING AHEAD:

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

ISD #77 Late starts:

Tuesday, January 10  
Tuesday, February 14  
Tuesday, March 13  
Tuesday, April 10  
Tuesday, May 8



## 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 and Grades 4 & 5.

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**