



LOYOLA  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

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# Counselor's Corner

Greetings! This is a reminder that student groups are forming! The groups are intended to have students meet with other students who have similar issues: grief, friendship, anger, sibling issues, family change, separation and divorce. The students gain quite a bit from our once a week sessions and look forward to coming. I have again attached the registration form. Please print a copy and send it with your child. Groups will begin in January.

## GROUP INTEREST SURVEY

1. \_\_\_ Improved Self-esteem
2. \_\_\_ Friendship/Peer Relations
3. \_\_\_ Grief
4. \_\_\_ Family Change (separation, move, new baby, remarriage, blended family, Illness)
5. \_\_\_ Divorce
6. \_\_\_ Sibling Group  
(Siblings discuss roles in the family, the needs of younger and older siblings.)
7. \_\_\_ Anger Management

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom/ClassTeacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Suggestions;

**SPREAD THE WORD!** WEEKLY LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS are published on the school website, [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org). From the homepage, click on "Parents," then select "School Newsletters" from the link.

**CHRISTMAS BASKET FAMILIES** – Once again during Advent, the students on the Fitzgerald Campus are adopting families to help give them a merrier Christmas. The needs of these families were given to us by our four parishes, which have been distributed to each homeroom. We are now in the process of collecting money. On Monday, December 14, members of the Builders Club and each homeroom will go to Wal-Mart and purchase their gifts for these families. The gifts will then be wrapped and brought to our Christmas Basket Mass on Wednesday, December 16. The baskets will then be returned to the parishes to get to our adopted families. Please encourage your students to give generously and give of their own money. Thank you and may God bless you during this season of giving.

**KNOWLEDGE BOWL** -- Congratulations to the knowledge bowlers! They took 1<sup>st</sup> place and 5<sup>th</sup> place at their meet held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Special thanks to Aysha Gaspar, Melissa Strachan, Pam Coughlan, and Bobbi Nawrocki for helping at the meets.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet again for our second book, Black Beauty by Anna Sewell (unabridged), this coming Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> during lunch. Information for the book club is at <http://www.loyolabookclub.blogspot.com/> (you can always find this link located on the parents page of the Loyola website). If your child would like to attend this second session, just email Ruthie Corcoran [rcorcoran@macsmn.com](mailto:rcorcoran@macsmn.com). Book Club is organized to challenge our intermediate to advanced readers.

**SPIRIT SHOP HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS** -- The Spirit Shop Sale to be held on Good Counsel Campus on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-5:30 will be a "BLOWOUT SALE"! All clothing items will be 10% off, including Under Armour! The Spirit Shop will be closed at the Fitzgerald Campus the week of December 7<sup>th</sup> in order to move the shop and prepare for the sale. Thanks for your understanding with the change in our hours for next week and we hope to see you at the sale!!!

**MAGAZINE SALES** -- The Loyola Band and Choir have their annual Magazine Sale going on now. If you need to renew a subscription for your personal use or for your business, please contact Bridget Hermer, Tom Bierer or any music student. You may also go on the Loyola Website and under the Links tab you can place your order. The students make 40% of every order. Thank you for supporting the Arts at Loyola.

**DVD'S FOR SALE** -- Visit the LCS website home page to order a dvd of LCS production of "Grease" or "Sueussical" (GREAT Christmas Gift!). Orders will be accepted until December 15.

**STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – The annual staff Christmas luncheon will be held on the Fitzgerald Campus on Thursday, December 10, 11:00 – 12:30. Please check your calendar to see if you can help out either with food preparations or lunch hour supervision. *SEE THE FLYER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER!*

**SCHOLARSHIPS FROM ST. JOHN'S MENS CLUB** – A scholarship of \$125.00 will be awarded to five students attending the Fitzgerald Campus of Loyola Catholic School for the 2009-10 school year. The student must be a member of St. John's Parish and enrolled in Grades 4-8 on the Fitzgerald Campus. Applications are available in the Fitzgerald Campus office and are due Monday, December 14, 2009.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS** – The Christmas Programs for Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be held on Tuesday, December 15, in the theater. Grades 4 and 5 will perform at 8:30 A.M. until 9:30 A.M. We ask that all remain seated and not enter or leave the theater during that time so everyone can peacefully enjoy the performance. After their performance, there will be a short intermission to allow Grades 4 and 5 parents to leave and for Grade 6 parents to come. The Grade 6 program will begin shortly after 9:30 A.M. and last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. (Note: Parking may be a challenge so we ask for your patience and courtesy. *Please do not park in the parking lot near Riverbend Academy.* ) The Choir Concert for Grades 7-8 will be held Monday evening, December 14, at 7:00 P.M. in the theater.

**SCRIP NEWS:**

- **Monday, December 14, is the last day to order Scrip for Christmas delivery.**
- **This time of year, it is best to pre-order *all* of your Scrip including:**  
Grocery: Cubs, Hyvee and Wal-mart/Sam's Club  
Gasoline: Community Scrip, Kwik Trip, Sam's Club, Holiday Station Stores  
(new Scrip retailer), Super America.

Reminder: ***Weekly orders due on Monday mornings at 8:15 A.M.*** Orders can be placed online via [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), or by contacting JoAnn Schlosser at 388-0601/ [jschlosser@macsmn.com](mailto:jschlosser@macsmn.com)

**DANCE TEAM --** The Crusader Dance Team plans to start a dance class this year, rather than the one-afternoon dance "clinic" as in years past. Scroll down for the form, which explains the Team's plans. A very important MEETING will be held SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, at 9:00 A.M. at Fitzgerald Campus in Mr. Stack's classroom (bottom floor). This meeting will be very informative and give you a chance to meet the high school athletes who will teach your daughter the basics of dance. Bring the form with you. Thanks much!

**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE --** On December 2nd during lunch, students in K-3 tasted pomegranates three different ways. The students tasted the Pomegranate seeds, rice made with pomegranates and pomegranate juice. Erin Gonzalez, from the Mankato Clinic, talked about the health benefits of pomegranates. Next month, we will be taste testing in grades 4-8. Be sure and ask your students what they thought of pomegranates.

**COOKIE COUPONS** – Looking for a Christmas stocking stuffer? Once again, you can purchase a cookie coupon for your favorite LCS students. Coupons are 50 cents each and are available in the Fitzgerald Campus office.

***Please scroll down for the Calendar of Events,  
Dance Team Flyer and  
Staff Luncheon Volunteer Form!***

**LCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>Monday, December 7</b>	<b>Math League – 3:00 P.M. at LCWM</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 8</b>	<b>No A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary</b>
	<b>Builders Club Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 9</b>	<b>Advent Penance Service and Confessions</b>
	<b>Winter Sports Pictures – 3:00 P.M. – GC Campus</b>
<b>Monday, December 14</b>	<b>Christmas Basket Shopping – A.M.</b>
	<b>Grades 7 – 8 Christmas Choir Concert – Theater – 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 15</b>	<b>Grades 4-6 Christmas Programs – 8:30 A.M. - Theater</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 16</b>	<b>Christmas Basket Mass at SSPP – 8:15 A.M. – FCA Meeting</b>
	<b>Girls Club – 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. – GC Campus</b>
<b>Thursday, December 17</b>	<b>Knowledge Bowl Meet at MSU – 8:15 A.M.</b>
<b>Friday, December 18</b>	<b>Last Day of Classes in 2009 – Casual Day</b>
<b>December 21 – January 1</b>	<b>No School – Christmas Break</b>
<b>Monday, January 4</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 6</b>	<b>Mass at SSPP – 8:15 A.M. – FCA Club Meeting</b>
	<b>Geography Bee</b>
	<b>Study Table – 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Monday, January 11</b>	<b>McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonald’s – 5:00 – 7:00</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 12</b>	<b>NO A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 13</b>	<b>Mass at SSPP – 8:15 A.M. – Builders Club Meeting</b>
	<b>Girls Club – 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. – GC Campus</b>
<b>Friday, January 15</b>	<b>End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Monday, January 18</b>	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 20</b>	<b>Mass at SSPP – 8:15 A.M. – SADD Club Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 27</b>	<b>Mass at SSPP – 8:15 A.M. – FCA Club Meeting</b>
<b>January 31 – February 6</b>	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>
<b>Monday, February 1</b>	<b>Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Thursday, February 4</b>	<b>All School Mass for Catholic Schools Week – Fitz – 9:30</b>
<b>Monday, February 8</b>	<b>McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonald’s – 5:00 – 7:00</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 9</b>	<b>NO A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 10</b>	<b>Girls Club – 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. – GC Campus</b>
<b>Monday, February 15</b>	<b>President’s Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 17</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>Friday, February 19</b>	<b>Mid-Quarter for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Monday, March 8</b>	<b>McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonald’s – 5:00 – 7:00</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>	<b>NO A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Thursday, March 18</b>	<b>End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Friday, March 19</b>	<b>Staff Development Day – No School</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 24</b>	<b>Girls Club – 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. – GC Campus</b>
<b>Thursday, April 1</b>	<b>Holy Thursday – No School</b>
<b>Friday, April 2</b>	<b>Good Friday – No School</b>
<b>Monday, April 5</b>	<b>Easter Monday – No School</b>
<b>Monday, April 12</b>	<b>McEducator Night at Madison Avenue McDonald’s – 5:00 – 7:00</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 21</b>	<b>Girls Club – 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. – GC Campus</b>
<b>Friday, April 23</b>	<b>Mid-Quarter for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Friday, April 30</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>Saturday, May 1</b>	<b>MACS Nite</b>
<b>Saturday, May 8</b>	<b>Girls Club Meets</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 11</b>	<b>NO A.M. Busing – School Begins at 8:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Friday, May 28</b>	<b>Last Day of School</b>

# Loyola Dance

This year, instead of a clinic for the younger girls, we want to have a class. We would meet for an hour on Saturdays, times to be determined, and would have a group for; preschool, K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. We would also like to have a class for the Mom's of Loyola. It is a great workout and is a lot of fun, and no dance experience is needed! Throughout the dance season, all groups would learn a jazz dance that would be performed for sure three times at our recital and hopefully one basketball game (Mom's will not perform at games.) We would work on some basic skills and have a lot of fun! All classes and dances will be choreographed and taught by the Loyola Dance team. Please bring this form to the meeting Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 A.M. We to discuss the season and answer any question you have. The meeting will be held in Mr. Stack's room on the Fitzgerald Campus.

## Information:

- ➔ Practice Saturdays December through February. (We will work around holidays and such)
- ➔ Recital or Showcase in February.
- ➔ Try to perform at a basketball game of any level (varsity, b or c).
- ➔ Cost: 30.00
- ➔ Costumes: all girls would have one costume that would be purchased by you and picked out as a group. (Nothing too expensive)
- ➔ T-shirts will be designed and be part of the cost of the program

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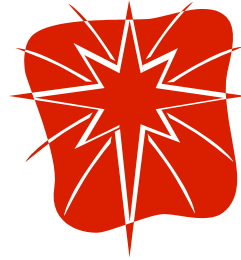
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form we the parents / guardians allow our child to participate in the dance program.

Shirt Size Youth: AS \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_  
Shirt Size Adult: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_

If you have any questions please contact me, Gerae Stack, at;  
Cell Phone: (507) 351-1521  
E-mail: gerae.stack@loyolacatholicschool.org



Where has the time gone?! It seems like just yesterday we were wrapping up our summer plans and preparing to send the children back to school and here we are planning for this year's faculty/staff Christmas luncheon. The date has been set:

*Fitzgerald Campus*

*Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> (11:00-12:30pm)*

If you are interested in helping out, we'd love to hear from you! We appreciate your willingness to be a part of this festive event as we express our sincere thanks to the faculty and staff for all that they do. Please see below the various opportunities that are available. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact any of the following HSA representatives:

Chris Doyle 625-8668   Jeanne Atkinson 386-1232   Michele Headington 345-2137   Cheryl Liu 386-7242

**Please note: A representative will call to confirm your commitment by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd love to bring an appetizer for the luncheon | Fitzgerald |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd love to bring a dessert for the luncheon    | Fitzgerald |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd love to bring a Poinsettia for the luncheon | Fitzgerald |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd love to help with the serving of the meal   | Fitzgerald |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd love to help with playground/lunch duty     | Fitzgerald |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd love to help with set up on Wednesday       | Fitzgerald |

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to school by Wednesday, December 2nd ----- Thank you!!*