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SPREAD THE WORD! WEEKLY LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS are published on the school website, www.loyolacatholicschool.org. From the homepage, click on "Parents," then select "School Newsletters" from the link.

THANK YOU! We'd like to thank the Home and School Association for the beautiful and delicious luncheon held for the staff on Thursday. Thank you to those parents who contributed beautiful poinsettias, delicious goodies and desserts and water and those that covered for staff during lunch and recess, as well as those who helped with the setup, serving and clean up of the actual luncheon. May God bless all of you in every way this Christmas season and always.

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 near the end 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 next Wednesday, December 16. (You're invited to join us for Mass at SSPP at 8:15 A.M.) 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.

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS -- The sixth graders should be working on their project entitled, "The Gift of Age". They need to interview a special "elder" in their family and compose a booklet with their questions and answers. They have the materials and the assignment. It is due on January 8. They also have a keynote presentation creating a Voyageur diary that is due Tuesday, December 15. Please check to see that they are on track with these assignments. Thank you.

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.

REJOICE WITH US AT LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL (LCS):

LCS PK Christmas Program: 12/16 at 10:30 AM in the GCC Gym

LCS Grades K-3 Christmas Program: 12/16 at 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM -GCC Gym

LCS Grades 4-5 Christmas Program: 12/15 at 8:30 AM in the Fitzgerald Theater

LCS Grade 6 Christmas Play: 12/15 at 9:30 AM in the Fitzgerald Theater

LCS 7-8 Christmas Choir Concert: 12/14 at 7:00 PM in the Fitzgerald Theater

LCS High School Band & Choir Christmas Concert: 12/13 at 7:00 PM in the GCC Chapel. Join us for an evening of seasonal music, scripture & prayer.

Celebrate the season with LCS! Please call 388-2997 if you have any questions.

GIRLS CLUB-- Due to the 1st-3rd grade Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 16th, we will have our meeting on Tuesday, the 15h. If your girl(s) will not be attending, please notify Shannon Sharpless at the Primary School office (388-0614). If you have any questions, please feel free to email: Rachel Nelson at rachel.nelson@loyolacatholicschool.org, Emily Huynh at emily.huynh@loyolacatholicschool.org or Ashley Tasler at ashley.tasler@loyolacatholicschool.org.

SAVE THE DATE! The Loyola Drama/Theater Department will be hosting a Wild Game Tasting on Saturday, February 27 at 6:30 PM. Tickets for *Thespians Gone Wild!* Tickets are only \$15 per person to attend this fundraiser that will benefit the Loyola Theater Department. HUNTERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you have wild game or fish that you would like to donate for this fun event, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Todd Tanhoff to arrange a donation and/or to join the *Thespians Gone Wild Committee*. Call 340.0644 or email ttanhoff@yourcts.net.

WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS: Challenging weather is here with a reminder about School closings/cancellations due to weather: First and foremost, if Mankato Public School system, (District #77) makes a decision about a weather related school start or dismissal, *Loyola Catholic School will follow the same plan*. If school has been cancelled, start delayed, or released early due to weather 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.

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 "Seussical" (GREAT Christmas Gift!). Orders will be accepted until December 15.

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.

SCRIP NEWS: Kwik Trip Scrip cards

- We have been informed there will be a delay in shipping our Kwik Trip scrip card order. The Scrip provider anticipates 5-7 days of delay (hopefully sooner). We appreciate your patience during this time of delay.

Reminder: *Weekly Scrip orders are due on Monday mornings at 8:15 a.m. Last day to order is Monday, December 14, for Christmas delivery.* Orders can be placed online via

www.shopwithscrip.com, or by contacting JoAnn Schlosser at 388-0601/ jschlosser@macsmn.com

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.

LCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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