



THE LOYOLA LEAFLET
Loyola Elementary School
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Principal's Message

Dear Loyola Families,

New Bike Rack Location

We are adding a bike rack to the lower playground. We are currently evaluating the safety of students and pedestrians coming to and from school. One safety issue has been the pedestrian and bike traffic that crosses the three driveways in front of the parking lot. Often cars exiting and entering the parking lot and circular drive have difficulty seeing pedestrians and bicyclists moving south on Berry. Beginning today we will have a bike rack placed in front of the tetherball court on the lower playground. Any bike riders coming to school from Springer/Magdalenita heading south on Berry, we ask you to enter campus at the sidewalk before the circular drive and walk bike to lower playground and park bike at bike rack in front of the tetherball court. If you are coming north on Berry from Miramonte please continue to park your bike in the bike cage. Another safety measure we are exploring is making parking off limits in front of the parking lot. We currently are looking at placing a red curb along the parking lot on Berry Avenue to increase visibility as cars exit the parking lot and the circular drive. We will let you know when this happens.

Conferences

Conferences are around the corner. Please check and verify the time you have signed up to meet with your child's teacher. This is a great time to hear how your child is meeting their goals and areas of growth. We look forward to seeing you on **November 25th and November 26th**.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Next week is the Thanksgiving holiday. It's a time to sit back and be thankful for all that we have living in one of the greatest countries in the world. Given this, I thought this would be a good time to reflect on what has been going on since school began.

This year I have seen children learning in collaborative ways negotiating their thoughts and learning. I have seen teachers set expectations with nurture and care. I have seen children push themselves in science, math, and creative technology projects. I have witnessed engaged children in art, music, dance, drama, and PE. Really, as people who live in North America, we have so many things for which we can be thankful. As a wife and mother, I have countless things for which I am thankful, from a loving supportive husband to 2 incredible children who have taught me more about life and living than I can mention here. I have met some extremely wonderful people in the Los Altos Community. We do have much for which to be thankful.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Attell, Principal
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Twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/LoyolaLions>

PTA News

- **Movie Nights:** Mark your calendar with movie night date for some family fun.
 - **12/6/2013 6pm -8:30pm**
- **Lost & Found:** Please check for your child's belongings in the lost and found cart. **We will be donating unclaimed items to charity right after Thanksgiving break.** Thank you! Monica and Araceli
- **Hot Lunch:** It's time to order Lunch for November from the LunchMaster. Many new entrees to check out, including baked Raviolis and Soup!
 Just go to Loyola.eatnow.thelunchmaster.com and place your order. Don't forget to "confirm order and checkout" to make sure your meal is actually ordered. Thanks for supporting this Loyola Fundraiser, and letting us serve you and your children! Any Questions? Please contact the **LunchMaster at (650) 596-8008**
- **Loyola Auction Volunteer Meeting: December 5th at 8:30am in Teacher's Lounge.**
 The Loyola Auction Party, our PTA's biggest fundraiser, is coming up March 22nd at the Los Altos Country Club. Attend the meeting to find out more, brainstorm on ideas, or see how you can help make it a success. Any help, big or small is greatly appreciated. Volunteer signups: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BAFAF229-loyola>
- **The Drama Committee** is pleased to announce Willy Wonka Jr. as the Loyola Spring Musical for 2014. This is a fun production with many great parts for students of all ages. **The show will be performed on 3/27, 3/28, 3/29 and 3/30. Auditions will be held after school on Monday 12/2 and Wednesday 12/4.** Some students may be called back on Monday 12/9 for additional auditions at the Director's request. Students should prepare a 1 minute dialogue and a 1 minute song for the audition. All who audition will be cast. To sign up for an audition slot, please go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4CAAAD2C7-willy. Please bring a completed Audition Form and Code of Conduct form for each student as well as payment to the audition. Here is a link to the forms: [Audition Form](#). & [Code of Conduct](#). The cost to participate is \$130 for the first child in a family and \$100 for each additional child. We will have the first read through of the full script on Wednesday 12/11. Rehearsals will start in January and will be held Mon, Wed, Thu after school in the Loyola Multi. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Eggleton at eeegleton@gmail.com or Maureen Kelly at maureen.home@gmail.com.





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School and Community News

- **LAEF:** Much to be thankful for! We are so fortunate to live in a strong community and have the ability to provide our children with an excellent education. Parents like you support our schools with their time, energy and money, including so many donors to LAEF so far this year. We are also thankful for the volunteer LAEF board members, who share a commitment to education, enrichment programs and innovation in the classrooms. Without all of your efforts, the Los Altos School District student experience would look very different. Thank you also to all of our business supporters who help us make our fundraising goal and build a strong community. Local businesses give support through employee corporate matching programs, realtor donations, and special offers such as our current Tiny Prints promotion: order your holiday cards using this link, <http://www.tinyprints.com/storefront/laef>, and 25% go to LAEF.
 - Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving,
 - Brooke Schiller and Marilyn Stanley, 2013-14 LAEF Co-Presidents
- **Loyola's Candy Trade in Program:** Help support our troops AND donate all your left over Halloween candy (and prevent cavities)! This year, Loyola Students are collecting candy for Operation Gratitude, a non-profit organization that donates excess Halloween candy and ships them to deployed troops. Often, the candy is donated by the troops to overseas children who have not tasted the awesome candies that we get here:). Click here to find out more: <http://www.operationgratitude.com/halloween-candy-buy-back-2012/>. A table will be set up after school in front of the office on Friday November 15 and 22nd. We will have cards and art supplies set out so you can write notes to our troops to say "thank you" for serving our country.
- **Girls on the Run Program Coming Soon!** The two words that best describe Girls on the Run are "FUN" and "RUN." Every aspect of this program is geared toward helping girls feel good about who they are—physically, emotionally and socially. We are excited to offer this great program to the (3rd-6th) grade girls at Loyola this coming spring! Girls on the Run begins the week of March 3, 2014, and lasts for 10 weeks, culminating in the 11th Annual Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley 5K on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. The Loyola GOTR will meet on Tuesday and Friday from 3:00pm – 4:15pm at the upper grade picnic tables. There will be no lessons the week of spring break. Program registration will be ONLINE ONLY at www.gotrsv.org and will open at 8:00 am on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013. Space is limited and girls will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a program is full, please sign up for the waiting list as spots may open. Registration information will be available on the Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley website in November if you have questions about the process. Scholarships are available. For more information, please visit www.gotrsv.org or contact Tamar Robbins or Susan Alves, the head coach and assistant head coach at Loyola, at tamar.robbins@gmail.com or dandsalves@yahoo.com. We hope to have your girls in Girls on the Run this spring!
- **The winter session flyers for the Art Club are up.** Online registration at CSMA's website will open on Monday 11/18. The Art Club for Grades 4-6 will begin on Wed 12/4. The Art Club for Grades K-3 will begin on Thu 12/5. Go to the [After-School Programs webpage](#) for more information. [Click to see the flyer for Grades 4-6](#) & [Click to see the flyer for Grades K-3](#). Loyola's After-School Programs webpage is at <http://loyolaschool.org/home/After+School+Programs>.
- **Loyola Girl Scout Brownies Troop #61084** is hosting the Holiday Family Giving Tree drive this year. The Family Giving Tree's Holiday Program works with local social service agencies that register children and homeless persons in need. Their agency partners interview these families to evaluate their specific needs. Their requests are sent to the Family Giving Tree Elves who then print these individual wishes on cards and distribute them to organizations throughout Bay Area. Visit www.FamilyGivingTree.org for more information about the program! Donations are tax deductible, here is the link [to print your receipt](#). You can help in a couple of ways: Choose a wish card and fulfill someone's wish. Cards are in holiday trees in Loyola Office. Gifts are to be brought back to the Loyola Office by Friday, December 6. Donate online <https://vgt.familygivingtree.org/loyolaschool/index.php>. Contact us if you have questions : Monica Santi (m_santi@yahoo.com) and Rachel Hahn (rhahn@interorealestate.com). Girl Scout Loyola Brownies Troop#61084
- There is good news for the people who got wait-listed for the Legos Engineering class! Play-Well will offer another session for Grades K-3 starting in January, same timeslot Fridays 2:50-4:20pm. Be on the look-out for the new flyer and be sure to sign up right away. It will be posted at the After-School Programs webpage and announced in a future edition of the Leaflet. The winter session flyers for the Art Club are up. Online registration at CSMA's website will open on Monday 11/18. The Art Club for Grades 4-6 will begin on Wed 12/4. The Art Club for Grades K-3 will begin on Thu 12/5. Go to the [After-School Programs webpage](#) for more information. Loyola's After-School Programs webpage is at <http://loyolaschool.org/home/After+School+Programs>. [Click to see the flyer for Grades 4-6](#) . [Click to see the flyer for Grades K-3](#).
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