



Loyola High School

LOS ANGELES

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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ACADEMIC NEWS

The National Merit Scholarship Competition and its related awards are among the most prestigious academic honors that high school seniors may receive. Our heartfelt congratulations go to the Loyola students who recently have been notified of honors by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their performances in the PSAT Examination in the fall of 2008. Loyola is honored to have six seniors who were named **Semifinalists** in the competition:

Joseph Cadabes, Jan Flatley-Feldman, Alec Gunny, Patrick Lee, Ike Silver, Jan Wimmer

These scholars join the ranks of approximately 16,000 seniors throughout the United States who performed in the top ½% of those who took the PSAT in 2008. These gentlemen are now in competition to become finalists and to be awarded scholarships. So, keep your fingers crossed for their continued good fortune.

National Merit Scholarship Commended Students: The scores of these twenty-eight (28) Loyola seniors placed them among the top 5% of the more than one million program entrants.

Jeffrey Butterfield, Christian Collins, Viktor Greve, John Hawley, Kevin Hernandez, Jonathan Kim, Alexander Kutsukos, Matthew Lavine-Edwards, Remberto Lua, Timothy McKinley, Joshua McWhorter, Matthew Mejia, Kevin Merry, Daniel Noe, Joseph Oetzell, Peter Reagan, Michael Romberger, Joseph Roohan, Clint Rosser, John Sapunor, Thomas Sturma, Noah Tanski, Vincent Tolentino, Vianney Truong, Donald Virts, Shawn Warren, Jeffrey Wilson, Adam Wolf

Semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Competition: These Loyola seniors are two of only 1,500 African-American students to perform at the highest level of this scholarship competition.

Joshua McWhorter, Shawn Warren

National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Participants Referred to Universities:

The scores of these five Loyola seniors placed them among the top 5% of the more than 110,000 program entrants.

Assibi Abudu, Ukachukwu Amah, Nnamdi Armour, Richard Calhoun, Kenter Ludlow

PROCEDURES

INFORMATION CHANGES: If you have recently changed your address, phone number, place of

employment, or have any other demographic changes, please inform the school immediately. In the case of an emergency, we must have current information for each student. Please call Ms. Rosie Morales-Penuela, Registrar, at (213) 381-5121, extension 264, for all changes.

FROM THE DEAN OF MEN:

In order for our office to serve your son better, we rely on your cooperation with our attendance procedures. Please review the following parental expectations with regard to student attendance. Your attention to these details is of benefit to your son and the Dean's Office.

Some of the responsibilities that parents are expected to fulfill are the following:

1. **Planned Absence:** Please do not schedule appointments or travel plans that take place during any part of the school day, including the days prior to or following vacation periods. School hours are 8:15-2:15 on Monday through Thursday and 8:15-12:36 on Fridays. Dates of holidays, vacations, and special schedules are listed in the calendar. If you know in advance that your son will miss multiple days of class, please call the Attendance Office and send your son to the Dean's Office with a letter explaining the circumstances of the absence **at least three days prior** to the first day class will be missed. Absence due to illness or of an emergency nature will be excused. Any other absence is considered unexcused (e.g., family vacations, college visits, nonmedical personal appointments, nonschool athletic contests, etc.).
2. **Planned Late Arrival or Early Departure:** If your son must be excused from class for a medical appointment, call the Attendance Office ahead of time or as soon as possible after 7:45 a.m. on the day of the appointment. Your son must also present a written note, stating the reason and time of departure/arrival, and whether he will return that same day, to the Dean's Office at least 15 minutes before the start of school. Students who must leave the school grounds for any reason during the school day must check into the Dean of Men's office before leaving campus.
3. **Unplanned Absence:** If your son will be absent, please call the attendance office as soon as possible after 7:45 a.m. for each day your son is absent. To return to class, your son must present a note, stating the days absent and reason, from you or his guardian to the Dean's Office at least 15 minutes before the start of class. **Please do not leave a message (E-mail or voicemail) or send a fax to the office regarding your son's absence or tardiness. In such matters, direct contact with someone in the attendance office is necessary.**
4. **Tardy:** If your son will be late for school, please call the Attendance Office, stating the reason for the tardiness. Students are ineligible to participate in or attend an athletic contest/practice or any co-curricular activity if they have not arrived at school by the end of recess on the day of the event.
5. **Parent/Guardian Out of Town:** If you will be out of town or otherwise unavailable for your son, please send a note to the Dean's Office **at least three days prior** to your departure. Information supplied prior to such an occurrence should include the name and relationship of the person responsible during your absence, as well as the address and both home and work phone numbers for this individual. The beginning and ending date of this arrangement should also be noted.

INFORMATION AND POLICIES

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS:

We welcome a number of new personnel to our ministry at Loyola High School.

***Gerry Cacnio
Ann Holmquist***

**Science Department
Co-Director of Adult Spirituality**

Mathew Pentecost
Ben Tomlin
Ike Udoh, S.J.
Brian Gooding
Rena Andrews
Brent Tercero

English Department, Director of Scheduling
Director of Communications
Theology Department
Admissions
Mathematics Department
English Department

We also want to make you aware of some changes within the community.

Walt Wolfe is the new Fine Arts Department Chairperson
Dan Annarelli is the new Social Science Department Chairperson
Emily Villa de Rey is the new Mathematics Department Chairperson
Mychela Burke Marshall is the new Foreign Language Department Chairperson

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL 2009-2010

Executive Student Council

<i>Kenny Patricia</i>	President
<i>Benjamin Coupe</i>	Vice President
<i>Drew Kemp</i>	Performing Arts
<i>Patrick Malkoun</i>	Publications
<i>Marc Gonzales</i>	Blue Pride
<i>Andrew Blay</i>	Speech and Debate
<i>Ike Silver</i>	Campus Ministry
<i>Chad Smith</i>	Monogram
<i>Saied Quadri</i>	Senior Class President
<i>Miguel Talavera</i>	Dance
<i>Michael Bonino-Britsch</i>	Spirit
<i>Jimmy Cipiti</i>	Publicity
<i>Jason Pino</i>	Community Service
<i>Ryan Malden</i>	Intramurals

Class Representatives

<i>Jamal Harris</i>	Senior Class Representative
<i>Charlie Rasmussen</i>	Senior Class Representative
<i>Vinney Truong</i>	Senior Class Representative
<i>Jonathan Cabrera</i>	Junior Class President
<i>Mark Alshak</i>	Junior Class Representative
<i>Justin Estorga</i>	Junior Class Representative
<i>Nicholas Porterfield</i>	Sophomore Class President
<i>Timothy Patricia</i>	Sophomore Class Representative
<i>Anthony Aschieris</i>	Sophomore Class Representative
<i>Justin Abello</i>	Freshmen Class President
<i>Andrew Figueras</i>	Freshmen Class Representative
<i>Brandon Redd</i>	Freshmen Class Representative

COLLEGE VISITS: A visit to a college campus can be a great educational opportunity and may provide a prospective student and his parents with valuable firsthand knowledge. A collegiate visit may also help a Loyola student to focus on his current schoolwork with greater motivation with the result that he will have more options for college due to his improved performance. Parents and students, especially seniors and juniors, are reminded that the proper time to schedule college visits is during school vacation periods. This is one reason why Loyola maintains a rather generous vacation schedule. We recommend that families use the vacation periods at Christmas, Inter-Semester break, and Easter, as well as summer vacation for these visits.

We strongly discourage students from missing class for college visits as it is disruptive to their educational progress, and absences can endanger a student's academic standing. Seniors should not plan college visits or family vacations during Senior Project, January 4th through January 21st.

Attendance at the Senior Project site (daily), at the reflection group meetings (weekly), and at the closing ceremony on the night of January 21st, are required activities. Absence from any of these events greatly diminishes the student's experience and may compromise his ability to meet graduation requirements.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID AND TEST PREP ALERT: It has come to our attention that some parents of Loyola juniors have received notices from a scholarship search service. We want to express our caution about such agencies, especially those that charge large fees to get information about scholarships. More information is available at www.collegeboard.com or www.fastweb.com.

It has also come to our attention that some parents have been receiving solicitation from test prep companies that imply the endorsement of Loyola High School. Please note that Loyola High School does not recommend any particular test prep company. We would suggest that if you choose to use a test prep company that you do so discriminately.

Hannon Theatre Company: *The Perils of Pericles*

Our brilliant actors and technicians in Hannon Theatre are delighted to bring you a feast for the eyes, ears, and spirit with performances of their upcoming adaptation of one of Shakespeare's lesser known plays, *Pericles, Prince of Tyre*. Imagine "*Indiana Jones meets The Princess Bride*" and you will have a pretty good idea of the fun and spectacle awaiting you with this year's stunning production. The story has everything you could want for an evening of funny, frightening and poignant entertainment – swashbuckling heroes, dazzling shipwrecks, kidnapping pirates, gorgeous music, and an inspirational message – all done with HTC's signature creative style.

The curtain goes up Friday evening November 13th, at 8:00, with the first of the six scheduled performances. Evening shows follow on Thursday, November 19th, at 7:30, and Friday, November 20th, at 8:00. Our weekend performances this year are all matinees: Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15th, at 2:00, and our closing performance is Saturday, November 21st, at 5:00. All performances will be held in Loyola's beautiful Hannon Theatre.

Tickets are on sale now. Simply log on to our website at www.ticketguys.com/LOYOLAHS <<http://www.ticketguys.com/LOYOLAHS>> . You will be able to choose your performance and pay via credit

card. Bring your ticket confirmation to the performance of your choosing and your tickets will be waiting for you at the Will Call counter. Links will also be available from our website at www.loyolahtc.org <<http://www.loyolahtc.org/>>. You may also contact Mrs. Pat Salvaty at Extension 347, or our Box Office Manager, Mrs. Jen Sellers, at htcboxoffice@loyolahs.edu

CAMPUS MINISTRY & SPIRITUALITY

DAILY MASS: Loyola continues to offer daily Mass at 7:30 a.m., in Clougherty Chapel. All are welcome, especially parents and alumni, to join with our students and faculty as we celebrate liturgy each morning. You may check with security in the front circle as parking may be available in the circle on that day.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Check the Loyola Community Service webpage for details on upcoming events.

Freshmen and Freshman Parents: Thank you for your most generous contribution to the freshman service projects. A ton of clothes and food was donated and distributed to local agencies and soup kitchens on Friday, October 2nd. Over 800 books and magazines were received and donated to a number of shelters and under-resourced Catholic grade schools in South Los Angeles.

Freshman Service: Saturday HSPT-8 Tutoring Project: Some parents have still not responded to the mailer requesting a commitment from their freshmen sons for at least two of the Saturday mornings as a tutor for 8th graders on the Loyola campus in October, November, and December. If you have not committed, please look over your son's schedule to determine which two tutoring dates your son would prefer to volunteer for: 10/31, 11/7, or 11/14. The 12/5 session is already booked up with volunteers, so no more volunteers will be accepted for that session. Please send your response to Angela Moran (amoran@loyolahs.edu) with the dates requested along with your son's name and Loyola school identification number. Adult volunteers need to supply Loyola with a photocopy of their Virtus certification at the start of the session.

Virtus - *Protect the Children* volunteer training sessions are being conducted during the morning of November 18th, at 9:00 on Saturday, November 14th (tentative date, please check website to confirm and register for this date). Contact Mr. Joe O'Keefe to register. On-line registration is possible on page one of the Loyola website, lower left quadrant under the Virtus head and link.

My thanks to the freshman parents who have so generously agreed to help with the Saturday tutoring program. So far, we have commitments from one third of the freshman parents. Even with those already participating, more parent tutors, classroom monitors, hall and yard monitors, registration/check-in volunteers, are needed for the remaining five sessions. Contact Mr. Tom Zeko (Extension 155) or Mrs. Angela Moran (Extension 144) in the Community Service Resource Center, Room 504.

Senior Project - 2010: This January marks the 29th year for this capstone service experience for the seniors. Seniors should be interviewing and touring at their prospective sites now. Senior proposals are now being accepted daily by Mr. Zeko. The closing date for the senior proposals is Monday, November 23rd. January 4, 2010, marks the start of the 29th Annual Senior Project. On that day all Seniors will gather at 8:00 a.m. with their faculty/staff group leaders in Xavier Center for Reflection Session #1 and Commissioning Eucharist. A mandatory *Virtus Protect the Children* training for all seniors will follow the reflection and Mass. This is being conducted to inform and protect the seniors as they undertake their responsibilities in an expected ninety area agencies and schools. The seniors' on-site service activity will start on Tuesday, January 5th. Student reflection groups meet for sessions #2 and #3

on Tuesdays, January 12th and 19th, after school. Senior project concludes with Reflection Session #4 and Closing Ceremony in Xavier Center on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. **All four reflection meetings and attendance at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies are required for seniors.** Parents are invited to attend the Commissioning Mass on January 4th. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family members are welcome to attend the Closing Ceremony, which is a great celebratory event on January 21st. **Please note**, no college visits or family trips may be taken during the course of the Senior Project. Any time missed due to illness must be made up during January, 2010.

Los Angeles Urban Plunge: Mr. O'Keefe is now taking names of students interested in making one of these three-to-four-day social awareness experiences. Plunges are being scheduled for spring, 2010, and the names of students interested in participating are needed so we may plan accordingly. Contact Mr. O'Keefe at jokeefe@loyolahs.edu to express interest or have your son stop by Room 504.

Sophomore and Junior service proposals are being accepted daily by Mr. Zeko and Mrs. Moran in the Community Service Resource Center, Room 504. The *Proposal Placement Request / 3-Signature Approval Form, Parent Permission & Release Form, Media Permission & Release Form, Community Service Petition Letter, and Service Calendar Planning Guide* must be submitted one week prior to the student's anticipated service start date. Please refer to your son's Information & Registration Packet for further details. Admission to the **summer service (June and July) program** is by special permission only. Students and parents need to petition for the summer service program due to extraordinary academic, activities, and sports commitments or for reasons of health by January 31, 2010. No summer service is conducted during August when Loyola is closed.

The Clothing and Children's Book Drives are underway. Bags of children's, women's, and men's clothing as well as footwear, blankets, sleeping bags, and rainwear may be left at the Community Service Resource Center, Room 504 any day school is in session. Please separate and mark the boxes and bags of clothes for men, women, and children. The same applies for bags and boxes of children's reading and picture books. We also receive bags and boxes of canned and dried food at any time during the school year. In the current economic situation, all our food- serving partnering agencies are reporting a steady increase of requests for food assistance by working and under-employed poor as well as senior citizens on fixed and limited incomes. Be as generous as you can at any time during the next months. See security personnel at any entrance and you will be directed to the Community Service Resource Center. Contact Mr. Zeko at Extension 155, or Angela Moran at Extension 144, or Mr. Joe O'Keefe at Extension 221, for further details.

OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER 2010 EUROPEAN TOUR: The European trip is back! Mr. John Beckman, his wife Kate, and Mr. Geoff Joy will once again chaperone a group of twenty-four Loyola students to Europe in the summer of 2010. This tour will last eighteen days and will visit Paris, Switzerland, Italy, and Greece with a three-day cruise. The dates are June 18th –July 5th. This excellent introduction to Europe is open to all Loyola students, including '10 graduates. The cost for this eighteen-day tour (including airfare, all breakfasts, dinners, and land arrangements) will be approximately \$4,500.00 (depending on the number of participants). Students have already signed up, yet spaces are still available. Please contact Mr. Beckman or Mr. Joy for further information and instructions concerning registration. Mr. Beckman can be found in Room 707, Pinney Hall, or call (231) 381-5121, extension 404. For Mr. Joy, call (213) 381-5121, extension 367, in the counseling office.

PARENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES will be held on Thursday, November 12th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. by appointment only. This evening is designed to give the parents of students who are experiencing academic difficulty (C+ or below), the opportunity to confer with the teacher. Please phone Ms. Morales-Penuela at Extension 264 by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to schedule a conference. Please do not e-mail your appointment requests. **Appointments will be scheduled beginning Nov. 9th at 7:30 a.m.**

ALUMNI GAMES: All Loyola Cubs, past and present, are invited to attend the following games:

Alumni Basketball Game: Wednesday, November 25th, starting at 7:00 p.m. in Leavey Gymnasium, reception to follow
Alumni Soccer Game: Saturday, December 26th, starting at 11:00 a.m. on Smith Field
Alumni Baseball Game: Saturday, January 2nd, starting at 11:00 a.m. on Hernandez Field

For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.loyolahs.edu/alumni>.

BASKETBALL AND SOCCER PARENTS: On Monday, November 30th, at 7:00 p.m., in Otero Lecture Hall, there will be a meeting for all parents whose sons are playing on **any** level in either the basketball or soccer programs this season. At this meeting you will receive information about the teams' schedules, policies, rules, and procedures. Please make every effort to attend this meeting if your son is participating in either of these winter sports.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: This year's Annual Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, **February 11th, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and students who are at least 16 years of age (with parental consent) are urged to participate. You can sign up on-line at www.givelife.org <<http://www.givelife.org>> and enter the sponsor code **LoyolaHigh**. For additional information, check www.loyolahs.edu <<http://www.loyolahs.edu>>, or contact Mr. Chris Walter, (213) 381-5121, Extension 366.

ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE: The annual **Open House** for elementary or middle school students and their families who are interested in Loyola will be held on campus on **Sunday, December 13th, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.** The application deadline for entering ninth graders will be **January 8, 2010**. The application is completed online through our website www.loyolahs.edu. Any further information about the admissions process may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Diane Arias, the Admissions Office Assistant, at Extension 245, or Mr. Heath Utley, the Director of Admissions, at Extension 219.

MOTHERS' GUILD NEWS:

All the Mothers' Guild events and all their news are posted on the **Mothers' Guild website link** on the Loyola website. Go to "About Loyola," Click on "Parent Groups," and you'll find the Mothers' Guild link. There are very informative and entertaining class blogs posted in the Newsletter Box. Stay connected with each other, with the events of the class, and with Loyola.

The Mothers' Guild is also on Twitter. Follow Loyolamomsguild and stay up to the minute with the Mothers' Guild events and volunteer opportunities. You can receive the Twitter tweets in your E-mail without ever signing up for Twitter. Simply Google feedmyinbox.com. You will get a page that asks

for the URL of the site you want to follow and your E-mail address. Put in <http://twitter.com/Loyolamomsguild> for the URL address of the Mothers' Guild. Start receiving the Mothers' Guild updates on Twitter or in your E-mail today.

Any questions? Contact me anytime. Betsy Ackerman sopas6@earthlink.net

Loyola's Cub Corner, a great place to shop. If you are looking for Loyola merchandise, visit our store on campus. We carry a large variety of clothing and Cub gear for all ages. Cub Corner is located in the northeast corner of Malloy Commons under the blue awning. The store is open every Friday one half hour before dismissal until one hour after dismissal.

Make your first holiday shopping a stop by **Cub Corner; we have perfect gifts for everyone!**

INTERCHANGE XXXVIII: A TRIBUTE: Champions for Excellence will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Please join in celebrating Loyola.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

We need volunteers to be part of our Loyola team. There are many types of jobs and volunteer opportunities. So if you have just a bit of time, want to work from home, want to come to Loyola, or can take on a position that requires a larger time commitment, we have it all. We are looking for people with some computer skills and on-line research skills. We need people with interesting leads on creative merchandise and who can send letters asking for donations, and then follow up with a phone call. It is not hard work and it is for a great cause. Bring a friend along and help together. It's a great way to be on campus, meet the teachers and staff, and be a part of Loyola.

GIFT GATHERING PARTIES:

The parties are being scheduled. You will be receiving invitations in the mail. We thank the hosts and hostesses for their generous support.

ORAL & SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED:

Vacation homes & golf outings: Trips are one of the most sought-after items of the auction. If you have a vacation home and would be able to donate a weekend or week, please call us and we will work out a total package. Golf outings always sell well, also.

Internships: If you work for a corporation that can give anything from a weeklong to a summer long internship or shadow program, paid or unpaid, for a Loyola student, we would love to hear from you.

Gourmet cooks, sommeliers, and couples who love to entertain in their homes: If you are any of these, we can get you together and create a wonderful dinner and wine-pairing package for the auction. We can even have a staff member join your group to make for a fun evening of good conversation. These dinners are some of the most popular and highest bid items.

Tickets: Hollywood Bowl boxes, Staples Center boxes, Dodger Dugout, *American Idol*, *Dancing with the Stars*, theaters, Rose Parade, concerts, Broadway plays, and the opera are popular items, too.

Unique Items: Special bottles of wine, restaurant gift certificates, designer purses, sports memorabilia, crystal, and jewelry are also well received. Frequent flyers miles are always needed.

BE AN ADVERTISER: A great way to show your support is to advertise. Besides supporting the auction, you and/or your company will be recognized in the Loyola Interchange Catalog. There are various levels of support. This is also a great way to get a company from your area to support Loyola.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: We receive our best items through interesting personal connections. Do you know someone who owns a cheese shop, knows a celebrity, a big-name athlete or a politician, loves to entertain or sing, has a special skill (bakers: how about donating a homemade pie delivered monthly for a year?), collects unusual things they would be willing to share, owns a lovely out-of-town home? Those are the things that make our auction special. Everyone has something unique to offer or a connection to someone who does.

Remember, all proceeds from the auction help to keep tuition costs down and enhance the quality of your son's educational experience at Loyola.

For more information, please call Lisa Cipiti or Tracy McGonigle Interchange Auction Co-Chairpersons at (213) 381-5121, Extension 390 or e-mail us at AuctionChairs@loyolahs.edu

YOUR SHOPPING CAN SUPPORT LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL: Many corporations have programs that support education. For instance, Target has a foundation called *Take Charge of Education*. If you are shopping their stores or using their cards you can designate Loyola as your educational charity of choice. Per the Target Website:

- Enrolling is easy when you have a RED card. Just choose an eligible K-12 school.
- Donations total 1% of your purchases at Target and Target.com and ½% of Target Visa Credit Card purchases made everywhere Visa credit cards are accepted.

Unrestricted funds can be used for playgrounds, books, and more. Over the past year, more than 1.5 million Target cardholders have participated nationwide.

An additional corporate supporter is Washington Mutual. Their program has you designate your school of choice on-line, and each time you use your debit card, a portion will go to your supported charity. Many companies have these types of services. Check out the websites of your favorite stores, banks, and companies and see if you can help Loyola while doing your business and shopping.