
Wolfpack Post

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, October 1

**CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA FALL
CONCERT CELEBRATING HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH**

Church of the Holy Family

7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 4

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Church of the Holy Family

8:20 - 9:50 a.m.

Saturday, October 5

HOMECOMING DANCE

Tully Hall, Fornelli Field, Gentile Gym

"FORE" TUITION ASSISTANCE!



Under a beautiful blue sky and lots of sunshine, the Saint Ignatius College Prep family came together at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in support of the tuition assistance program. It was the 38th annual installment of this vital fundraiser. Alumni Relations Director Heather Santillan (who you see in the first picture with event chairman, John George '98, and Father Brian Taber, S.J.) organized this year's Golf Classic. She summed it up perfectly: "The enthusiasm and the energy were amazing today...The alums and the friends of the community who came out...it's absolutely breathtaking

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

For a full list of events, please see our [school calendar](#).

GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

Open to Growth
Intellectually Competent
Religious
Loving
Committed to Doing Justice

PRAY

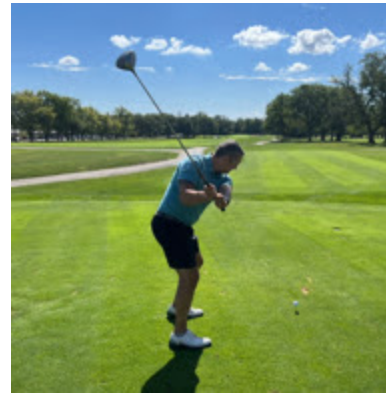
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and so humbling to see everyone support the tuition assistance program." Chief Development Officer Kevin Golden said, "Today was a wonderful day for tuition assistance and students of Saint Ignatius. The Golf Classic is always a great example of how every member of our community plays an important role in fueling the success and mission of Saint Ignatius College Prep."



WE THANK DR. GEOFF MILLER...

We would like to take a moment to thank Dr. Geoff Miller for his more than two years of service to the Saint Ignatius College Prep Community. In his work guiding everything from Wolfpack Athletics to Formation and Ministry, Dr. Miller helped to shape the office of the Prefect of Mission, enabling our

school to redefine how to best serve our students and families. Please join us in wishing him success in his future endeavors!

ACADEMICS

FALL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you for your continued partnership in the journey of educating your children for lives of faith, love, service and leadership. As we look to support our students in their intellectual competence and openness to growth, we invite you to register for our upcoming Parent

Teacher Conferences for important opportunities to connect with teachers, counselors, and learning specialists about your child's academic progress.

We will host our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences on **Thursday and Friday October 17 and 18, 2024**. *The IN-PERSON conference option will be on Thursday, October 17 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.* on campus in Tully Hall and the McLaughlin Room. *The ONLINE conference option will be held on Friday, October 18 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.* online via Zoom. Please note that all conferences are for parents/guardians only.

Five-minute conference times will be scheduled online using the Virtual Paragon Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler beginning Monday, October 7 at 8:00 a.m. You'll find instructions, including the master password, posted on the Blackbaud Resource page. The **Virtual Paragon will close for sign ups on Tuesday, October 15 at 3:00 p.m.**

Please note the information below as you plan your conferences:

- Conferences are five minutes and there are no “passing periods” between appointments.
- You do not need to sign up for a Homeroom conference if your student has I period free.
- For in-person conferences, all teachers will be seated at tables organized alphabetically in Tully Hall. The Counselors, College Counselors, and Learning Specialists will have their conference tables in the McLaughlin Room. We suggest scheduling your student's Counselor, College Counselor, and/or Learning Specialist at the end of your reservations to allow for appropriate movement time to the McLaughlin Room.
- List your student's name when prompted in the system!

You should receive personalized schedules following the close of the sign-up window.

We encourage you to use this opportunity to learn more about your children. Their academic lives at Saint Ignatius College Prep are joyfully supported by the educators who accompany them in their lifelong learning and growth. We look forward to connecting with you in October.

Please direct questions to [Sarah Lent](#) (312-432-8448) or [Maureen Lonergan](#).

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COMMENDED STUDENTS

Please join us in congratulating the 26 members of the Wolfpack who recently learned they are Commended Students in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students are recognized for the exceptional academic promise they demonstrated in their outstanding performance on the qualifying SAT.



ATHLETICS NEWS

Before and after school, you see Saint Ignatius College Prep's student-athletes and coaches hard at work on our practice fields and in our gyms!



Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07 has the lowdown on our fall sports and upcoming events (like senior nights). He can also tell you which Wolfpack team is traveling to San Diego soon. Just click [HERE](#) for the round up...and **GO WOLFPACK!!!**

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY WELCOMES YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES TO JOIN STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF AT MASS

Please join us for First Friday Mass on **Friday, October 4 at 8:20 a.m.** – Register [HERE](#). There will be a coffee reception immediately following Mass in the Tully Room located in the Burke Gearing Center.

OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO - SAVE THE DATE!

Once again, Church of the Holy Family has been selected to be one of the sites for Open House Chicago's architectural tours. YOU are invited and admission is free.

The church will be open **Saturday, October 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 20 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

You can find more information about Open House Chicago right [HERE](#).

Please email [Wendy Guido McCarthy '84](#), Church of the Holy Family Development Director, or call 312-492-8442 extension 3 with questions.

Parking is available on May Street just west of the Church.

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

PROGRAMMING AND NEWS FOR ALL CLASS YEARS



Chicago National College Fair

FINAL REMINDERS

Chicago National College Fair

This college fair will be taking place on **October 5**. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

National Portfolio Day

The Chicago - School of the Art Institute is hosting an opportunity on **Sunday, October 6** at [280 South Columbus Drive](#) in Chicago from noon to 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for students to showcase their artistic evolution! Visit with counselors, artistic team members and faculty from art and design schools for a portfolio review before you apply to your schools of choice. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

CLASS OF 2025

Match Your Common Application to Naviance

Please do this as you prepare to apply. Also, add schools to Naviance that you are applying to and using as an institutional application. A video on how to "match" is in Blackbaud under the College icon.

Senior Family Meetings - For Students and Parents/Guardians

Each College Counselor has sent you and your parents/guardians a Calendly link which will allow you to set up a meeting with them. Students must meet with their College Counselor. The meeting is optional for parents/guardians.

College Representative Visits (Class of 2025 and 2026)

Great job coming down and visiting with the college representatives. There are plenty more visits to come, especially prior to the October 5 National College Fair here in Chicago. You'll find a full listing of representatives on your Naviance site. Every week, we list our rep visits on Instagram to help you plan ahead.

CLASS OF 2026

ACT Test Prep Class

The full test prep class runs from **October 21 - December 9, and builds to the December 14 ACT test**. Click [HERE](#) for more information. A minimum of 10 students are needed to run the class. The registration deadline is **October 13**. Financial aid is available if needed. Please contact [Kurt Schmidt](#) if you have questions.

Junior Family College Planning Nights

Here are your Save-the-Dates: **Wednesday, November 6, (in-person) and Thursday, November 7 (virtual). Both nights run from 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.** You only need to attend one of the evenings. No RSVP needed. Virtual link will be released a week ahead of the session.

CLASS OF 2027 & CLASS OF 2028

College Counseling Coffee Talks

These are discussions with parents/guardians regarding trends in higher education and our programming throughout the high school years. There are four sessions, and all cover the same material.

Here are the Fall Semester Coffee Talk Registration Links:

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 (In-Person)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m./BRUNSWICK -- Registration [HERE](#).

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 (Virtual) 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. /VIRTUAL. The link to join will be emailed out one week before the event.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

GETTING TV READY!



Students, Faculty and Staff: Iggy needs you! We have had multiple calls for folks who want to learn choreography for a big TV broadcast. Many thanks to the 60 people who've mastered the moves!

Now the ask: We still need about 60 people to learn the thirty second dance number for the production which will be filmed on **October 11** on Fornelli '51 Field right after the Friday football game.

Many of you have suggested having a choreography session during Activity Period...so that's what we're doing!

WHAT: Dancing and Donuts! We're teaching the choreography (learn from your peers who've already learned it) and serving donuts!

WHEN: **Monday, September 30 (during Activity Period)**

WHERE: Come to the 3rd Floor Gym to learn the moves. **See you there and see you on TV!**

This is a great opportunity to celebrate the Wolfpack. Hope to see you **Monday, September 30, during Activity Period in the 3rd Floor Gym!**

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS' OFFICE

ATTENDANCE

Starting on **Monday, September 30**, we will enable parents to view student attendance on Blackbaud. One important caveat to keep in mind: absence figures will be displayed according to period absences. For example, students typically have five classes a day, so if your student misses one day of school, Blackbaud will display five absences. In the rare, but not entirely out-of-the-question situation in which a student misses five days of school, 25 absences will be shown on Blackbaud. Figures as large as 25-30 will no doubt cause concern, but they are simply lesson periods missed.

DRESS CODE

Parents, just a quick reminder here on the rules for outerwear as we enter the fall season: Students may wear a collared shirt, sweater, turtleneck shirt, crew neck sweatshirt or Saint Ignatius quarter zip. In all cases, the top must reach the collarbone, the shirt must have sleeves (short or long) and the shirt must cover the midriff. Any of the shirts listed above may say "Ignatius" or "Saint Ignatius," otherwise shirts should contain no writing or numbers (although small logos are acceptable). Hoodies of any kind are prohibited indoors.

Students may wear a crew neck sweatshirt to school. The crew neck can be a plain or a Saint Ignatius sweatshirt, but should otherwise be free of any letters, numbers or large logos. This means that college sweatshirts, entertainment sweatshirts, or any other sweatshirt with a large image or message are prohibited during the school day. Hooded sweatshirts are only permitted on spirit wear days, and the only quarter zip sweatshirt that a student may wear is a Saint Ignatius quarter zip. Click [HERE](#) for a picture guide of this part of the dress code.

PARKING GUIDANCE

Parents, please note that you cannot park in the cul-de-sac on May Street after school. Parking in this area complicates dismissal and represents a safety issue as the students move between the IHM building and the main campus.



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

FALL REUNIONS

We look forward to welcoming the following classes back to campus on **Saturday, October 19**. Celebrate Mass with us at the Church of the Holy Family beginning at 5:00 p.m. Reunion

receptions begin at 6:00 p.m.

50th - Class of 1974 - Click [HERE](#) to register.
45th - Class of 1979 - Click [HERE](#) to register.
40th - Class of 1984 - Click [HERE](#) to register.
35th - Class of 1989 - Click [HERE](#) to register.
25th - Class of 1999 - Click [HERE](#) to register.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY YOGA NIGHT

The Women's Society invites you to join them on campus for yoga followed by a social hour with wine, refreshments and light bites. Mark your calendars for **October 16, 2024 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** We will put the exact location in the next Wolfpack post. Click [HERE](#) to register.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

BE READY! THE 2024-2025 PRINCETON RACE CHALLENGE APPLICATION PORTAL WILL OPEN SOON!

The Princeton Challenge honors high school students who have demonstrated notable work in race relations. The program is sponsored by Princeton University and principally undertaken by its alumni. Each Princeton Prize recipient receives an award of \$1,000 and is invited to participate in a Symposium on Race. Interested students should visit the website [HERE](#), and reach out to Dr. John G. Igwebuike for assistance, coaching, and mentoring as needed to begin building an application portfolio.

LISTENING CONFERENCE - GUANACASTE 2024

The 4th Annual Guanacaste: The Transformational Listening Conference will be held from **Thursday-Saturday, October 24-26, 2024**. Our theme is "Listening: A Path to Peace in a Polarized World." We explore how we harness the power of listening to forge paths of peace personally, interpersonally, and professionally. All are welcome. Please complete the registration form [HERE](#). We look forward to seeing you!

CULTURAL HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS IN OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY



The Saint Ignatius College Prep community continues to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (**Sun, Sep 15, 2024 – Tue, Oct 15, 2024**).

NEED A DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING PRESENTATION?

The Department of School Culture--Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is available for engaging and memorable presentations, workshops, seminars and short courses to promote a culture of diversity, equity and inclusivity. Please contact [Dr. John G. Igwebuike \(Director\)](#).

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

COME PRAY WITH US



Come Pray With Us

We invite all parents and alumni to gather to pray with Scripture from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Our next gathering will be on **October 2**. We have a wonderful community and would love for you to join us. Please email [Gail Krema](#) for the Zoom link.

Daily Mass and Mass Intentions

All parents (and students) are welcome to attend Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the 5th Floor Cuneo Chapel of the North American Martyrs. It concludes by 7:55 a.m., to allow all who join to get to class. Stop by the front desk for a pass.

The Jesuits at Saint Ignatius welcome your Mass intentions for daily school liturgy. Please email your request to [Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J.](#) If you wish, you may make an optional donation to the Jesuit community with your request.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - **OCTOBER 4, 2024 - THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

All are welcome to praise and worship at our monthly liturgies. This Friday we celebrate and commission all student ministers: altar servers and eucharistic ministers who have recently completed their training to serve here in our school liturgies and in their parishes at large. Please pray for them as they embark on a new way to serve God and His people.

FRESHMAN RETREAT: **OCTOBER 17 AT SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP (7:45 a.m. - NOON)**

On **Thursday, October 17**, all freshman students will attend the annual Freshman Retreat, a half-day, on-campus retreat integrating service, prayer and fellowship through a variety of large and small-group activities. The theme of the retreat is "Corpus" Latin for "body." This relates to Saint Paul's image of the body of Christ from his Letter to the Romans. Senior Arrupe Mentors guide freshmen through discussions, liturgy, and various activities. Attendance on this retreat is a graduation requirement.

Students should check in at the Church of the Holy Family by 7:45 a.m. We have an engaging half-day planned and we want to make sure to start on time! The day will conclude around noon. Please note that there will be no bus service or lunch provided on this day.

Students should plan to dress in spirit wear and jeans or in typical school attire. No skirts please, as students will be seated on the ground for different activities throughout the day. Students should also bring a reusable water bottle.

If you have questions, please contact [Peter Corrigan](#).

ANNUAL OVERNIGHT RETREAT ASSIGNMENTS

All sophomore, junior and senior students have been placed on their yearly retreat. Please ask your daughter or son about their assignment, and ensure it is on your calendar. Due to program limits, we are only able to change retreat assignments due to extenuating circumstances (major life event, surgery, loss in the family, etc).

JUNIOR WOLFPACK

CALLING ALL 6TH TO 8TH GRADE GIRLS WHO WANT TO GROW THEIR BASKETBALL GAME!



We have two sessions left, and there's still room to sign up for the 6th to 8th Grade Girls Fall Basketball League!

Monday, September 30 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, October 7 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Work on your skills and get better this fall with Saint Ignatius College Prep coaches. Clinics will be organized to develop players through skill work and game play.

[GROW YOUR GAME FALL CLINIC REGISTRATION LINK.](#)

If you have questions, reach out to [Cara Doyle](#).

Location: Gentile Gym
Open to 6th-8th Grade Girls
Cost: \$20 per individual session

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

GREEK GODS, ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS, SUN, SAND AND THE ISLANDS!

The Language Department is excited to announce the 22nd biennial Classics Tour to Greece, **May 27 - June 6, 2025**. Open to all current sophomores and juniors (regardless of the language you currently study), students will tour ancient and Christian sites including



Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae, Corinth, the great Theater of Epidaurus, Athens and the Acropolis. We'll enjoy learning about modern Greek culture, sample great food and take a day cruise on the Aegean Sea. Please see (or email) [Mr. Sparapani](#) to add your name to the registration list. Full trip details and final cost will be available by the end of October. A link to put down a deposit and secure a space will be sent to you once you have been approved. The deadline to sign up: **December 1.**

PARENT ORGANIZATION

WILKOMMEN CLASS OF 2025 PARENTS AND GUARDIANS!



Senior parents and guardians are invited to experience a traditional Oktoberfest under the tents on Fornelli '51 Field **October 9th at 6:00 p.m.** Enjoy catered German bites that include mini brats, potato pancakes, German pretzels and salad. We will have cold international beers on tap, apple cider, and seltzers for sale. If beer isn't your thing, feel free to BYOB. A live DJ will be spinning authentic tunes, and we'll have games, raffles, and fellowship! Purchase your tickets [HERE](#). This is an adults only event.

JUNIOR CLASS PARENT AND GUARDIAN SOCIAL

Due to bigger and better event arrangements, The Junior Class Parent & Guardian Social has been moved to 2025. More info soon...Stay tuned!

FRESHMAN CLASS PARENT AND GUARDIAN SOCIAL

Freshmen parents and guardians are invited to an evening of "Speed Meeting" at the The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant ([1401 S. Michigan Ave](#)). You will rotate to several tables and meet many new faces. \$60 per person includes beverages and lite bites. Register for one of the two nights available: [October 29](#) or [October 30](#).

If you have questions about any of the upcoming parent / guardian events, please contact [Dawn van Kempen](#) or [Colleen McClain](#).

SCHOOL COUNSELING

CLASS OF 2028

Freshman student meetings are still taking place. Please be sure to reach out to your counselor if you have not already scheduled a time with them.

CLASS OF 2027

Keep your eyes open for an email from your school counselor to sign up for a sophomore check-in meeting, and reach out if you have any questions about finding a time to meet.

SPIRIT WEAR STORE

SELLING WOLFPACK WEAR ON GAME NIGHTS!



Visit the Spirit Store INSIDE the school during Friday Night Football!

We will be open from 4:30PM until the end
of halftime of the varsity Football game!

September 13th
October 4th
October 11th
October 25th

If you have any questions, please reach out to tina.bobor@ignatius.org

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

FALL SPIRIT WEEK!

Monday, September 30 - Friday, October 4

Our first Spirit Week of the year celebrates the return to school and our fall sports. Please join Saint Ignatius College Prep Student Council and Pack Pride by participating in the following Spirit Theme Days:

Monday, September 30: Comfy Monday

Tuesday, October 1: Tropical Tuesday

Wednesday, October 2: Band/Concert T-Shirt Wednesday

Thursday, October 3: Throwback Thursday

Friday, October 4: Mass Attire (maroon and gold encouraged!) for our First Friday Mass

Spirit wear and jeans or sweatpants are permitted Monday-Thursday. Clothing must be school appropriate. No tank tops, no crop tops, no leggings, no props, no sunglasses or hats and no swimsuits on any days.

JUNIOR/SENIOR POWER PACK FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

Wednesday, October 2 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

All junior and senior young women are invited to play in our annual Power Pack Flag Football Game under the lights on Fornelli '51 Field! ALL STUDENTS are welcome to cheer on our teams! A Google Form sign up was emailed to all juniors and seniors with more information. Pre-ordered Power Pack t-shirts will be available for payment and pickup in the Spirit Wear Store during Spirit Week.



PEP RALLY AND HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, October 4

The Saint Ignatius College Prep Fall Pep Rally will be during the school day.

The Homecoming Varsity Football Game will begin on Fornelli '51 Field at 7:30 p.m. Come support the Wolfpack as they take on Loyola Academy. Go Wolfpack!

HOMECOMING DANCE

Saturday, October 5 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Where: Check in Tully Hall

The theme for the dance as selected by the student body is "Dancing Queen" (inspired by ABBA and *Mamma Mia!*). Tickets cost \$25 and will be on sale during all lunches in the Link outside Tully Hall from **September 30 - October 4**. Tickets may be purchased with cash, check, or credit card/Apple Pay. There are NO ticket sales at the door. All students must purchase a ticket by the end of lunch on Friday, October 4.

Out-of-school guest forms are available through the Deans' Office or by clicking right [HERE](#). Please turn in those forms to the Deans' Office before buying a guest's ticket. **The forms are due no later than Tuesday, October 1.**

Dress guidelines and other dance policies are available in the [Parent-Student Handbook](#).

SHOUT-OUTS...



A NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR STUDENT ART

Fine Arts teacher Emily Steffen is excited about the fact some student work is going to be part of a national campaign. She has the following shout-out:

"The Saint Ignatius Art Club is proud to announce that more and more people are about to enjoy the mural we created at Taylor Street Farms! The American Red Cross picked the garden and the mural as the main background locations for a series of National PSA commercials. Art Club is so excited that a mural we made for the

local community will be seen in a PSA, whose purpose is to help people on a larger scale! Check out the mural for yourself in person at [900 S. Ada St, Chicago, IL, 60607](#)"



SPREADING AN IMPORTANT PREVENTION MESSAGE

This past week, members of Erika's Lighthouse and Students Committed to Social Action invited Laura Friedlander from Gabriel's Light to speak during Activity Period. The mission of Gabriel's Light is to prevent youth suicide through education, cyber safety and kindness.

The presentation wasn't the only good work of the day. School Counselor, Mrs. Eileen Novak, had a shout-out for student Cara O'Connor '26. Novak said, "Cara spearheaded all this including the distribution of awareness ribbon pins on the "smile" cards spreading Gabriel's Light information."



A.M.D.G.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Ignatius College Prep, a Jesuit Catholic school in the heart of Chicago, is a diverse community dedicated to educating young men and women for lives of faith, love, service and leadership. Through outstanding teaching and personal formation, the school challenges its talented student body to intellectual excellence, integrity, and life-long learning and growth. Inspired by the gospel of Jesus Christ, this community strives to use God's gifts to promote Catholic social justice for the greater glory of God.



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