



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, November 7

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY SHOPPING
EVENT**

Tully Hall

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN TULLY
TONIGHT: JOIN US!!**

Sunday, November 10

OPEN HOUSE

Saint Ignatius College Prep (All
locations in the building)

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 11

SENIOR PORTRAITS (All week)

President's Conference Room

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

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES



Our annual Saint Ignatius College Prep Holiday Shopping Event with the Women's Society is **tonight from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Tully Hall.**

This is your opportunity to get some of your Christmas shopping done in one fun stop. We have more than 40 vendors selling everything from ornaments to clothing to home decor (Have you ever bought the sheets that are wildly popular? Pro-tip: they sell out every year, so shop early). We're happy to have this event back on a Thursday night by popular demand.

Women's Society Moderator Ryan Bergin says, "This is such a fun annual tradition to kick off the holiday season. There's a real spirit of community. Everyone catches up with each other...and it's for a great cause. All proceeds go to tuition assistance!"

One of the many things to look forward to this evening: each vendor donates something, and there's a big raffle for all the items! Hope to see you here at [1076 West Roosevelt Road](#).

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ACADEMICS

SEMESTER EXAMS - READ ALL ABOUT IT

All students will take their exams in their regularly scheduled classroom with their teacher as the proctor. The exam periods are 100 minutes in length. All students will have 90 minutes to complete an exam created to be completed in 60 minutes. The exam schedule is:

Tuesday, December 17 - A, B, I

Wednesday, December 18 - C, D

Thursday, December 19 - E, F

Friday, December 20 - G, H

No classes are meeting on these days. Students need not attend the scheduled class meeting time unless they take an exam.

All students will receive a personalized exam schedule the week of December 2.

As in the past, some classes may not be giving a semester exam during the scheduled exam days. If this is the case, the teacher will announce this to the class, and students will not need to attend the scheduled exam time.

If a student has three exams scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, and he/she would like to reschedule his/her I period exam, the student will be asked to complete a Google form request to reschedule the I period exam to another exam day. Students who have three exams scheduled for December 17 have received an email containing a link to this Google form. **This form is due by November 21. All requests will be reviewed, and an approval email with the rescheduled exam details will be sent by December 6.**

If you have questions regarding exams, please contact your student's school counselor.

PSAT RESULTS

PSAT results for sophomores and juniors will be published in Big Futures on Thursday, November 7, 2024. If you did not download the Big Futures app during the Digital Readiness Checks, you can find a link to Big Futures in the Bluebook app that you used to take the test. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact [Lisa Yanny-Tillar](#).

AP TESTING

Due to several school sponsored events in May 2025, some of the AP tests will need to be moved to late testing. The changes are as follows:

- **Friday, May 9, 2025:** Senior Last Day and Clap Out: No seniors will take the AP Chinese or the AP Macroeconomics exam on this day. The juniors in these classes WILL take AP exams at noon for both AP Chinese and AP Macroeconomics.
- **Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.:** Late AP Testing for AP Chinese for seniors
- **Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.:** Late AP Testing for AP Macroeconomics

CAP AND GOWN PRIMER

During Activity Period on Thursday, November 7, all seniors attended the Jostens Cap and Gown assembly. The video link [HERE](#) provides helpful and timely information on ordering the

cap and gown.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SIMUN TRIP!

Spots are going FAST for the SIMUN International Trip to Croatia, Bosnia, Germany, and the OLMUN Conference. Please guarantee your spot on this awesome trip by signing up as soon as possible. Spaces are limited.

Dates: May 26 - June 7, 2025

You can view the details right [HERE](#).

In addition to the exciting and interesting historical destinations we will visit, we also will enjoy many outdoor activities such as hiking, strolling along the seaside, attending a cooking class, enjoying a sunset cruise, watching a movie on the beach and sharing in the local culture at street fairs.

In Oldenburg, Germany, at the OLMUN conference, we will engage in many social activities with the other delegates such as a welcome barbeque at the host school, casual games at an athletic field and meals along the cobblestone pedestrian downtown in quaint Oldenburg.

All current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are eligible to participate in this remarkable opportunity to be immersed in European cultures and meet students from all over Europe!

ATHLETICS NEWS

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MIKE HURLEY '07

Lots of news to report with the Wolfpack's fall programs! For the sports round-up, click [HERE!](#)

MEET THE WOLFPACK!

You don't want to miss this fun, annual event. For more info, just click [HERE](#).



SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP

MEET THE WOLFPACK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH | 7:00P | @ SAINT IGNATIUS



SCRIMMAGES



PERFORMANCES



CONTESTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 8TH ANNUAL MEET THE WOLFPACK EVENT!
MEET THE WOLFPACK INCLUDES SCRIMMAGES, CONTESTS, AND
PERFORMANCES BY THE BAND, DANCE, AND CHEER TEAMS.
ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich cordially invites you to his annual Christmas Concert, featuring The City Lights Orchestra conducted by Rich Daniels. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 8, 2024, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 1:30 p.m.)**. No tickets necessary. Parking and seating are available at the Church of the Holy Family on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a free concert offered generously by The City Lights Orchestra with assistance from the Music Performance Fund as administered by the Chicago Federation of Musicians, Local 10-208.

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

CLASS OF 2025

Thank YOU for working so diligently to complete your early applications. College counseling has processed more than 4000 active applications and nearly 1000 counselor and teacher recommendations!

Priority "To-Do" List

- **Please remember to thank your teachers for writing your recommendation!**
- Submit your applications for **November 15 and December 1** deadlines
- List all colleges you are applying to on Naviance - even the institutions not listed on your Common Application.
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will open on **December 1**.

CLASS OF 2026

Junior Family College Planning Nights (choose one of the two nights)

This is the only mandatory College Counseling group program of the year for the Class of 2026.

Students (mandatory) and parents (optional).

No RSVP needed.

Thank you for those who attended last night's in-person meeting!

Thursday, November 7 (virtual). 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

[HERE](#) is the Google Meet link to join.

This session will be recorded and available on Blackbaud for those who cannot attend.

During the College Planning nights we will discuss timelines, expand on resources, release the Junior Questionnaire, start planning for one-on-one Junior Family meetings beginning later this month and much more. .

CLASS OF 2027 & CLASS OF 2028

Advisory Meetings for the Class of 2028

College Counseling will be involved with **November Advisory Meetings (November 7-18)** with our students of the Class of 2028. Key points will include introductions, timelines, how to dissect a transcript and understanding GPAs and weighted courses.

College Counseling Coffee Talks (Parents/Guardians of Class of 2027 and 2028)

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 is the up-and-coming Coffee Talk Registration link for the **Wednesday, December 11, 2024 (Virtual) event at 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.:**

To register, please click [HERE](#).

We will email the link to join one week before the event.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

SENIOR PORTRAITS REMINDER!



SENIOR PORTRAITS

The first round of senior portraits will take place on campus **November 11-15, 2024**. Please click [HERE](#) to look up your Subject ID. Then visit rootseniors.com to schedule your session. Please be sure to look in Blackbaud for your class schedule for the week of November 11-15 to make certain you are scheduling a portrait session during a free period. **Students cannot miss class to have portraits taken.** You must schedule your own appointment online and follow the school dress code for portraits. Contact [Ryan Bergin](#) in the communications office if you have questions.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS' OFFICE

This is a reminder that all students in the 9th and 12th grade are required by the State of Illinois to show proof of immunizations. Those in 12th grade must show proof of the Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccination (Mer ACWY). Please note that this vaccination is different from the Meningococcal B vaccination. All 12th graders **MUST** have received two doses unless the first dose was administered after 16 years of age. In this case, one dose is sufficient. Students are subject to exclusion if the Meningococcal immunization deadline has not been met. In addition to your health care provider, many local health departments and pharmacies offer the vaccine. Forms are due no later than **November 8, 2024**.

All 9th grade students are mandated by the State of Illinois to show proof of an up-to-date immunization record on the Child Health Exam Form. Those forms must be dated no later than one year prior to the start of school. Students will be subject to exclusion if the immunization deadline has not been met. In addition to your health care provider, many local health departments and pharmacies offer the vaccine. Forms are due no later than **November 8, 2024**.

Please reach out to nurse [Erica Montegna](#) if you have any questions.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

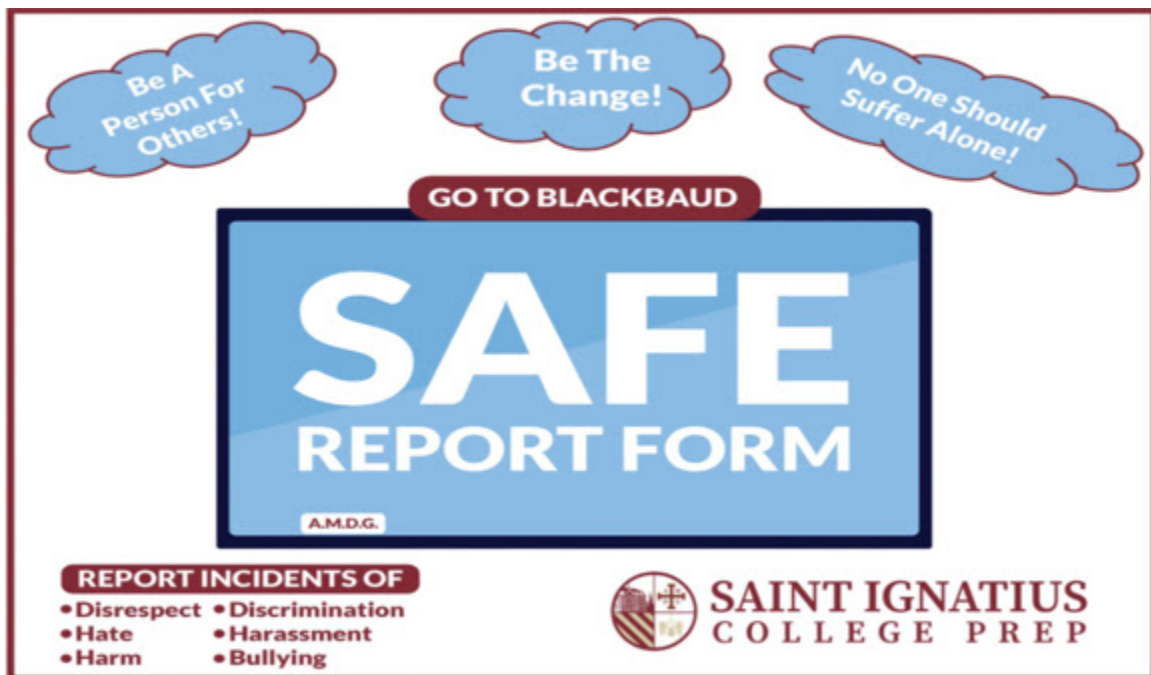
FAMILY ACCESS TO NATIONAL PREVENTION OF (CYBER)BULLYING RESOURCES

As part of Saint Ignatius College Prep's commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive (digital) space for all community members, we are happy to furnish the Social Media Safety SuperCourse. As a follow-up to Ed Peisner's Cyberbullying/Social Media Safety Presentation to freshman parents/guardians (Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.). This free resource equips families with valuable video, articles, and tools to ensure family safety from cyberbullying and social media hazards. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video, actively participate and complete the online content. Upon finishing the learning modules, certificates are available in recognition of your commitment to safeguarding students, families and communities. Together, we can sustain a bully-free and belongingness-focused environment - online and offline - for everyone at Saint Ignatius College Prep.

FOSTERING BELONGING AND INCLUSION: MIX IT UP DAY 2024

On Friday, October 25, 2024, Saint Ignatius students took part in our annual Mix It Up Day which, has been a staple in our community for more than fifteen years. This community-building event, which is also part of a nationwide activity, allowed students to sit in different spaces while enjoying pizza and fun activities as they got to know classmates they might not otherwise meet. Much like little keys open big doors, the seemingly small act of sitting at a different lunch table can make a life-changing difference for students (to connect with new friends, gain new cultural perspectives and build potential life-long relationships) and their classmates (to help others feel a sense of welcome, inclusion, community and belonging). Every good friend was once a stranger. Mix It Up Day increases the likelihood that these stranger-to-friend transformations can take place.

SAFE REPORT FORM



For students to achieve their highest potential at Saint Ignatius they must be and feel SAFE. Saint Ignatius deployed the SAFE Form more than two years ago as part of school-wide efforts to optimize safety and foster student well-being. It is accessible in the [Parent/Student Handbook](#) or through the [School Culture--DEI Webpage](#). All members of our community may use it to report incidents detracting from the best of our Saint Ignatius core values and the Respect and No Harassment Policy. The Prefect's Office and the Deans will collaborate with

all critical and sensitive parties to review and appropriately respond to form submissions (e.g. incidents related to verbal/physical aggression, bias, bullying, discrimination, harassment, racial slurs, etc.). Special thanks go to members of the Anti-Racism and Anti-Bias Cohort, Diversity Club and the School Culture--Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee for helping to create the SAFE Form. For questions, please contact [Dr. John Igwebuike](#).

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

SWEET SOUNDS ALERT: FALL BAND CONCERT

You are invited to the Fall Band Concert on **November 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the McLaughlin Theatre. Sixty students will be performing world music from many different cultures. Admission is free for all! We hope to see you there!

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

FAITH AND SCIENCE CONVERSATION COMING TO TULLY!

You have a unique opportunity to hear and learn from the Director of the Vatican Observatory, Brother Guy J. Consolmagno, S.J. He will be at Saint Ignatius College Prep **November 14 at 6:00 p.m.** in Tully Hall!

A little more about the speaker:

His research studies meteorites and asteroids. He is a native of Detroit, Michigan, he received degrees from MIT, and he earned his PhD in planetary sciences from the University of Arizona. Along with more than 250 scientific publications, he is the author of a dozen popular books on astronomy and the relationship between faith and science.



AN IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN AT BELLARMINE JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE: **JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2**

Are you seeking silence and the opportunity to get away? Consider joining other Moms and Alumni for a silent retreat in the New Year.

[Seeking Grace](#)

Step away to the quiet and rest in the graces of God. Author, Spiritual Director and Founder of Ignatian Ministries, Becky Eldredge, will facilitate a women's-preached retreat with reflections and guided prayer on the truly amazing grace of God. Come seek and find love, mercy, friendship, companionship, compassion and joy.

AN IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN AT BELLARMINE JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE: **MARCH 7 - 9**

Consider joining other Dads and Alumni for a silent retreat in the New Year.

[Praying the Third Week of the Spiritual Exercises with the Psalms](#)

Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. continues to update this popular retreat! For those new to this retreat, it will be an inspirational deep dive into the Psalms. For those who have made this retreat previously, you will discover new depths as Fr. Mitch's exegesis of the Psalms illuminates the Third Week of the Spiritual Exercises, The Passion of Our Lord.

HARLEQUINS

DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THIS WEEKEND!



The Saint Ignatius College Prep Harlequins are proud to present our Fall musical, Disney's "High School Musical." Based on the Disney Channel hit film, this treat for the whole family is filled with toe-tapping tunes, high-energy dance and good old school spirit.

Final performances are **November 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.**, with a matinee on **November 9 at 2:00 p.m.**

All performances take place in the McLaughlin Theatre on the Saint Ignatius campus.

Current students can purchase tickets in the LINK during lunch slides, or click [HERE](#) to email your request for tickets!!

We hope to see you there!

PARENT ORGANIZATION

CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!



Parent Volunteers Needed for Saint Ignatius College Prep Open House on Sunday, November 10. It is our time to show prospective families how unique and unforgettable our community and school are. We appreciate any and all help. You can view the sign up [HERE](#).

SCHOOL COUNSELING

FOCUSING ON MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Interested in learning more about mental health and wellness for children and adolescents? Check out this upcoming webinar sponsored by the [Family Action Network \(FAN\)](#), where you will hear from experts from the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) and The Family Institute at Northwestern University, as they "share insights into how mental health conditions may manifest at different ages, what kind of interventions may be necessary and what to do to help kids thrive."

[You Are Not Alone for Parents and Caregivers: The NAMI Guide to Navigating Your Child's Mental Health](#)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

OUR CLUBS ARE WHERE IT'S AT!



Hey Students! We have more than 75 clubs and student organizations (the picture shows SIMUN) which are opportunities to connect with others, share your gifts and talents or try something new. [HERE](#) is where you can check out our list of clubs and organizations and activity period schedules on W & P Days to go to a meeting and get involved!

CHRISTOPHER CHRISTMAS

For more than 20 years, Saint Ignatius has sponsored Christopher Christmas at [The Walter S. Christopher School](#), and we're happy to report the tradition will continue this year! After a wish list/Christmas gift collection, Saint Ignatius College Prep brings a contingent of faculty and staff to the school for a morning of holiday cheer. Student Council is hard at work planning for the morning, which will take place on **Thursday, December 5**. All members of the Saint Ignatius community are encouraged to support this year's Christopher Christmas by taking a wish list card from the tree in the Link **NEXT WEEK (November 11-15)**. Gifts will be collected the week BEFORE Thanksgiving break beginning **Wednesday November 20, and are due no later than Friday November 22**. Is your team or student organization interested in sponsoring a group of students from the Christopher School? If so, email [Ms. Hipple](#) as soon as possible for more information.

SHOUT-OUTS...

FROM FINE ARTS TEACHER, MR. JASON STEFFEN:

"Congratulations to two students for being selected for the Illinois Music Education Association District 1 Music Festival on November 9th at Elmhurst University. Alexa Risley was selected for Orchestra on Viola and Elon Van Rhein was selected for Band on Trumpet. This is the second time Alexa has been selected and the first time for Elon. Congratulations to you both!"

ADVOCATING FOR GOOD HEALTH!

Shout-out to Senior Director of Enrollment Management Megan Kennedy '91. Today she appeared on *Good Morning America* to talk about something that can save a woman's life: the annual mammogram. Megan was diagnosed with DCIS (a form of breast cancer) in February of this year. If she had not had her screening, the cancer would have grown unchecked. Megan says, "People willing to share their story with openness and compassion have the ability to reach so many people in a meaningful way."

It's the kind of conversation that can save a life! If you have a preventative screening you've delayed, please make the time to prioritize your health and book the appointment today.

See the story Megan appeared in [HERE](#).

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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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