



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, November 25

THANKSGIVING BREAK BEGINS

Monday, December 2

ADVENT RECONCILIATION - WEEK
ONE OF TWO

Church of the Holy Family

Wednesday, December 4

FRESHMAN FALL SERVICE DEADLINE

Wednesday, December 4

WALSH BRIDGE COMPETITION

McLaughlin Room

SAVOR THESE MOMENTS!



CONGRATULATIONS to Saint Ignatius College Prep Girls Cross Country! The team, lead by Head Coach Matt Haffner, brought home the IHSA 2A State Championship -- a first for a school in the city of Chicago and a first for the Wolfpack. We celebrated the athletes' hard work and dedication with an all-school "clap around" - a memorable school spirit moment! If you missed the ABC 7 Chicago news story about the team's major accomplishment, just click [HERE](#) for the story! Kudos to all the team members and coaches!

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 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

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES



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ACADEMICS

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

The tuition assistance [application](#) for the 2025-2026 school year is now open.

We encourage returning families to apply, even if you did not qualify for assistance in the past - especially if your family financial position has changed.

To be considered for tuition assistance, [applications](#) and all required documentation must be submitted by December 18, 2024. Award notifications will be sent out after this date.

Submitting the [application](#) by the deadline ensures that your tuition assistance award will be reflected in your enrollment contract, and your enrollment deposit will be adjusted accordingly. Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year will take place in February.

If you have any questions, please contact [Katie Mikulaninec](#) or [James Luzzi](#).

SEMESTER EXAMS

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 was due today, 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.



TAKING LEARNING ON THE ROAD!

Ms. Emily Steffen's Studio Drawing students had a blast on their annual trip to the Field Museum to meet with artist in residence, Peggy Macnamara. Students were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour. They also received permission to draw within the museum's taxidermy wing. Our young artists will give the work they started on this field trip further, deeper attention in a large-scale project during our study of scientific illustration.

ATHLETICS NEWS

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MIKE HURLEY '07

It's been a huge couple weeks with Wolfpack Athletics, from celebrating our first collective Commitment Day to major program accomplishments. For the sports round-up, click [HERE!](#)



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

COME JOIN US FOR MASS!

All are welcome to worship at Church of the Holy Family. Please register for First Friday Mass on **December 6 at 8:20 a.m. [HERE](#)**.

Please register for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **December 9 at 8:20 a.m. [HERE](#)**.

All are welcome for the guest coffees following all-school Masses!

Parking is available on May Street just west of the Church. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Development Director [Wendy Guido McCarthy '84](#).

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

GENERAL NEWS

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

Mark your calendars! This will be online, **Sunday, December 8** - Please click [HERE](#).

CLASS OF 2025

Here's your priority "To-Do" List:

- **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now open! You can submit your actual 2025-2026 form today. Use the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to help complete your FAFSA right [HERE](#).
- **Please remember to thank your teachers for writing your recommendation!**
- Submit your applications for **December 1** deadlines.
- List all colleges you are applying to on Naviance - even the institutions not listed on your Common Application.
- Inform your College Counselor of acceptances and college decisions you receive.

CLASS OF 2026

Thank you for attending the Junior Family College Planning Nights. Our virtual session was recorded. The recording of the session, Google Slides, and the Takeaway Handouts are available on Blackbaud (under Resources and the College icon).

Next Steps:

- Complete the Junior Questionnaire over Thanksgiving Break (**It is due on January 10**).
- Sign up for a Junior Family Meeting with your College Counselor. You will receive your College Counselor's *Calendly* link once the Junior Questionnaire (student portion) is submitted.
- Use the Naviance assessments tools on Personality Traits, Learning Styles, and Career Interests.
- Any issues for students or parents logging into Naviance? Please contact [Janet Harrison](#).

CLASS OF 2027 & CLASS OF 2028

Advisory Meetings for the Class of 2028 were completed between November 7-18 for all freshmen students. Three main take-aways for students:

- 1) Who is your College Counselor?
- 2) Register into Naviance, and learn how to use it.
- 3) Understand how your GPA is calculated and how to dissect a transcript.

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 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.:**

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

One week before the event, we will email the link to join.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

JESUIT ANTIRACISM SODALITY (JARS) PRESENTS "THOSE WHO HAVE EARS OUGHT TO HEAR: LISTENING AS DISCIPLESHIP

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 30 at noon (Eastern)/11:00 a.m. (Central)**. Dr. [John Igwebuike](#), Director of School Culture - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Saint Ignatius College Prep in Chicago will present to the Jesuit Antiracism Sodality (JARS) on his work with [The Lead Listening Society](#) and his [TedX Talk](#) on how listening underpins discipleship. The 30-minute presentation will be followed by 25 minutes of Q+A. To register, please click [HERE](#).

47TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRAYER SERVICE

We look forward to gathering in prayer and celebration for the annual Archdiocesan African American Heritage Prayer Service with Catholic elementary and high schools at Holy Name Cathedral on **Friday, February 21, 2025 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

Click [HERE](#) to register students in Grades 6-12 at your school.

Click [HERE](#) to nominate students and adults from your community for an award (**Deadline: January 19, 2025**).

Please visit the website [HERE](#), or contact aahps@archchicago.org if you have any questions.

THE 2024-2025 PRINCETON RACE CHALLENGE APPLICATION PORTAL IS OPEN!

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 build the application portfolio.

POST-ELECTION COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITY

Dr. John G. Igwebuike, Director of School Culture, and moderator of the Lead Listening Society, created a Post-Election community-building activity that has been disseminated throughout the Jesuit Schools. You can access the resource [HERE](#).

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 the link [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.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

PRAY WITH US DURING ADVENT

A reminder that all are welcome to join us in prayer on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We will gather on Google Meet from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Join other parents and alumni from near and far. If you are interested, email [Gail Krema](#) for the Google Meet link.

- **December 4** pray with "*Prepare the Way of the Lord.*"
- **December 18** pray with "*The Sacred Visit of Mary and Elizabeth.*"
- Father Fairbanks put together a list of Advent Resources. You can find them [HERE](#).
- We have small Advent prayer booklets, "*Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas: Waiting in Joyful Hope*" in our office. Have your student stop by Room 147 to pick one up!

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.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

SACRAMENTAL LIFE IN ADVENT

Students will have many ways to pray and prepare the way for the coming of Jesus after returning from Thanksgiving. During Advent, all students will have the chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during an assigned Theology class. Held in a communal service at the Church of the Holy Family, students will have the opportunity to pray an examination of conscience, and when ready, be able to receive the individual Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Additionally, we will have two all school Masses during Advent. The first is our usual First Friday Mass on December 6. The second will be the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception observed on Monday, December 9.

FAITH AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS FOR JUNIORS

Members of the Class of 2026 attended an assembly in October to learn more about faith and justice programs (i.e. summer immersion trips justice conferences summer faith opportunities) with Student Formation and Ministry. Please make sure your junior student checks their email for details from Senior Class Chaplain, Mr. Ed Nunez, to ensure they fill out the Google Form to indicate their interests and availability by **Wednesday, December 4**. He sent the Google Form earlier this week. Please see or contact [Mr. Nunez](#) if you have questions!

SERVICE DEADLINES

As we near the end of the semester, we also are approaching deadlines for freshman and sophomore service hours. These are important check points to consider the progress we have made, and still have to go.

For freshmen, five hours are due by **Tuesday, December 4**. Review guidelines [HERE](#).

For sophomores, 10 hours are due by **Friday, December 6**. Please review guidelines [HERE](#).

Expectations for service have been communicated to each grade level. As a reminder, all students need to meet (in person) with any member of Formation and Ministry, for approval before beginning service with a particular site. Before coming into FAM, students may check a running list of opportunities that FAM continues to share with them.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

As we approach Thanksgiving break, followed soon thereafter by semester exams, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school counselor to discuss ways we can offer support through these busy days.

A simple yet effective way to elevate your mood this time of year is to practice gratitude. It's all too easy to feel overwhelmed by our daily routines, but taking just a few moments to reflect on what we're thankful for can significantly shift our mindset. Appreciating the small joys, like sharing a delicious breakfast with a friend or rediscovering a favorite song on your playlist, helps us stay mindful and grants us the grace we need during stressful times.

Give it a go right now!

- What three things have happened today that you are grateful for?***
- What are you looking forward to this week? This year?***
- Name one thing you enjoy doing in your free time, and think about the next time you will have the chance to do it!***

Our School Counselors are here for all students, and aim to support their academic and social emotional growth through activities such as practicing a gratitude mindset. We know how quickly the days become full with school, activities, friends and family, and we are more than happy to set up a time to talk about ways to practice gratitude that fit your style and needs. Please email your counselor today to schedule a meeting!

To learn more, check out a helpful article from NPR [HERE](#).

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

QUEST FOR THE CUP!

VS.
LOYOLA
DEC 13

THEME:
CHRISTMAS

JESUIT
CUP



SAVE THE DATE: **Friday, December 13** -- Jesuit Cup! This year's Jesuit Cup will take place at Loyola University Chicago's Gentile Arena. Our Girls' Varsity Basketball Team will play Loyola Academy at 5:30 p.m. followed by our Boys' Varsity Basketball Team at 7:00 p.m. Pack Pride has selected Christmas for the student game theme.



French teacher, Erin Johnson shared this: "The French Club welcomed our new archivist, Henry Ceffalio, to present about his experiences as a student at McGill University in Quebec, Canada and as an English Language teacher in France. He spoke in English and in French and his presentation was very engaging and thought provoking regarding the benefits of studying and living in a foreign country. Mr. Ceffalio talked about his Jesuit high school education in New York, his undergraduate studies in Canada and how he moved to

France with a limited French-speaking background. He also touched on the very positive relationships he built in France and the French language communication skills he mastered during his year of teaching. The French Club members who participated asked great questions and were very happy to have the opportunity to learn from Mr. Ceffalio. Our French teachers look forward to inviting him into their classrooms in the near future."

CHRISTOPHER CHRISTMAS

For more than 20 years, Saint Ignatius has sponsored Christopher Christmas at [The Walter S. Christopher School](#), and the tradition continues this year! After a wish list/Christmas gift collection, Saint Ignatius 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**. Thank you to ALL the members of the Wolfpack who picked up wish cards for our friends at the Christopher School last week. A reminder that all gifts should be returned to the Student Activities Office by **Friday, November 22** and should be wrapped with the wish card fixed to the outside.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING, WOLFPACK!!

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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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