

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Friday, December 6

**SOPHOMORE FALL SERVICE  
DEADLINE**

Monday, December 9

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION - WEEK  
TWO OF TWO**

Church of the Holy Family

Wednesday, December 11

**WINTER PERCUSSION CONCERT**

McLaughlin Theater

**THE SEASON OF GIVING!**



**CELEBRATING A LONGSTANDING TRADITION!**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17

SEMESTER EXAMS BEGIN

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 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



Today more than 100 students, faculty and staff members took the best kind of field trip: one focused solely on giving! A couple decades ago, Saint Ignatius College Prep forged a relationship with the Walter S. Christopher School in Chicago. For all those years, our students have been making the holiday gift wishes of their younger peers across town come true, adopting students and donating gifts on their lists. This morning marked the big delivery!

For those of you who've never experienced a "Christopher Christmas," just know it's one of the best days of the year. To see the joy on the faces of the young people -- gift receivers and gift givers - is priceless. Perhaps the biggest present, though, is the gift of time spent in such a valuable way. Our students share arts and crafts, music and the spirit of the season with the Christopher kids. Joyful, joyful, indeed!



## ACADEMICS

### 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 have received a personalized exam schedule.

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.

First semester grades will be posted to Blackbaud by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 23.**

## **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](#).

## **SCHOOL PORTRAITS**

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will have their school portraits taken on campus **February 4-6, 2025**. During those three days, freshmen will go for portraits with their English class, sophomores with their science class and juniors with their theology class. More information about ordering portraits will be forthcoming from the school's photography company, HR Imaging.

## **GET THE "GRAD" LOOK!**

The year is flying by -- before you know it, graduation will be here! It's why we have this reminder for all seniors:

*Please order your cap and gown.* The video you'll find by clicking [HERE](#) provides helpful and timely information on ordering the cap and gown. While multiple packages are available, click [HERE](#) to go directly to the cap, gown, tassel only package. We will share additional information regarding graduation, tickets, and event details in January. Stay tuned!!



## FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS...



Mr. Arreguin, Ms. Ness and Ms. Steffen of the Saint Ignatius College Prep Fine Arts Department invite you to join them for the Winter Canon Ball Art Show! The annual show features amazing student work from the first semester. To see the display at the IHMC building, stop by the ground and first floors on December 11 from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. We'll also have snacks, refreshments and music at the Open House-style event! Happy Holidays!!

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## ATHLETICS NEWS

### WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MIKE HURLEY '07

It's been a great couple of weeks with Wolfpack Athletics, from celebrating everything from our second collective Commitment Day to a Prep Bowl win! 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](#).

### RING IN THE SEASON AT THE CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT **THIS SUNDAY!**

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 8, 2024, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 1:30 p.m.)**. You'll find parking next to the Church of the Holy Family. Event details are in the invitation (which we've included). We hope to see you there!



## CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**SUN., DEC. 8, 2024 @ 2PM**

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich cordially invites you to his annual Christmas Concert at Church of the Holy Family, featuring The City Lights Orchestra conducted by Rich Daniels.

***Doors open at 1:30pm***

***Concert 2pm - 3:30pm***

Admission is free and registration not required. Seating is first come first served basis. Parking available in the Roosevelt/Racine lot west of the church.

This free concert is generously offered by The City Lights Orchestra with assistance from the Music Performance Fund as administered by the Chicago Federation of Musicians, Local 10-208.

For more info contact:

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312-534-7615

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### COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

#### GENERAL NEWS

## NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

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

## 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](#).

More FAFSA completion assistance: Refer to the *Federal Student Aid Webinar on December 10* [HERE](#) and *Registration for the Webinar Series* [HERE](#).

- **Please remember to thank your teachers for writing your recommendation!** We have "Thank You" cards available in College Counseling.
- College Counselors are available for Check-Ins. Please use individual College Counselor *Calendly* links for set-up.
- 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

You can find the recording of the virtual Junior Family College Planning Night session, Google Slides and the Takeaway Handouts on Blackbaud (under Resources and the College icon).

### Next Steps:

- Complete the Junior Questionnaire (**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 you submit the Junior Questionnaire (student portion).
- 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 questions or 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](#).

Once you've registered and one week before the event, we will email the link to join.

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## DEANS' OFFICE

### ARE YOU MISSING ANYTHING?



Students: If you've misplaced a water bottle, a jacket, earpods, etc., please stop by the Deans' Office and check out our "Lost and Found." What's there now, won't be there for long. We will be donating all "Lost and Found" items at the conclusion of semester exams on **December 20.**

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## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### HELP SOMEONE KEEP WARM THIS WINTER!

The San Ignacio Society is holding a coat drive through **January 10, 2025**. FAM, ALAS, Latin X, and the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica will have collection boxes in the Link. They are collecting new and gently used coats for vulnerable populations. They will be distributing the coats through community organizations, such as homeless shelters, immigrant support organizations and local non-profit social service providers throughout the Chicagoland area. Student volunteers seeking service hours please click [HERE](#).

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION AT OLD ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join the Saint Ignatius College Prep San Ignacio Society on **December 12** for this celebration! Details in the flyer...

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Old St. Mary's Catholic Church  
1500 S Michigan Avenue | Chicago, IL 60605



Thursday-December 12, 2024

6:30 am Mañanitas and  
Live Reenactment of the Apparitions

8:30 am Bilingual School Mass  
with Mariachi

7 pm Bilingual Mass celebrated by  
Bishop Robert Casey with Mariachi

*Hospitality after all liturgies*

Questions?

**Rosa Sanchez Castillo** ([rosa@oldstmarys.com](mailto:rosa@oldstmarys.com))  
**Oblate James Holzhauer-Chuckas, ObSB**  
([james@oldstmarys.com](mailto:james@oldstmarys.com))

## TOLTON SOCIETY HOLIDAY GATHERING

Come celebrate the holidays with Saint Ignatius College Prep Alumni and Friends! On **December 27, 2024**, the Tolton Society and Terri Evans '94 are hosting the gathering at Windy City Ribs at Navy Pier from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Enjoy complimentary food, music and seasonal cheer! ( Cash bar, 21 and older). Click [HERE](#) to register. We hope to see you there!

## BOYS BASKETBALL ALUMNI NIGHT

Saint Ignatius Boys Basketball happily invites all program alumni to our home game on **January 10** versus Mount Carmel at 7:00 p.m. We'll have a reception in Tully Hall immediately following the game until 10:00 p.m. Please click [HERE](#) to register.

## LEGAL EAGLES LUNCH!

Mark your calendars for the 43rd Annual Law Society Luncheon on **February 6, 2025**. Join us for conversation, community and horns at the Union League Club of Chicago from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please click [HERE](#) to register.

## GLORIAM 2025!

**March 1, 2025** is the date for our largest fundraiser for tuition assistance at Saint Ignatius College Prep. Visit the Gloriam 2025 website [HERE](#) for important updates, sponsorship and donation information.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

### 47TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRAYER SERVICE

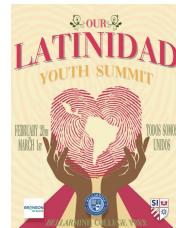


Saint Ignatius College Prep plans to once again bring a delegation of students to the 47th annual African American Heritage Prayer Service. This gathering affords a space for prayer and celebration for the annual Archdiocesan African American Heritage Prayer Service with Catholic elementary and high schools at Holy Name Cathedral on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Click [HERE](#) for registration. Click [HERE](#) to nominate students and adults from your community

for an award (Deadline: January 19, 2025). If you have questions, please visit the website [HERE](#) or contact the [Archdiocese of Chicago](#).

### INVITATION TO OUR LATINIDAD YOUTH SUMMIT 2025

Here is an opportunity to connect with students across the country. This 8th Annual Summit is co-sponsored by two of our sister Jesuit schools in California. The summit's purpose is to empower Latiné high school students and educators by providing a space for leadership development. The date for the summit is **February 28 – March 1, 2025**. It will be at Bellarmine College Preparatory, at [960 W. Hedding Street](#) in San José, California.



### BECOMING ONE WOLFPACK - 2025 INSTALLMENTS

The Becoming One Wolfpack Global Leadership Development Series continues in January 2025. Students should check their Blackbaud schedules to ensure attendance alongside other classes. The January 2025 themes are as follows:

B1WP Series	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior
January	Microaggressions I– Harnessing the power of micro-affirmations (Grad at Grad Value: Loving)	Cultivating Intercultural Growth Mindsets - Part II (Grad at Grad Value: Open to Growth)	Interculturality: Cultivating Intercultural Growth Mindsets - Part II (Grad at Grad Value: Open to Growth)

## FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

### PRAY WITH US DURING ADVENT

A reminder that you 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 - 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 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!

### VIRTUAL ADVENT GATHERING FOR JESUIT SCHOOL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

An Advent reflection, "And the Soul Felt its Worth..." will be held via Zoom.

Now in its third year, this effort is specifically offered to connect parents and guardians of Jesuit school students.

Join us for an hour of prayer, guided contemplation, individual reflection and small-group sharing with nationwide participation of Jesuit school parents.

**Tuesday, December 10**

**Pacific 11:00 a.m.  
Eastern 2:00 p.m.  
Central Europe 8:00 p.m.**

To receive the Zoom link please register [HERE](#).

## FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

### ADVENT AT SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP

In addition to all our students being offering the gift of Reconciliation in their theology classes, we will also celebrate 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**.

### SERVICE DEADLINES

As we near the end of the semester, the deadlines for freshman and sophomore service hours are now here.

Click [HERE](#) for freshman service hour expectations. Please note, students should have completed **five hours** by now.

Click [HERE](#) for sophomore service hour expectations. Please note, **10 hours** are due tomorrow, **December 6**.

Students who wish for an extension beyond the deadline must come into FAM in person and share their plans with a FAM staff member prior to **December 9 at 10 a.m.** We will not receive emailed requests. Students who do not do this will receive a temporary "I" or "incomplete" on their report card. This does not impact a student's GPA.

Once we return to school in January for the second semester, FAM will do another check for all steps of the service progress. When a student meets the first semester expectation, we will remove the "incomplete."

As a reminder, all students need to meet (in person) with any member of the 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 via emails from [Sister Edel](#).

## JUNIORS: FAITH AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS

All members of the Class of 2026 had 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 Mr. Nunez, Senior Class Chaplain, to ensure they fill out the Google Form to indicate their interests and availability. The deadline passed yesterday. He sent the Google Form before Thanksgiving break. Please see or contact [Mr. Nunez](#) with any questions!

## PRAYERS FOR MARCH FOR LIFE ATTENDEES!

Please keep our group of students and adults from Saint Ignatius College Prep in your prayers as they attend the national March for Life in Washington, D.C. from January 23-25, 2025! We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between. Pray for them as they march for the lives of every human person.

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## PARENT ORGANIZATION NEWS

### SWEETS FOR OUR SWEET TEACHERS - CALLING ALL COOKIE FANS!

To celebrate our faculty and staff sweetly for the holidays, the Parent Organization will host a holiday luncheon in the Brunswick Room on **Wednesday, December 1**.

We invite you to contribute two-to-three dozen cookies, brownies or candies (homemade or store bought) that we will then distribute in tins to every faculty/staff member after the luncheon.

Parent Org will collect treats **December 11 between 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.** in two locations:

- **Front entrance on Roosevelt Road** (you can have your student drop off inside)
- **Visitors' Lot off Blue Island** (you won't need to get out of your car).



Feel free to include your family's name and a recipe card if you would like!

If baking isn't your thing, we are happy to accept a donation for the luncheon and desserts. Please contact [Dawn van Kempen](#) and [Colleen McClain](#) with those inquiries or if you have any other questions.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

## **SPIRIT STORE**

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES!**



# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS Sales

- 1 December 5th**  
25% Off Pajama Pants Continues  
10:15AM - 1:15PM 
- 2 December 6th**  
 \$15 Wolfpack Plush Squishmallow  
3:00PM - 5:30PM 
- 3 December 9th**  
Take 20% off Julia Gash Collection  
10:15AM - 1:15PM
- 4 December 10th**  
\$20 Christmas Crewneck Sweatshirt  
10:15AM - 1:15PM
- 5 December 11th**  
Mystery Savings!  
20% 30% 40%  
9:30AM - 1:00PM
- 6 December 12th**  
Shop Til You Drop!  
Special Store Hours  
3:00PM - 9:00PM 

- 7 December 18th**  
Tee's The Season!  
BOGO- Nike Tee's-Buy 1 get 1 50% off  
10:15AM - 1:15PM 
- 8 December 16th**  
Take 20% Off ladies Knit Sweaters!  
 10:15AM - 1:15PM  3:00PM - 7:00PM
- 9 December 17th**  
 Spin the PRIZE WHEEL!  
\*\$15 purchase required\*  
7:30AM - 12:00PM
- 10 December 18th**  
\$30 IGNATIUS Crewneck  
7:30AM - 12:00PM 
- 11 December 19th**  
Year End Clearance Extravaganza  
7:30AM - 12:00PM
- 12 December 20th**  
Spend \$25 & be entered to win a  
\$75 gift card for the store  
7:30AM - 12:00PM 

**Please note, store closes on December 20th & reopens on January 7th**  
For assistance, please contact [tina.bobor@ignatius.org](mailto:tina.bobor@ignatius.org)

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**SMILE! YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!!**

We want your photos for *Prep*, the Saint Ignatius yearbook! Help us make *Prep 2025* unforgettable! We're gathering photos of all school sports and we'd love your contributions. You can upload your favorite high-quality images easily from your phone. Just follow the link [HERE](#) or scan the QR code you see to submit yours today. Whether you're a student, a coach or a parent, your photos will help capture the heart and spirit of our athletic community. Start sharing today and be part of this year's legacy. Space is limited!



## PUT YOUR DECORATING SKILLS TO WORK!



We're bringing out the ornaments (and the hot chocolate) for our annual Christmas Tree Decorating in the Saint Ignatius College Prep Quad. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 12** during Activity Period. You don't want to miss this tradition. Student Council is planning a super fun morning with lots of festive cheer. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to stop by between **10:00 and 10:50 a.m. the morning of the 12th!**

## 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.

#### CHRISTOPHER CHRISTMAS

For more than 20 years, Saint Ignatius has sponsored Christopher Christmas at [The Walter S. Christopher School](#), and, as you read in the headline article, the tradition continued this morning! More than 100 members of the Wolfpack (students, faculty and staff) brought Christmas cheer to a bunch of children after having collected gifts to match their wishes. Many thanks to everyone who participated. Your generosity and the time you gave helped make the season bright for so many kids!

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#### SHOUT-OUTS...



Parent Kathleen Hennelly wrote in about Saint Ignatius community members who took time on the Thanksgiving holiday weekend to run in the 16th Annual Beverly Hills Turkey Trot 5K. Ms. Hennelly said, "Current students and alumni ran for a great cause on a cold day!"

Participation was indeed kind. According to the event's website, proceeds from the run will benefit the 19th Ward Youth and Community Foundation and the John McNicholas Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Good work!



A.M.D.G.

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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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