



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

**WE WISH OUR SAINT IGNATIUS
FAMILIES A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

LOOKING AHEAD

NEW YEAR'S EVE WOLFPACK TV ALERT!

Friday, December 20

SEMESTER EXAMS CONCLUDE

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, December 23

CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS!

Monday, December 30

CLASS OF 2024 YEARBOOK
SIGNING

Tully Hall

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7

CLASSES RESUME!

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



BIG MOMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT FOR SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP!

Get ready for our version of Rydell High! The big TV reveal of a project that's been in the works all year is coming, but it's still a secret...so we'll quietly say this: **Make sure you watch ABC 7 on New Year's Eve. More than 100 of our students participated in a production that will reach all of Chicago on December 31 starting at 11:25 p.m. (tune in at 11:20 so you don't miss the seven minute movie).**

The Wolfpack put its acting and dancing skills to work for what has become the most-watched broadcast in the city. You'll also see some very familiar faces...including Mr. John Chandler! What a great way to ring in 2025 -- celebrating our community in a huge, fun and fantastic way!

GRAD-AT-GRAD
VALUES

Open to Growth

Intellectually Competent

Religious

Loving

Committed to Doing Justice



PRAY

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES



**WATCH ABC 7 AT 11:20 P.M. ON NEW
YEAR'S EVE!**



ACADEMICS

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

The Saint Ignatius College Prep community looks forward to welcoming four exchange students from two Jesuit high schools in Lithuania for the 2025-2026 academic year. We are in need of host families for these rising juniors. If you are interested or open to learning more, please contact [Assistant Prefect, Beth Carney](#).

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

Stay tuned!!

regarding graduation, tickets, and event details in January.

ATHLETICS NEWS

We have much to celebrate in Saint Ignatius College Prep sports...including a big tournament win for hockey and super starts for hoops!

For your bi-weekly message from Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07, please click [HERE](#).



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SHARING OUR CHURCH AND SAINT IGNATIUS TALENT WITH CHICAGO



The Saint Ignatius College Prep Choir and Orchestra led by Mrs. Mary Ellen Schneider recorded song selections for the Cardinal's Midnight Mass which will air on WGN on Christmas. The church's beautiful altar was their backdrop.

To catch it, you have to tune in at **midnight on December 25!** You can also find the performance on the Chicago Archdiocese YouTube channel, Catholic Chicago.

For more Church of the Holy Family news please click [HERE](#).

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

GENERAL NEWS - ALL CLASS YEARS

USA Gap Year Information:

Gap Year 101 with Holly Bull (Virtual) - **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

Gap Year Fair at Oak Park & River High School – **Friday, January 24, 2025**

Gap Year Fair at New Trier Township High School – **Saturday, January 25, 2025**

Registration Links [HERE](#)

CLASS OF 2025

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

- Update Naviance (and College Counselors) with your decisions.
- If you are accepted to a college through Early Decision, please withdraw all your other applications.
- Add any new applications to Naviance. College Counselors will send transcripts and recommendations by December 31.
- You do not need to request 7th semester transcripts. We will automatically send those to all your colleges in early January.
- If you are deferred or waitlisted at a college, please follow all instructions in the decision letter to ensure continuing, if you should choose to do so, as a member of their application pool.
- **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](#).

CLASS OF 2026

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

- Complete your Junior Questionnaire (**due January 10**). Both student and parent/guardian portions are in digital format only. You should have received an email in November (and can search the name) from college counseling's [Janet Harrison](#).

The Junior Student Questionnaire is [HERE](#).

The Parent/Guardian Questionnaire is [HERE](#).

- Once completed, you will receive a confirmation and Calendly links to set up your Junior Family Meeting. Students must complete their portion on the Junior Questionnaire prior to a

family meeting being scheduled.

Important Dates:

ACT Test Prep -- Registration deadline is **January 26**.

SAT Test Prep -- Registration deadline is **January 19**.

We have collaborated with Academic Approach to run in-person classes this spring. Classes run January through April and will be Monday and Wednesday from 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Classes need a minimum of 10 students to run and have a maximum of 20 students. These classes will prepare students for future ACT or SAT exams including these hosted at Saint Ignatius: **ACT (April 5 and June 14) and SAT (March 12)**. Saint Ignatius is a registered location for those exams. The SAT is only for Saint Ignatius juniors and registration will be forthcoming from the Prefect's Office. The ACT sittings are national dates and you must register for those independently. Seats are limited.

Register for one of the two test prep classes [HERE!](#)

Scroll to the bottom of the page to access the class schedules, registration link, and to request financial aid for the class (separate link, same location). Contact [Kurt Schmidt](#) if you have questions about financial aid.

Register for ACT exams [HERE](#).

Junior Family College Planning Nights

You'll find the recording of our virtual session in Blackbaud under "Resources," which is under the "College" icon.

CLASS OF 2027

Save the Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sophomore Familie: College and Course Planning Webinar (Virtual only) for sophomore families - We will send the Link in early February. Look for an email from the Prefect's Office.

DEANS' OFFICE

CLAIM YOUR LOST AND FOUND ITEMS...



Students: If you've misplaced a sweater, 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**.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

HELP SOMEONE KEEP WARM THIS WINTER!



The San Ignacio Society is holding a coat drive that launched December 2 and will run through **January 10**. FAM, ALAS, Latin X, and the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica will have collection boxes in the Link (look for the gift-wrapped collection boxes - see the picture) and around campus. 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 gift wrapping the coats on **January 11** at the Alumni Lounge at 1019

S. May Street, please click [HERE](#) for more information.

TOLTON SOCIETY HOLIDAY GATHERING

Come celebrate the holidays with Saint Ignatius College Prep Alumni and Friends! On **December 27**, 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.

BUSINESS SOCIETY PREGAME GATHERING AT FORNELLI '51 LOUNGE ON **JANUARY 10**

Business Society Members join together for pizza and beer/wine before the Boys Basketball Alumni Game. Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please click [HERE](#) to register. Business Society members will be admitted to the game at no charge.

SAVE THE DATE

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction: **January 24** - Please click [HERE](#) to register.

43rd Annual Law Society Luncheon: **February 6** - Please click [HERE](#) to register.

Gloriam 2025: **March 1** - Please visit the Gloriam website [HERE](#) for important updates, sponsorship and donation information.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

2025 STUDENT IGNATIUS LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (SILS) PLANNING COMMITTEE

SILS is an Ignatian-centered leadership development experience for rising sophomores, juniors and seniors at Saint Ignatius College Prep. SILS certification is a determining factor in selecting students for school leadership positions (e.g. Arrupe Mentors, retreat leaders, team captains, student government or executive board club leadership). 2023 and 2024 SILS-certified students who are interested in serving on the planning committee for the 2025 SILS summer program should email both [Mr. Michael McKeon](#) and [Dr. John Igwebuike](#).

THE 2024-2025 PRINCETON RACE CHALLENGE APPLICATION DEADLINE: **JANUARY 31, 2025**

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 by clicking [HERE](#), and reach out to Dr. John G. Igwebuike for assistance, coaching and mentoring as needed to build their application portfolio.

FOSTERING INTERCULTURAL RESPECT AND ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE



**Fostering Intercultural
Respect & Engagement**



**IGNITING THE FUTURE:
BUILDING BRIDGES TOWARDS
COLLECTIVE GROWTH**

The FIRE Conference is **January 24, 2025**, at Lake Forest Academy. Engaging in open and empathetic dialogue is a cornerstone of a healthy democracy. The Conference will allow for exchanging ideas, resolving conflicts and creating a more just and equitable society. Students interested in attending this conference should contact [Dr. John G. Igwebuike](#) before **January 17, 2025**.

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](#).

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.:

On December 18, we prayed with "***The Sacred Visit of Mary and Elizabeth.***" If you missed it, no worries. You have more opportunities to join other parents and alumni from near and far. If you are interested, email [Gail Krema](#) for the Google Meet link. We'll meet again on **January 15.**



ADVENT FYI: Father Fairbanks put together a list of Advent Resources [HERE](#).

SPECIAL RETREATS

For Men:

March 7 - 9, 2025

Consider joining other dads and alumni for an Ignatian silent retreat in the New Year at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House.

Learn more by clicking the link:

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

For Women:

January 31 - February 2, 2025

Consider a silent retreat for the New Year. Are you seeking silence, and the opportunity to get away? Join other moms and alumni for an Ignatian silent retreat at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House.

Learn more by clicking on the link:

[Seeking Grace](#)

IF YOU MISSED IT...

A few weeks ago, Director of the Vatican Observatory, Brother Guy J. Consolmagno, S.J., spoke at Saint Ignatius College Prep. The production team at the Archdiocese interviewed him, and shared the link for his story with us. We're passing it along to you! It's a great two minutes! Check it out by clicking [HERE](#).

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

SENIOR SERVICE CAPSTONE TO GET UNDERWAY...

This January, 32 Saint Ignatius seniors will be the first cohort in our Senior Service Capstone, a new integrative experience of faith and service. Over the course of three weeks following Christmas break, these seniors will serve at 12 different social service organizations across the Chicagoland area in various ministries such as elderly care facilities, food pantries, and Catholic elementary schools.

These students have been called to live out our mission – to be women and men for and with others. As Jesus said in the call of the first disciples in the Gospel of Luke, they have been called to “put out into deep water” – to take risks, and respond more generously to express faith through service. At our Advent First Friday Mass, they were commissioned to build mutually enriching relationships, and in so doing, reflect more deeply on God’s call for their lives.

**The picture we've included shows the blessing in the Church of the Holy Family for our inaugural Capstone group.



PARENT ORGANIZATION NEWS



Merry Christmas from the Saint Ignatius College Prep Parent Organization! We look forward to a Happy 2025, and hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

- **January 23, 2025** - Junior Parent and Guardian Social at the Drake Hotel
- **February 8, 2025** - 10th Annual Trivia Night in Tully Hall Honoring Kevin G. Barron
- **February 13, 2025** - Sophomore Parent and Guardian Social at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel

SCHOOL COUNSELING

RESOURCES FOR BREAK

As we approach winter break and a time for reflection, the school counseling team wants to express our sincere gratitude to all of our students and families for their ongoing commitment to growth and learning. Your continued support and dedication make our community stronger. Should you find yourself in need of assistance during the upcoming break, we encourage you to explore our helpful resource guide. Please click [HERE](#) for the guide.

SIMUN

PACKMUN IS BACK!

Our Saint Ignatius Model United Nations team will be hosting our annual PACKMUN event on **Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** All current 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to participate. Students will engage in activities that focus on public speaking, collaboration, negotiation, problem-solving and leadership skills. Students also will engage in a Model UN committee session. There is no preparation or experience necessary. My SIMUN team members will work directly with students and guide them in a fun-filled day of international diplomacy. The event is free and includes lunch.

The registration link is [HERE](#).

If the link does not work, please go to www.Ignatius.org and search PACKMUN or Junior Wolfpack. Feel free to contact SIMUN Director [Diane Haleas](#) if you have any questions!



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



Please note, store closes on December 20th & reopens on January 7th

For assistance, please contact tina.bobor@ignatius.org



7 December 13th

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SAVE THE DATES



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Student Council and Pack Pride are hard at work planning several events during second semester for our entire school community. Here are the highlights:

January 27 - January 31: Winter Spirit Week! Get ready for another fun spirit week with spirit days, a pep rally on Friday, games and more!

February 1: Froph Formal! The annual freshmen and sophomore dance will take place here at school from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.!

February 22: Junior Prom! The annual junior dance takes place in Tully Hall from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.!

Look for the next *Wolfpack Post* on January 9, 2025...

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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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