

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, January 13

SPRING PLAY AUDITIONS BEGIN

McLaughlin Theater

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14

MANRESA RETREAT DEPARTURE

Tully Hall

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, January 20

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
HOLIDAY**

No Classes

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

2ND SEMESTER: STARTING STRONG!

Out with the old, and in with the new! This week we started the second semester. There's something about the opportunity a clean slate offers. We wish you a strong start, and we're shining the spotlight on a student athlete who ended 2024 and began 2025 in the best of ways...



FROM GIRLS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH CARA DOYLE:

"Reganne Reardon '25 eclipsed the 1000 point mark during the team's play in the State Farm Holiday Classic in late

GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

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Intellectually Competent
Religious
Loving
Committed to Doing Justice

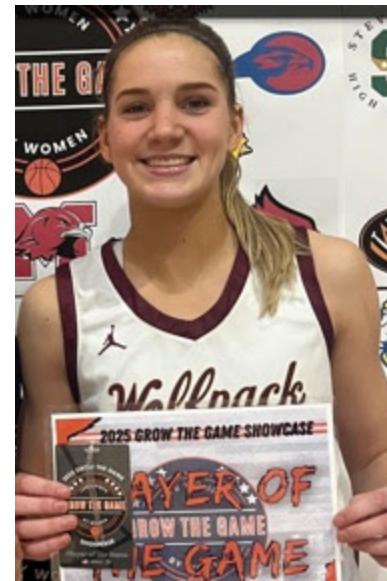
PRAY

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES



December. Reganne, a West Point girls basketball commit, was celebrated during the teams win against New Trier at the annual Grow the Game tournament, hosted at Saint Ignatius on January 4. Her Aunt, Erin Reardon '86, a member of the first women's basketball team at Saint Ignatius College Prep, was on hand to lead the team in prayer and congratulate Reganne on this impressive accomplishment. Reganne became the 12th athlete in Saint Ignatius Girls Basketball to eclipse the 1000 mark. Great things ahead for Reganne. Well done and congratulations!"



A.M.D.G.

ACADEMICS

IN-SCHOOL SAT EXAM

We will be hosting an In-School SAT exam for Saint Ignatius Juniors on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025**. Offering the exam on campus gives Saint Ignatius Juniors the opportunity to take the exam in a familiar setting. This is an optional exam for students

This exam is digital and will be administered from **8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Students will be excused from classes that meet during these periods. Students will test on their own device. Please click [HERE](#) for information on device compatibility. The College Board currently supports iPads that are operating on iOS 18.0 and not the newer updates. If you wish to use your iPad, please do NOT update to iOS 18.1 or higher. You may need to use another laptop, so please consult this page on the College Board's website by clicking [HERE](#).

The cost for the test is \$60, and it will be added to a student's January tuition bill.

Students should click [HERE](#) to complete the form to register for the SAT exam on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. **The deadline to register is Friday, January 17, 2025.**

SENIORS: YOU'RE IN THE HOME STRETCH!



Please click [HERE](#) for important Class of 2025 graduation information. We will be repeating this info here, in the Wolfpack Post, but please take a look now.

CURA PERSONALIS WEEK!

In the spirit of *cura personalis*, we look forward to inviting the Saint Ignatius community to engage in a week of awareness, conversation and reflection on the many facets of self-care and holistic wellness. Our Cura Personalis Week from **February 10 - 14**, is rooted in the five themes of *well-being, movement, mindfulness, balance and joy*. Cura Personalis Week will offer a range of experiences and activities integrated throughout the school day. Full details and a calendar of events/themes to come!

ATHLETICS NEWS

MIKE'S MESSAGE

For Saint Ignatius College Prep hoops, hockey, cheer, dance, aquatics and wrestling headlines, along with senior night info, just click [HERE](#) for the bi-weekly message from Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07.



CHEER AND DANCE FRIENDS AND FAMILY SHOWCASE



CHEER AND DANCE
FRIENDS &
FAMILY
SHOWCASE

SATURDAY
JANUARY 18TH

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP

THIRD FLOOR GYM

11:30 A.M- 12:30 P.M

NO CHARGE!

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SAVE-THE-DATE!

Mark your calendar for the next First Friday Mass. All are welcome to join us on **Friday, February 7 at 8:20 a.m.** We invite you to come to our coffee reception afterwards as well! Please register for Mass and reception by clicking [HERE](#).

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



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

Important College Info!

- Once Official Transcripts with 7th semester grades are approved by the Prefect's Office. We will upload them to Naviance and send them to each college to which seniors have applied. This will occur the week of January 13th. You do not need to request 7th semester transcripts. If a "self-reported academic record" institution requests the updated transcript, feel free to complete that task.
- 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. If a "Letter of Continued Interest" is encouraged, feel free to run rough drafts by your College Counselor.
- Seniors are encouraged to set up a 15-minute check-in with their College Counselor using Calendly. These can be helpful conversations regarding college decision updates, scholarship opportunities, and discernment conversations.
- Seniors have three (3) College Visit Days to use as excused absences. Please see the [Parent-Student Handbook](#) for details.
- **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) -- You can submit your 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](#).

CLASS OF 2027

Save the Date: VIRTUAL EVENT - Wednesday, February 12, 2025 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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.

FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR PORTRAITS – February 4 - 6

During these three days in February, freshmen will go with their English class, sophomores with their science class and juniors with their theology class for portraits. A schedule will be posted in the next Wolfpack Post. Information about ordering can be found [HERE](#). Proofs of portraits will also be emailed to families for review. Contact [Ryan Bergin](#) with questions.

SENIOR PORTRAITS – February 10-14

The second round of senior portraits will take place on campus **February 10-14, 2025**. Please click [HERE](#) to look up your Subject ID. Then visit the website [HERE](#) to schedule your session. All portraits will take place in the President's Conference Room. This is in the Grand Gallery area near the elevator on the 4th floor.

Be sure to check your class schedule in Blackbaud for the week of February 10-14 to make

certain you are scheduling a session during a free period. **Students cannot miss class to have portraits taken.** You must schedule your own appointment online (or your parents can) and please follow the school dress code for portraits. Contact [Ryan Bergin](#) with questions.

DEANS' OFFICE

POLICY REMINDERS FOR OUR STUDENTS:

CELL PHONES

Cell phones need to be secured in your backpack or locker during the school day. If your cell phone is being used or visible (even sticking out of your back pocket unused) during the school day (8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) you are in jeopardy of being assigned two JUGs. Please remember cell phone use is also prohibited in the restroom during the day.

DRESS CODE

Please remember to wear your lanyard with your current ID at all times. If you forgot your ID please come get a temporary ID from the Dean's Office. You get one "free" temporary ID per semester. You will be issued a JUG for needing a second (or more) temporary ID(s). You also run the risk of being jugged immediately if you fail to wear your ID. Hoodies are not permitted at any time during the school day. Also, any shirts with large logos, writing, etc (College sweatshirts, concert t-shirts / sweatshirts, etc.) are forbidden. Please note that any sort of athletic pants are prohibited during school hours. Backless, slip on style shoes are also prohibited. Please see the attached slides for reference.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND VAPING Please note that anyone caught using or under the influence of alcohol, edibles or vaping (nicotine or THC) will be subject to severe penalties. Students caught in possession of, or using nicotine products will be immediately suspended from school, (suffering academic penalties and prohibition from participating in co-curricular activities) and will be assigned multiple Saturday JUGS. Students using alcohol or THC products will also be suspended immediately and then could face probation, Saturday JUGs, the disciplinary board or even expulsion.

BEHAVIOR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Inappropriate behavior on social media is frequently "Safe Reported" to the Dean's Office. If the inappropriate behavior is severe enough, students are sent to the disciplinary board or even expelled. Please consider these consequence before posting hurtful and offensive comments online, over text, etc. Also, we have recently seen a rise in inappropriate behavior at athletic contests and other school events. Students making inappropriate cheers, fighting or using alcohol / drugs at school events will face severe penalties up to and including expulsion.

To see the Deans' presentation, click [HERE](#).

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

BUSINESS SOCIETY PREGAME GATHERING AT FORNELLI '51 ALUMNI LOUNGE

We welcome all Business Society members to join together for pizza, beer/wine before the Boys Basketball Alumni Game on **January 10 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** Please click [HERE](#) to register. Business Society members will be admitted to the game at no charge.

BOYS BASKETBALL ALUMNI NIGHT

The Saint Ignatius Boys Basketball program is happy to invite all program alumni to our home game on **January 10 at 7:00 p.m.!** The Wolfpack is taking on Mount Carmel. **There will be a**

reception immediately following the game at Fornelli '51 Alumni Lounge at 10:00 p.m. Please click [HERE](#) to register.

DO YOU HAVE A COAT YOU CAN DONATE?

The San Ignacio Society Coat Drive collection wraps up tomorrow, **Friday, January 10**. FAM, ALAS, Latin X, and the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica 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.



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

Beati et Grati

Saturday, March 1
Saint Ignatius College Prep
1076 W Roosevelt Road

Co~Chairs

Stefanie & Rodrigo d'Escoto
Chardai & Rashod Johnson '93
Alissa & Eric Wiedelman

*All proceeds benefit the Saint Ignatius College Prep Tuition
Assistance Program*



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

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

BECOMING ONE WOLFPACK - 2025 INSTALLMENTS

The Becoming One Wolfpack Global Leadership Development Series continues in January 2025 for our freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Students should please check their Blackbaud schedules to ensure attendance alongside other classes. The leadership themes for 2025 are:

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior
	Freshman Advisory	B1WP Series	B1WP Series
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)

JESUIT DAY OF SOLIDARITY (JDOS) 2025

Jesuit schools in Chicagoland will gather on **Monday, January 20, 2025** (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) for a day of unity, i.e. the annual Jesuit Day of Solidarity. This year's event will be at Christ the King Jesuit College Prep. Although Monday, January 20, 2025, is a day off for Saint Ignatius classes, this event offers a day "on" to engage in social justice and action planning to make a meaningful impact in our communities!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATION

To honor Dr. King's enduring legacy, please access the Dr. Martin Luther King Discussion Guide created by Dr. John G. Igwebuike (Director of School Culture--Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) and being used throughout the Jesuit School Network to advance a culture of inclusive excellence and social justice. Access the MLK Guide [HERE](#).

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

MEET THE RELIGIOUS!



Saint Ignatius College Prep President John Chandler invites all parents to a wine and cheese reception to get to know our Clergy and Religious. Please join us on **Tuesday, January 28 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Brunswick Room**. This will be a lovely opportunity to meet our Jesuit Priests and Religious Sisters. Learn about their vocation stories, their lives of service and the role of consecrated life here on the campus of Saint Ignatius College Prep. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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](#)

COME PRAY WITH US

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 January 15**. If you are interested, please email [Gail Krema](#) for the Google Meet link.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

SISTER EDELQUINE SHIVACHI WILL SERVE AS FIRST YEARS CHAPLAIN THIS SEMESTER

In Student Formation and Ministry, we have been blessed by the presence of several important members of religious communities this year. Sr. Mary and Sr. Edelquine (Little Sisters of Saint Francis) and Br. Matthew Broeren (Holy Ghost Fathers; practicum student from CTU) during the first semester. Each of them has brought their unique gifts and talents to our department, and we are grateful for their generous spirit of service!

Due to the needs of our department, Sister Edelquine has agreed to assume the role of First Years Chaplain for the second semester. We are excited about the new opportunities she will have to minister with our Freshman and Sophomore students as she assumes this role. This will include being the principal contact for the Freshman and Sophomore service commitment as well as leading students on the Sophomore retreats in the second semester.

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FROM JANUARY 27 - 31!

Catholic Schools Week starts **January 27 and continues until the 31st**. At Saint Ignatius, we hope to spend each day of the week celebrating the groups of people who make our Catholic education possible: community, students, educators, religious, parents and families.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) TRAINING



Student FAM will offer training for Juniors ('26) and Seniors ('25) who have a desire and are called to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Students must be Confirmed Catholics to minister. There are two mandatory training sessions:

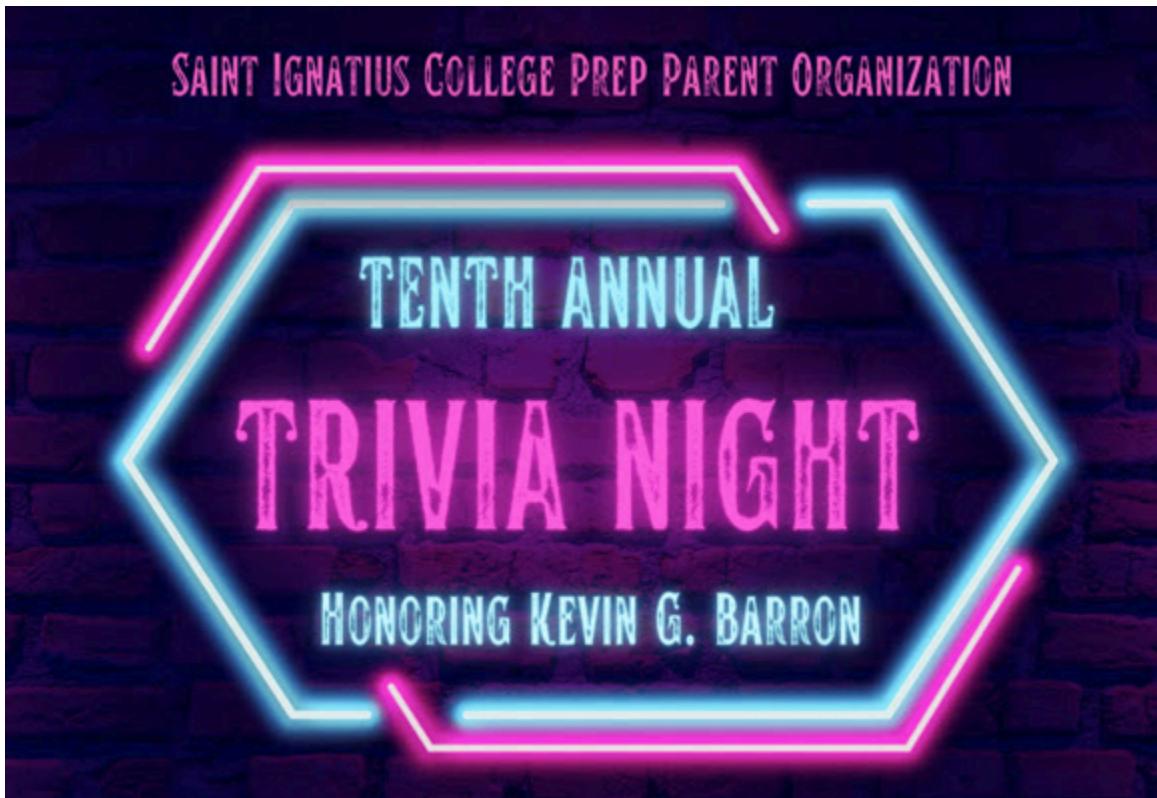
The first training session is **Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Hasse Room (rear classroom in the Church of the Holy Family).

The second training session is **Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Church of the Holy Family sanctuary.

Both training sessions are 50 minutes. Students can sign up by clicking [HERE](#) to access the form for the January/February training. For those who cannot attend on these dates a final training for this semester will be scheduled after Spring Break. For any inquiries please contact [Mrs. Tiffany Swann-Covington](#) in Student FAM - 140.

PARENT ORGANIZATION

LET'S GET QUIZZICAL!



Bring your thinking caps and join fellow Saint Ignatius parents/guardians for a fun-filled, casual evening of competition and community on **Saturday, February 8, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**! Michelle Farrell, past parent, is once again our wonderful Trivia Master for our annual trivia competition.

Tickets are \$50 per person, **Adults Only**, and include appetizers, beer, wine, water and soda. Purchase Tickets [HERE](#).

Sign up as a single player, a couple, or a partial or complete team of 10. If you are not signed up as a complete team, this is a great way to meet new people! Enter Individual/Couple/Teams [HERE](#).

RAFFLE HIGHLIGHT: A 50/50 split the pot to benefit the Senior Post Prom Party!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you want to join the fun, but not play trivia, please consider volunteering. Sign up [HERE](#).

We look forward to a great 2025, and hope to see you at Trivia Night and these other upcoming events.

- **January 23, 2025** - Junior Parent and Guardian Social at the Drake Hotel
- **February 13, 2025** - Sophomore Parent and Guardian Social at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Happy 2025! The School Counseling team is excited to be back in the building with students and can't wait to see what the new year holds.

COPING SKILLS 101

Based on student feedback collected during the first semester, a new counseling group will commence mid-January. We're calling it Coping Skills 101. Students will have the opportunity to meet once a week for eight weeks to cover topics including mindfulness, distress tolerance and effective communication, among others. Please see below for some FAQs about groups, and if you think your student might benefit from attending. If you have questions, please reach out to [Megan Honeycutt](#) in the School Counseling Department.

What exactly is a counseling group?

Counseling groups bring together students who are going through or have gone through similar experiences. A group provides an opportunity for people to share personal experiences and feelings, coping strategies or firsthand information with each other.

When do these groups meet?

Groups will meet once a week on the same day and time in room 221.

Why would I join a group?

Groups provide students with the opportunity to connect with others who can relate to their experiences. They also give students the opportunity to share coping strategies in dealing with difficult situations.

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!



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STUDENT ACTIVITIES



IGGY SAYS, "WELCOME BACK, WOLFPACK!"

Get ready for lots of fun events from Student Activities this semester!

Our Winter Spirit Week and Catholic Schools Week will take place from **January 27 - 31, 2025**. Student Council and Formation and Ministry are hard at work planning spirit days, the winter pep rally and more to celebrate our school community and winter sports and activities. Students should pay attention to their emails and homeroom announcements for more information!

Froph Formal, our winter dance for freshmen and sophomores, will take place on **Saturday, February 1 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.** in Tully Hall and the Gentile Gym. Tickets will be on sale for \$25 (cash, credit, or check accepted) in the Link during Winter Spirit Week. All students and guests need a ticket to attend. Out-of-school guest forms will be available through the Deans' Office and students should pay attention to the Dance & Activities Policies in the [Parent-Student Handbook](#). For this dance, all students and their guests must arrive by 8:00 p.m. and stay until at least 9:30 p.m.

UPCOMING SAVE-THE-DATES:

Saturday, February 22: JProm (Junior Prom)

March 31 - April 4: Spring Spirit Week

Tuesday, April 8: Clothing Swap in the Brunswick Room

Saturday, April 26: Senior Prom & Post-Prom Thursday, May 8th: Senior Bonfire

Friday, May 9: Senior Clap Out

SHOUT-OUTS!

CONGRATS: WOLFPACK DEBATE CLUB WILL BE AT TED-ED!

From moderator Hallie Fahey: "Late last semester the Wolfpack Debate club was accepted as a part of the Ted-Ed Student Talks program. The students met this week to start the process of crafting their own "talks." Students will be working to help each other to develop thoughtful and persuasive talks. We hope to be in a position for students to present their talks at the end of the semester!"

GOOD WORK, WOLFBYTE!



across the Chicagoland area to the competition.

From Moderator Dorian Flowers: "On Saturday, December 14, 2024, more than 350 members of the STEM community, including volunteers and FLL team members, gathered at Saint Ignatius College Prep for the inaugural FIRST LEGO League Qualifier Tournament! Saint Ignatius and the WolfByte Robotics team were thrilled to welcome 20 teams from

Congratulations to Team #5784 - Scuba Cats from St. Michael School for winning the Champion's Award. And an additional congratulations to the seven teams (#5784 Scuba Cats, #61781 Dabbing Ducks, #60779 Kracken the Code, #56600 Jahn Rad Robotic Chickens, #65564 Wizard Bots 1, #65211 Jahn Coral Reef Robots, #6333 Minions) for advancing to the FLL Sectional Tournament.

Our team worked hard to organize every detail, from setting up concessions to creating a competition field. We were proud to share our love for innovation and our commitment to mentoring aspiring young engineers. The event also provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase our beautiful school to visiting middle schoolers while introducing the Saint Ignatius community to the world of FIRST Robotics."

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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