

Wolfpack Post

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, February 7

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Church of the Holy Family

8:20 a.m.

Saturday, February 8

10TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Tully Hall

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Monday, February 10

CURA PERSONALIS WEEK BEGINS!

(Events around campus)

SAFETY AND SECURITY ON CAMPUS

**SECURITY CAMERA VIEW OF ROOSEVELT
ROAD:**



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



The picture you see is actually a "still frame" we grabbed from one of the 60 security cameras Saint Ignatius College Prep uses on a daily basis. The cameras help us to keep an eye on the "comings" and "goings" at [1076 West Roosevelt Road](#) and at our other buildings. The surveillance equipment is part of a multi-tiered approach to keep students, faculty and staff safe.

In the last year, we've added more cameras and security personnel. We've also expanded our use of an app that makes family notification faster and more effective. Additionally, we've strengthened main-entry protocols.

We will be sending an email to families tomorrow (Friday) regarding the evolution of our campus security. In that communication, **we will share the date and details of an important parental drill.** Please watch for the email, and as always, thank you for partnering with us in the name of safety!

A.M.D.G.

ACADEMICS

CURA PERSONALIS WEEK BEGINS **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10!** CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS...



We are excited to announce our first Cura Personalis Week! In the spirit of care for the whole person, the Saint Ignatius community is invited to engage in a week of awareness, conversation and reflection on the many facets of self-care and holistic wellness. 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. All students received an email on Monday, February 3, with a preview of all events and activities. Students should be on the lookout for more details to follow this week!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...WITH NEXT YEAR'S CALENDAR INFO!

We have information that will help you plan your busy schedule. Click [HERE](#), and you'll find the current draft of the 2025-2026 Saint Ignatius College Prep School Calendar. It has important dates...everything from the First Day of School, to Open House to Christmas Break to Senior Prom and Graduation.

SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you for your continued partnership in the journey of educating your children for lives of faith, love, service and leadership. As we look to support our students in their intellectual competence and openness to growth, we invite you to register for our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences for important opportunities to connect with teachers, counselors and learning specialists about your child's academic progress.

Our Spring Semester Parent Teacher Conferences will be on **Thursday, February 27, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. ONLINE via Google Meet**. Please note that all conferences are for parents/guardians only.

You can schedule the five-minute conference times online using the **Virtual Paragon Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler beginning Tuesday, February 18 at 8:00 a.m.** Instructions, including the master password, are on the Blackbaud Resource page.

The Virtual Paragon will close for sign-ups on **Tuesday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m.**

Please note the information below as you plan your conferences.

- Conferences are five minutes, and there are no “passing periods” between appointments.
- You do not need to sign up for a Homeroom conference if your student has "I" period free.
- Please list your student's name when prompted in the system!

You'll receive a personalized schedule following the close of the sign-up window.

We encourage you to use this opportunity to learn more about your children. Their academic lives at Saint Ignatius College Prep are joyfully supported by the educators who accompany them in their lifelong learning and growth. We look forward to connecting with you later this month.

Please direct your questions to [Ms. Sarah Lent](#) or [Ms. Maureen Lonergan](#).

SOPHOMORE PARENT COLLEGE COUNSELING AND COURSE PLANNING WEBINAR

Sophomore parents are invited and encouraged to attend a College Counseling and Course Planning Webinar on **Wednesday, February 12, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Led by Mr. Kurt V. Schmidt and Mrs. Maura Maloney '80, this session will offer a preview of academic opportunities for your student's two remaining years at Saint Ignatius and a discussion of steps to take now as this exciting time in your student's high school career unfolds.

You can access the Google Meet Webinar through a link right [HERE](#).

SUMMER COURSES, CAMPS AND PROGRAMS!

Registration for Summer Classes, Camps, and Programs is OPEN! Saint Ignatius College Prep is excited to offer classes, camps and workshops for both current and prospective students. If you have a current student, check out the different opportunities for enrichment. If you know someone interested in joining the Wolfpack, please invite them to join us this summer to get a "Taste of Ignatius!" Information about all of our summer programming can be found [HERE](#). Registration happens through our Campsite portal [HERE](#).

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS FOR YOUNG ALUMS!

Saint Ignatius College Prep is excited to offer paid internships for young alums interested in education, leadership or project management to work in our robust and diverse Summer Programs. Any young alums who are interested are encouraged to read the job descriptions and reach out to [Ms. Maureen Lonergan](#) with any questions. For young alums ready to apply, please complete the brief application [HERE](#). Our available internships include:

- Teaching Internship - Young alumni intern with a Saint Ignatius teacher to assist in courses for incoming freshmen
- Pack Camp Counselor - Young alumni work as summer counselors for our 5th and 6th grade Pack Camp program
- Administrative Internship - Young alumni work with the Prefect's Office to coordinate and organize all of the Summer Programs

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

The Saint Ignatius 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, [Ms. Beth Carney](#).

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION INFORMATION



The date is set! Graduation for the Class of 2025 is **Thursday, May 22**. Please find important information [HERE](#).

ATHLETICS NEWS



From the pool to the court to the bowling alley - the Wolfpack's been busy!

For Athletic Director Mike Hurley's '07 bi-weekly message about everything happening in our athletics programs, please click [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SAVE-THE-DATE!

Mark your calendar for the next First Friday Mass. All are welcome to join us **tomorrow, February 7 at 8:20 a.m.** We invite you to come to our coffee and treat reception afterwards as well! Please register for the 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.

For a complete listing of Masses and events at Church of the Holy Family, please visit our website by clicking [HERE](#).



COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

CLASS OF 2025

Important College Info!

- Please keep updating Naviance and your College Counselor about college decisions received.
- Seniors have three (3) college visit days to use as excused absences. Please see the Saint Ignatius College Prep [Parent-Student Handbook](#) for details.

CLASS OF 2026

Mock Admissions Event

This is **NEW AND OPTIONAL** - The in-person event is for all Juniors and Parents/Guardians and is on **February 18th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** in Tully Hall. RSVP required. Please click [HERE](#) to register. The flyer is [HERE](#). (When registering, "none" can be an answer for any required field). This will be an outstanding program run in collaboration with the Chicago Area Regional Representative (C.A.R.R.) organization. Come, participate, and learn about the behind-the-scenes conversations that occur within college Admissions Committees.

Course Registration Meetings

Thank you for the good preparation you have done for these sessions. We look forward to wrapping these registration meetings up on **February 12**.

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

- Complete your Junior Questionnaire (**was 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.

CLASS OF 2027

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

Students/Parents/Guardians should attend this Google Meet.

College and Course Planning Webinar (Virtual only) for sophomore families (optional, but all should plan on attending). The link will be available on the School Calendar.

CLASS OF 2028

College Counseling will be visiting the Freshmen Advisory Sections (students only) **February 11-21**. Plan on revisiting the use of Naviance and Learning Style Inventory work.

COMMUNICATIONS

HEY CLASS OF 2025!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PORTRAITS...

FINAL SENIOR PORTRAITS: March 3-5 and March 13-14

The third round of senior portraits will take place on campus **March 3-5 and March 13-14, 2025**. If you haven't had a portrait taken, please sign up ASAP!

Please click [HERE](#) to look up your Subject ID. Then visit rootseniors.com 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 dates above 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 follow the school dress code for portraits. Please contact [Ryan Bergin](#) with any questions.

DEANS' OFFICE

JPROM GUEST FORM

A message for members of the Class of 2026:

If you plan on bringing an out-of-school guest to Junior Prom on **Saturday, February 22**, please have your guest fill out a guest form and submit it to the Dean's Office by the end of the school day on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**.

The form is [HERE](#).

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

GLORIAM IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER: MARCH 1, 2025!

Gloriam

2025

Beati et Grati

Visit the Gloriam 2025 website [HERE](#) for Important updates, sponsorship and donation information.

Remember to Buy Your Raffle Tickets!!

2024 PRIUS XLE AWD, TWO-YEAR LEASE*

*The MSRP of this vehicle is \$35,467. All taxes, fees and licensing are due from the winner at the time of delivery. This is an AWD vehicle with "Wind Chill Pearl" Exterior and "Gradient Black" Interior.

Click [HERE](#) for Tickets

1 for \$100

3 for \$250

6 for \$500

WOMEN'S SOCIETY BINGO NIGHT

February 19 - Please click [HERE](#) to register, and click [HERE](#) to volunteer.

JOIN THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY
FOR A FUN NIGHT OF



BINGO

Wednesday, February 19th
Tully Hall
6pm

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR SYMPOSIUM

Saint Ignatius College Prep plans to send a delegation of 10+ students and two adult chaperones to the Young Women of Color Symposium hosted by Francis W. Parker. This event will be **Saturday, March 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** For nomination information, please contact [Miss Kitty Hooper](#) or [Mr. John G. Igwebuike](#).

HELP US PLAN DIVERSITY WEEK!

The Diversity Week Planning Committee invites Clubs and moderators to participate in the upcoming Diversity Week. **Diversity Week (March 11- 15)** is an annual celebration during

which the Saint Ignatius community showcases and celebrates the unique cultures and customs, history and heritage, and talents and traditions that reflect our wonderful and diverse community at Ignatius.

FEBRUARY 2025 BECOMING ONE WOLFPACK DEIB SERIES

The Becoming One Wolfpack: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Series will continue apace for February. This global leadership development series centers our Catholic charism and illuminates our Grad-at-Grad values. Please check Blackbaud for your scheduled dates and times for freshman, sophomore and junior meeting times.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE?

Needed: New Student Representatives for the Board of Trustees School Culture--DEIB Committee 2025-2026 school year.

The Board of Trustees' School Culture--Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee will seek a diverse candidate pool to fill student representative seats soon to be vacated by graduating seniors completing their final terms on the Board Committee. Student representatives to the Board advocate for the student body on matters appertaining to improving diversity, equity, and inclusion and further enhancing all students' safety and well-being. New Student Representative Application forms to the DEIB committee are forthcoming. If interested, please contact [Dr. John G. Igwebuike](#) (Director of School Culture--Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion).

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

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 February 19**. If you are interested, email [Ms. Gail Krema](#) for the Google Meet link.

SPECIAL RETREAT 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*](#)

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

CLASS RETREATS

Attention sophomores, juniors and seniors! Retreat season is in high gear. Please make sure that you know when you are scheduled for your retreat. If you have completed this requirement for graduation, we hope that you will build upon the graces that you received while on retreat. If you do not know your retreat date, you can reference it here:

[Sophomores](#)

[Juniors](#)

[Seniors](#)

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE SERVICE COMMITMENT

This is a reminder for all freshmen and sophomores to complete their service hours. Here are the service requirements for your convenience:

Freshmen students click [HERE](#) for service guidelines. We require you to fulfill 10 hours by **Monday, April 28, 2025**.

Sophomore students click [HERE](#) for service guidelines. We require you to fulfill 15 hours by **Monday, March 17, 2025**.

We highlight two of the sites where you can do your service:

- Saint James Food Pantry, which has openings for volunteers on every 2nd Saturday of the month between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. There are openings for February 8, 2025. Students can sign up [HERE](#) or you can call the Volunteer Coordinator at 312-842-1919 ext. 214.
- [THE MADONNA MISSION \(1706 MORSE AVE\)](#), a not-for-profit organization, provides education and resettlement support programs for refugee families with a strong focus on women and elementary-aged children. Madonna Mission requests that student volunteers schedule themselves for four consecutive days for this service. This is to ensure that students can build relationships with the same student who they will work with while they volunteer. The Saint Ignatius form for school volunteers is [HERE](#). You can also register on the Madonna Mission volunteer web page right [HERE](#).

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Several students from the Black Organization of Successful Students (B.O.S.S.) are leading the charge in the planning of the Mass on the First Friday in February - **Feb. 7 at 8:20 a.m.** The lively liturgy will feature B.O.S.S. students leading the Call to Worship and proclaiming the word in verse and song. Special guests include gospel singers and an accompanist from Our Lady of Africa Catholic Church in Bronzeville.

There are six Black Catholic leaders in the process of becoming saints: Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Venerable Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Venerable Henriette Delille, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, Servant of God Julia Greeley and Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA. Throughout the school we have placed commemorative boards with their pictures and a brief bio for students to learn about modern-day men and women on the road to sainthood. Also included is Saint Josephine Bakhita who was born into slavery and named a saint in 2000. She is the first Black woman to be named a saint in the modern era.



47TH ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE PRAYER SERVICE

A delegation of 32 students will attend and participate in various leadership roles at the 47th Annual African-American Heritage Prayer Service on **Friday, February 21 at Holy Name Cathedral**. This annual worship service brings together many Catholic elementary and high schools to celebrate the richness of our African and African-American culture and highlight the many contributions and achievements of students and adults in our Catholic School community.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Juniors who currently have a cumulative grade point average of 3.33 or higher and a successful screening by the Deans' Office and Prefects' Office have been invited to apply for election into the National Honor Society via email.

Before applying, students should consider that becoming a member of the National Honor Society is a significant honor for high school students and entails responsibilities and duties to Saint Ignatius College Prep. We encourage you, therefore, to review the information in your [Parent-Student Handbook](#) regarding NHS membership.

Important dates to remember:

- Teacher Recommendations are due by **Friday, February 21, 2025.**
- Applications are due by **Monday, March 3, 2025.**
- The NHS Induction Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, April 15 in the Church of the Holy Family at 6:00 p.m.** If you are accepted, attendance is mandatory. Mark your calendars now!

For any questions, please contact Madame Guzik and Mr. Hoarty via [THIS](#) email address.

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.!**

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!**

SOPHOMORE PARENT/GUARDIAN SOCIAL

Connect with familiar faces and form new friendships at the Sophomore Parent/Guardian Social on **February 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Palmer House Hilton in the historic Empire Room. Purchase your tickets [HERE](#).

A special heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Jack Bush, Meredith Goldman, Francesca Madden, Julie Welch, Gina Joslin, Maura Barron and Leti Phocas for planning the Junior Parent/Guardian Social. We are grateful to have a community of wonderful parents!

SCHOOL COUNSELING

CLASS OF 2026

Course registration meetings for the 2025-2026 school year are in full swing. All students received an email from info@ignatius.org with an assigned time to meet in their school counselor's office to go over course selection. If you are unable to attend at your assigned time, please be sure to follow up with your counselor to re-schedule your meeting. **All course requests are due by February 12.**

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Save the Date!

"What You Need to Know About Vaping & Marijuana: Teen Drug Trends in 2025"

Monday, February 10th, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

All Saint Ignatius parents/guardians are invited to attend a virtual session facilitated by Dr. Aaron Weiner on "What You Need to Know About Vaping & Marijuana: Teen Drug Trends in 2025." Dr. Weiner is a board-certified psychologist and former president of the Society of Addiction Psychology. He is a clinician, author, consultant and national speaker specializing in addiction prevention, treatment and public health policy. Dr. Weiner will join us to discuss current trends in teen drug use, and how parents/guardians can offer care and support without judgment.

No registration is required for this event. Please click [HERE](#) to join.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

JPROM!

Juniors, JProm is coming up soon! Your class's dance will be held here at Saint Ignatius College Prep on **Saturday, February 22 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in Tully Hall. Tickets will be on sale for \$35 (cash, credit or check accepted) from February 18 - 21.** 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 and Activities Policies in the [Parent-Student Handbook](#). Student Council is excited to plan this dance! Keep an eye on your email and the homeroom announcements for more information...

GOOD LUCK, CHESS TEAM!!



The Saint Ignatius College Prep Chess Team will compete in the IHSA State Competition next weekend, from February 13 - 15 in Peoria, Illinois. **Go Wolfpack!**

BATTLE FOR THE PADDLE!

The Saint Ignatius College Prep Ping Pong Club is excited to announce that we'll be playing in the annual Jesuit **Battle for the Paddle** against Loyola Academy on **Tuesday, February 11**. This year the match takes place at Loyola Academy. All are welcome to cheer on your favorite players in an exciting evening of singles and doubles matches. The first 100 fans will receive an autographed ping pong ball!



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT!

The Wolfpack enjoyed celebrating our school community last week during our Catholic Schools and Winter Spirit Week observances. Super fun: the week ended with a school-wide "Rock, Paper, Scissors" competition and a fantastic pep rally! Thanks to all students, faculty and staff who participated!

TREASURER'S OFFICE

RE-ENROLLMENT MESSAGE

The re-enrollment period for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Please log into your Blackbaud account to sign the enrollment contract by **February 28, 2025**, or indicate that your student will not be returning. The contract reflects any Tuition Assistance amount awarded to your student. If you believe your Tuition Assistance award is missing from your contract, please review your FACTS application to ensure you submitted all required documents.

If you are unable to view your student(s) contract, or have any other questions, please contact [Katie Mikulaninec](#).

SHOUT-OUTS!



ETHICS BOWL WINS INDIANA REGIONAL!

Mr. Nathan McPherson penned today's shout-out about his team's February 1st performance in the Indiana Regional at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana:

"The team of juniors Courtney Beatty, Cameron Conroy, Jordan Gordon, Harper Harris, Vivian Kusnoto, Chloe Madden and Lucy Martens won the event in thrilling fashion. The winning team participated in six matches, which totaled more than seven hours of high level discussion. In spite of the marathon effort, they demonstrated a consistent ability to deftly handle the judges' questions and maintained a high level of enthusiasm and excitement throughout.

The championship match at the regional pitted Saint Ignatius versus UChicago Lab. Ironically, these were the only Chicago schools present at the Indiana Regional. Saint Ignatius presented first on a case titled: "My Pal Hal", regarding the ethics of AI companions. UChicago Lab presented on the case: "Work to Live or Live to Work", regarding how much

meaning individuals should take from their work. It was a close match, but the Judges' Q and A was the portion of the match that ultimately tipped the match in Saint Ignatius' favor.

The team will compete again on Tuesday February 11th at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom in a Divisional Playoff against the Greenhills School from Ann Arbor, Michigan. The winner of that match will qualify for the National Championship at the University of North Carolina in April."

CONGRATS AND GOOD LUCK!

***To see the cases the team presented, follow the link to the National Ethics Bowl's case set for 2024-25 [HERE](#).



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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