

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, February 22

JUNIOR PROM (JPROM)

Tully Hall

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 23

ARCHDIOCESE YOUTH CLIMATE
SUMMIT

Church of the Holy Family and Saint
Ignatius College Prep

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27

NO CLASSES / PRACTICE ACT /
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

*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

PUTTING OUR IGNATIAN VALUES TO WORK!



In January, for the first three weeks of the second semester, a group of Saint Ignatius College Prep seniors reported to service sites all around Chicagoland. Many thanks to our Student Formation and Ministry team who developed community partnerships that allowed members of the Class of 2025 to put their Ignatian values to work "real time." We thought we'd share what we learned from the Senior Capstone Pilot Project, an effort we hope to grow. [HERE](#) is a video of some of our Capstone students in action!



QUEST FOOD SERVICES



ACADEMICS

SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

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

Five-minute conference times can be scheduled online using the Virtual Paragon Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler from now until **Tuesday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m.** Instructions, including the master password, can be found posted on the Blackbaud Resource page.

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.
- List your student's name when prompted in the system.

Personalized schedules will be sent following the close of the sign-up window. Schedules include the individual Google Meet links for each conference.

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](#).

CLASS OF 2027 REGISTRATION ASSEMBLY

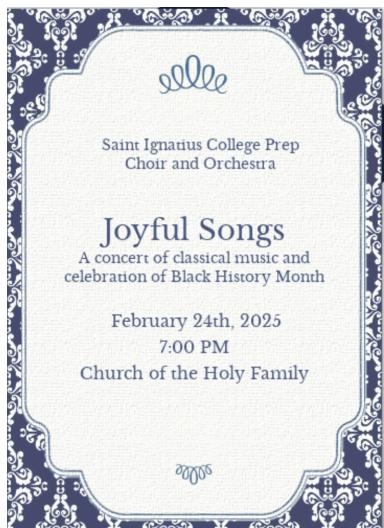
The registration assembly for the Class of 2027 will take place on **Monday, February 24**. The presentation will be recorded and posted on the Resources Page under the Registration tile on Blackbaud.

If a student wants to request a course that is not listed on Blackbaud, he/she must complete a Google form available on the Student Resource page in Blackbaud. These appeals will be reviewed, and school counselors will communicate all appeal decisions. Students must schedule a meeting with their school counselor to discuss all course requests. Course registration must be completed by **Friday, March 14**.

The registration assembly for the Class of 2028 will be held on **Thursday, March 20**.

PRACTICE ACT EXAM

All freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take a practice ACT exam on **Thursday, February 27, 2025**. The test will begin at 8:00 a.m. and should be completed by 11:30 a.m. Juniors who have been approved by the College Board will receive extended time for the exam. *Students will receive an email on Monday, February 24, 2025 detailing room assignments.* Scores reports will be emailed to students.



FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT CONCERT

You are invited to listen in as members of the Saint Ignatius College Prep Choir and Orchestra give a special performance at Church of the Holy Family on **Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.** The concert will feature music from the Baroque, Romantic and Modern periods of music, and it will celebrate Black History month with spirituals, jazz and pop selections by Black Composers.

More than 130 student musicians in the Chorale, Concert Choir, Bella Voce, Chamber Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra will participate in the 80-minute program.

Our students hope to see you there!

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 linked below and reach out to [Maureen Lonergan](#) with any questions. For young alums ready to apply, please complete the brief application found [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

GRADUATION INFORMATION



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

ATHLETICS NEWS

Our student athletes work hard to make the Wolfpack proud! The proof is in our sports news. In his bi-weekly message, Saint Ignatius College Prep Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07

shines a spotlight on boys and girls basketball, hockey, boys swimming and our wrestlers' trip to State! Click [HERE](#) for the round up....

And **GO PACK!!!**



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS SCHEDULE

All are invited to join us as we mark the beginning of Lent on **Ash Wednesday, March 5.**



Ash Wednesday Mass and the Distribution of Ashes: **March 5 at 8:20 a.m.** Please click [HERE](#) to register.

First Friday Mass and Coffee Reception: **March 7 at 8:20 a.m.** Please click [HERE](#) to register.

Parking is available on May Street at Roosevelt Road. If you have questions, please email Church of the Holy Family Development Director, [Wendy Guido McCarthy '84](#), or call her at 312-492-8442 ext. 3.

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

INCF - Illinois National College Fair

When: **April 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Where: Moraine Valley Community College

34th Annual Saint Ignatius College Fair - (Class of 2026 and Class of 2027 should plan on attending)

When: **April 10, 2025, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Where: Tully Hall and Gentile Gym

CLASS OF 2025

Important College Info:

- Please feel free to set up a 15-minute discernment conversation (optional) with your College Counselor to discuss college options. Please use Calendly to set up those meetings.
- LAST REMINDER: 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:

Thank you to all our students and families who attended the event. We had about 225 students and parents/guardians join us for a solid night with college representatives from around the region.

Course Registration Meetings:

Thank you for the good preparation you did for these sessions. You all made solid choices for your senior year schedules.

Priority "To-Do" List:

Set up your Junior Family Meeting prior to spring break if possible. Thank you to the 80% of juniors who have completed this milestone. Students must complete their portion on the Junior Questionnaire prior to scheduling a family meeting.

CLASS OF 2027

College and Course Planning Webinar:

Thank you to those who were able to attend. If you were not able to attend, you can watch the 57-minute video in Blackbaud. Click on "Resources" and then the "College" icon.

Coffee Talk -- Two left -- One is in-person and one is virtual:

Thursday, March 13, 2025 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in Brunswick

Register [HERE](#).

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. -- virtual meeting

We will email the link to join, one week before the event.

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CLASS OF 2028

Advisories:

College Counseling visited the Freshmen Advisory Sections (students only) February 11-21. Feel free to talk with your student about the exercise we completed regarding "Multiple Intelligences" using a survey in Naviance.

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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

IT'S COLD OUT THERE...COME CLAIM YOUR JACKET!



As you can see, the Deans' Office has a stack of jackets ready and waiting to be claimed. We have accumulated an inordinate amount of items in the lost and found this semester - mostly those winter jackets. **Just know, we will donate everything on March 1.** Please come check the lost and found if you have misplaced something.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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

Gloriam

2025

Beati et Grati

GLORIAM WEBSITE

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



Remember to Buy Your Raffle Tickets for Keys to a Car!!

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

Sign Up Party: Pickleball Party

Join us Friday, April 4, from 6-10 p.m. for a smashing good time at "Wolfpack Dink & Drink," a pickleball party at SPF Lincoln Park. Tickets are \$150 per person with drinks and food included.

Buy your tickets [HERE](#)!

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025

Black History Month celebrations continue. Please check out the resources provided by the National Black Catholic Congress [HERE](#).

SAFE REPORT FORM

For students to achieve their highest potential at Saint Ignatius College Prep, they must be and feel SAFE. Saint Ignatius deployed the SAFE Form more than two years ago as part of school-wide efforts to optimize safety and foster student well-being. It is accessible in the Parent/Student Handbook or [HERE](#).



YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR SYMPOSIUM

Saint Ignatius College Prep plans to send a delegation of 10+ students and three 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.** Thank you to all the students and parents who signed up to go. **Please be sure to drop off and pick up your child at Francis W. Parker.**

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 Trustee's 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).

MARCH 10 - 14, 2025 - DIVERSITY WEEK PLANNING CONTINUES

The Diversity Week Planning Committee invites Clubs and moderators to participate in the upcoming **Diversity Week 2025 (March 11- 15)**. In this 16th annual celebration, 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.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

LENTEN RESOURCES

Father Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., has come up with a list of Lenten Resources. There is something for everyone, offering different prayer experiences. The link to all the information is [HERE](#).

Parents, have your student stop by the Adult FAM Office (Room 147) for a small prayer booklet, *Daily Reflections for Lent: Not by Bread Alone 2025*.

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 March 19. If you are interested, email [Gail Krema](#) for the Google Meet link. Ash Wednesday falls on the first Wednesday of the month. You are welcome to come for the All-School Mass. Please register [HERE](#) to attend.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

TRANSITIONING KAIROS TO JUNIOR YEAR: CLASS OF 2026 KAIROS OPPORTUNITIES

During a junior class assembly in August, Formation and Ministry said this year would mark the transition of more juniors being able to attend the Kairos retreat. Having more students attend Kairos earlier will allow them to act on the graces received from the retreat for a longer part of their time at Saint Ignatius. We have added a seventh Kairos retreat to support as many students attending during the program transition. At that assembly, students who indicated a strong interest were encouraged to sign up for Kairos during their junior year (Class of 2026), as we shared that due to the program transition, we could not guarantee a spot on Kairos for all students during their senior year. This is due to the need to open spaces up for more members of the Class of 2027 (current sophomores) to attend Kairos in the 2025-2026 school year, as well as the large class size of the Class of 2026.

Approximately 15 spaces still remain on either of the two May Kairos retreats - **Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, May 30**. If your student wants to prioritize attending a Kairos retreat, we highly encourage him/her to email Mr. [Ed Nunez](#) with this interest for these May Kairos retreats as soon as possible. In addition to the well-known Kairos retreat, there are other great retreat options which we will cover in more depth later this Spring. While we will offer

some Kairos retreats for seniors during next school year, we will not be able to guarantee a spot on Kairos for every interested student from the class of 2026.

ANTICIPATING LENT

As we approach this reflective and penitent time of the year, we hope to engage our students in traditional practices of PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING. We will usher in the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass on March 5. We expect to have upwards of 100 students participating in various liturgical roles including song, orchestra, ash distribution, altar serving, lectors, worship leaders and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Two days later, at the First Friday Mass on March 7, we will continue the focus on the Lenten themes and encourage students to take a more active part in their observances of this holy season. We will celebrate both Masses in the Church of the Holy Family starting at 8:20 a.m. on their respective days. We encourage all families to participate in almsgiving, to make time for intentional and scheduled prayer together and to fast as a family (if you are capable) during this season of Lent. To help with this observance, Catholic Relief Services has helpful ideas to [Bring Lent to Life at Home](#). We will highlight more observances and opportunities during Lent in the March and April *Wolfpack Posts*.

47TH ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE PRAYER SERVICE



A delegation of 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.

HARLEQUINS

GET YOUR TICKETS TO THE SPRING PLAY!

The Harlequins, Saint Ignatius College Prep's Theater program, is proud to present our Spring Play, *Clue: On Stage!* Performances are **March 7, 8, 14 and 15** at 7:30 p.m., with additional matinees on March 8 and 15 at 2:00 p.m.

All performances are held in the McLaughlin Theatre located on the Saint Ignatius Quad.



Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, *Clue* is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth – the butler, Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. *Clue* is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

Current Saint Ignatius students can purchase tickets in the [LINK](#) during the lunch periods beginning March 3, or you can email your ticket request [HERE](#).

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 tomorrow, **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

A NOTE FOR PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2027

Thank YOU to all of the sophomore parents and guardians who attended the gathering at the Palmer House last week. We are very grateful to Joy Walton and JP Ramirez for their assistance with the event!



SCHOOL COUNSELING

FOLLOW-UP ON THE FEBRUARY 10 WEBINAR ON TEEN DRUG TRENDS



Many thanks to Dr. Aaron Weiner, who spoke with our school community as part of our first ever Cura Personalis Week at Saint Ignatius College Prep. We appreciate his time and expertise.

If you'd like to view his webinar, *What You Need to Know About Vaping and Marijuana: Teen Drug Trends in 2025*, you can access it [HERE](#).

CLASS OF 2027

The Class of 2027 course registration dates for the 2025-2026 school year begin **February 24 and run through March 14**. Students will attend an all-class meeting during activity period on the 24th, and they'll receive information about meeting with their school counselor for course selection. Please be on the lookout for an email from your school counselor with important information about scheduling a time to meet.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

JPROM

Juniors: JProm is this weekend! Your class 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 are on sale now for \$35 (cash, credit or check accepted) through the end of third lunch on **Friday February 21**. All students and guests need a ticket to attend and must arrive by 8:00 p.m. Students should pay attention to the Dance and Activities Policies found in the [Parent-Student Handbook](#). The theme for the dance is "Roaring '20s." It will feature food, a DJ, a photobooth and lots of fun for the Class of 2026!

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR MORE STUDENT ACTIVITIES THIS SEMESTER:

March 31 - April 4: Spring Spirit Week and Pep Rally

April 26: Senior Prom

May 8: Senior Bonfire

May 9: Senior Clap-Out (pictured below)



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!

THE POSITIVE POWER OF PICKLEBALL...



This edition's shout-out comes from Total Wellness Teacher and Pickleball Club Moderator Katie Blume. She writes, "This past Tuesday during activity period, we hosted an exciting **2-on-2 Pickleball Tournament**, bringing students together for some friendly competition, great music, and, of course, **donuts!**!"

A huge congratulations to our champions, **Nate Sanchez '25 and Gaby Cilella '25**, for taking first place!

Beyond the competition, this event was a reminder of the **importance of movement and play during the school day**. One student shared how taking the **Racket Sports PE elective with Mr. Lombard** helped him build skills and confidence, making moments like this tournament even more enjoyable. **Nathan Ruiz '25** reflected on how having time for physical activity in the middle of his challenging AP courses allowed him to **de-stress and refocus before big tests, ultimately benefiting his mental health and academic performance.**

It was a fantastic day, and we look forward to more opportunities to bring the community together through movement and play! **Stay active, stay well!**"

Proud Prefect Moment!

Our very own Prefect of Studies, Dr. Sterling Brown, is part of a *Jesuits Central and Southern* story. [HERE](#) is the link to the winter edition of the magazine -- Just go to page 15 for the article. It shines a light on Dr. Brown's trajectory in Jesuit education, and how staying connected to his own learning experience at Loyola Academy of St. Louis, informs his work here at Saint Ignatius College Prep today!



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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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