



Dear Saint Ignatius College Prep,

Last night I mistakenly sent a partially unedited version of the Wolfpack Post. What follows is the intended version. Thanks for your patience, and have a great weekend!

Kristyn Hartman, Communications Director

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, May 8

WOMEN'S SOCIETY SIGNATURE
DINNER

Tully Hall

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

**OUR NEW AMERICAN AND
CHICAGO-BORN POPE!**

SENIOR BONFIRE

Fornelli '51 Field

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Church of the Holy Family

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 22

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION

Credit Union 1 Arena

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

**GRAD-AT-GRAD
VALUES**

Open to Growth

Intellectually Competent

Religious

Loving

Committed to Doing Justice

PRAY

SPIRIT



(PHOTO COURTESY VATICAN NEWS)

Saint Ignatius College Prep joins the world in celebrating and praying for the new leader of the more than one billion Catholics around the globe.

Shortly after 11:00 a.m. Chicago time, cardinals in the Conclave signaled their selection. Following the third ballot, smoke billowed up from the special chimney on the Sistine Chapel. The crowd erupted with cheers of "Blanco! Biały! Blanc! Weiß! White!"

About an hour later, people in St. Peter's Square and beyond heard the news: In his election, Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, who took the name Pope Leo XIV, became the first America-born pontiff -- and he's from Chicago! The Sun-Times reports the south suburban native went to Villanova and received a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Hyde Park -- just some of the preparation that would bring him to the moment he met the world.

QUEST FOOD
SERVICES



At 12:23 p.m., Pope Leo XIV stepped out onto the papal balcony and greeted the masses. He said, "Peace be with you all." He also asked the faithful to pray for the late Pope Francis, encouraging them to continue Francis' mission of "building bridges."

A.M.D.G.

ACADEMICS

DIPLOMA DAY IS ALMOST HERE! PLEASE READ ABOUT OUR GRADUATION PLANS...



Graduation is upon us! The Class of 2025 Commencement is **Thursday, May 22**. Please make sure you have the details, and take a look at what you need to know by clicking [HERE](#).

Additional info:

We distributed caps and gowns on April 30. If students have not yet collected their cap/gown, they must collect it from the Prefects' Office by **Friday, May 9**. Students should open their Jostens package and ensure it includes a cap, gown, gold stole with school seal and tassel, and they should hang the gown on a hanger. Only Jostens-issued garb is permitted at the ceremony. Honor Cords will be distributed at graduation.

IMPORTANT: Class of 2025 Graduation Practice will be Monday, May 12 in the Gentile Gym at noon.

CLAP OUT

Before we officially say "goodbye," let's send off our seniors the Wolfpack way! Our annual clap out is **Friday, May 9 on Fornelli '51 Field (parents) and the Quad (students) at 2:10 p.m.** Senior parents should have received email information from Saint Ignatius College Prep about how they can be part of this tender tradition. We look forward to seeing you!

SEMESTER EXAM INFORMATION



All students will take their exams in their regularly scheduled classroom with their teacher as the proctor. The exam periods are 100 minutes in length. All students will have 90 minutes to complete an exam that was designed to be completed in 60 minutes. The exam schedule is:

Monday, May 19 - A, B, I

Tuesday, May 20 - C, D, E

Wednesday, May 21 - F, G, H

No classes are meeting on these days. Students are not required to attend the scheduled class meeting time unless they are taking an exam.

All students will receive a personalized exam schedule the week of May 12.

If a student has three exams scheduled for one exam day, and he/she would like to reschedule his/her last listed period exam, the student will be asked to complete a Google form request to reschedule the exam to another exam day.

Students who have three exams scheduled for one day received an email containing a link to this Google form. That form was due by April 30. All requests will be reviewed, and an approval email with the rescheduled exam details will be sent by May 9.

If you have any questions regarding exams, please contact your student's School Counselor.

AP TESTING DETAILS...

Advanced Placement testing is well underway. The AP Tests began on Monday, May 5, and continue into next week. If you have questions, Ms. Yanni-Tiller advises taking a look at the information in Blackbaud under the "AP Resource Tile."

HELP A STUDENT GO GLOBAL...

Saint Ignatius College Prep is looking for families to open their hearts and homes to give a student a once-in-a-lifetime experience! We are thrilled to welcome four young people from two Jesuit high schools in Lithuania for the 2025-2026 academic year. We are in need of host families for these rising juniors. By opening your home, you'll be giving a student an incredible opportunity, and you'll be enriching your own family's life in countless ways. If you are interested or open to learning more, please contact Assistant Prefect, [Beth Carney](#).

WAY TO GO! SENIOR CLASS AND UNDERCLASSMEN AWARDS...



These are bittersweet days at 1076 West Roosevelt Road. Summer brings the promise of sunshine, longer days and time to catch a collective breath. But the "goodbyes" that are so prominent at the end of any school year -- especially with our seniors -- bring those familiar annual happy tears. Before we "clap out" the Class of 2025 tomorrow, we want to take a moment to shine a spotlight on those students who've really shared their talents. After the completion of last Friday's Mass of Mission and Thanksgiving, we took time to

celebrate several seniors with a number of academic, athletic and service awards. We also honored members of the Class of 2026, 2027 and 2028. Please join us in congratulating this group of high achievers, and click [HERE](#) to find the full list of the honorees. ***Job well done!***



FINE ARTS SIGNING DAY



Our Fine Arts Department had its Signing/Commitment Day to honor members of the Class of 2025 who are pursuing the arts in college. [Congratulations](#) to these seniors who are majoring in everything from dance, theater and vocal performance to animation, graphic design, music and art. The future is bright!

ATHLETICS NEWS



Wednesday morning, the Wolfpack celebrated our fourth and final Commitment Day of the school year. Throughout 2024-2025, Saint Ignatius College Prep recognized 26 student athletes who are continuing their academic/sports work in college. [Congrats](#) to all!!

Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07 has more on yesterday's signings and the latest sports news. Click [HERE](#) for his bi-weekly round up...

And **GO PACK!!!**

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

CLASS OF 2025

Final Transcripts: Your final transcript will be uploaded to Naviance and sent to the institution listed as "Attending" by **June 6**. If there is Waitlist movement, and you have updates as to where you are accepted and/or where you will matriculate, please contact your college counselor.

Ignatius Email: Your Ignatius email will be disabled around June 30. If you have this email linked to college communications, we suggest that you make adjustments now.

Thank you for a wonderful year and we wish you all the best over the next four years. Please do stay in touch!

CLASS OF 2026

Summer Session ACT or SAT Prep Classes:

- ACT and SAT test prep classes are available **June 9 - 27. The registration deadline is May 25th.** A full schedule regarding dates and times, the registration link and a financial request link are available [HERE](#).

Complimentary ACT/SAT Analysis with an Expert Academic Approach Director: At our College fair, Academic Approach offered insights on how the changes to the ACT will affect students. If you were not able to attend our presentation or make it to their table, you can still schedule your complimentary consultation to discuss your student's practice test scores. Please visit this site below to schedule a complimentary meeting with one of their expert directors. While the ACT may be changing, Academic Approach is always here to help. Click [HERE](#).

Priority "To-Do" List:

- If you have had your Junior Family Meeting, there should be some colleges listed in your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" in *Naviance*. Please research those institutions.
- If you have not had your Junior Family Meeting, please arrange that appointment using our Calendly links:

Make an Appointment:

- [Mr. Gomez](#)
- [Ms. Granholm](#)
- [Mr. Jenkins](#)
- [Ms. Miranda](#)
- [Mr. Schmidt](#)

- Look to register for future [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) dates.

- A Teacher Recommendation Google Document was distributed to juniors via email on May 2. Students should complete the form for at least one (1) core subject teacher (typically from Junior year).

CLASS OF 2027

Enrichment Programs -- Click [HERE](#)

Resources:

Go to Blackbaud, to Resources, then to the College icon:

Videos are available on the following topics:

- Sophomore College Counseling and Course Planning Webinar
- Introduction to Naviance
- How to calculate a GPA and the Honors/AP Weighting System
- Coffee Talk -- an overview of the College Counseling timeline

CLASS OF 2028

Enrichment Programs -- Click [HERE](#)

Resources:

Go to Blackbaud, to Resources, then to the College icon:

Videos are available on the following topics:

- Introduction to Naviance
 - How to calculate a GPA and the Honors/AP Weighting System
 - Coffee Talk -- an overview of the College Counseling timeline
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DEANS' OFFICE

CLAIM YOUR STUFF!

We will donate all items in the Lost and Found by **June 2, 2025**. Please check the Dean's Office if you have lost belongings.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

JESUIT ANTI-RACISM SODALITY (JARS) MONTHLY SPIRITUALITY NIGHT

All are invited to a sacred space for common prayer and sharing once a month, facilitated by a Jesuit priest, deacon or scholastic. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. (Central Time)

This event will be hosted by Dcn. Jack McLinden, S.J. Please register [HERE](#).

ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Saint Ignatius College Prep is proud to honor Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month -- representing many ethnicities, languages and experiences that enrich America and strengthen our country, cities, churches and the diverse community here at Saint Ignatius.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Saint Ignatius community continues to honor the rich legacy and robust contributions of our Jewish brothers, sisters and family members, as well as to acknowledge our commitment to work against antisemitism. Our Foglia Library staff have made available resources and books to amplify Jewish American Heritage Month.

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Our school is committed to fostering solidarity through cultural celebrations and commemorations. Per our mission statement, these expressions are part of our ongoing efforts to celebrate the diverse cultures and heritages in building relationships, fostering community, and creating a sense of belonging. To that end: Is there a cultural or heritage celebration your club or group celebrates? Please let [Dr. John Igwebuike](#) know.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

Come Pray With Us

A reminder that all are welcome to join our school community in prayer on the first and third Wednesdays of the month with other parents and alumni. We will gather on Google Meet on **May 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** If you are interested, please email [Gail Krema](mailto:Gail.Krema@stjohns.edu) for the Google Meet link.

We had 158 names of Mothers who we prayed for in this week's Mother's Day Prayer Service. It was lovely to be with all.

On June 11, we will be holding "A Special Father's Day Prayer Service" on Google Meet. We hope you can join us. Please submit the names of fathers (living and deceased) so we can pray for them that day. Please click [HERE](#) to register



FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

CLASS OF 2025 BACCALAUREATE MASS

(Photo from 2024)



The Class of 2025 will gather for their Baccalaureate Mass on **Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church of the Holy Family. Information should have been handed out in senior Theology classes already. Each graduating senior receives four (4) seats for family members and other guests attending. Graduates are included in the four seats. As seating is limited, please email additional seating or special requests to [Ms. Kate Trinley](#) in the Student Formation and Ministry office (including requests for accessible seating for students and guests with disabilities and mobility concerns). We look forward to celebrating this special night with our seniors and their families!

CLASS OF 2026 SENIOR RETREAT OPTIONS

On April 30, the Class of 2026 gathered for a class assembly to review their options (as seniors) for their Senior Retreat. They received a Google form to assess their calendars and indicate their preferences for their required retreat. **The deadline to complete this form is Friday - May 9 at 3:00 p.m.** Please check in with your child for this important step in the planning for their retreat. Senior Class Chaplain, [Mr. Ed Nunez](#), is happy to answer your questions on this subject.

SENIOR SERVICE CAPSTONE

Formation and Ministry has been hard at work planning for the full class implementation of the Senior Service Capstone. Our primary focus has been developing an expansive set of Capstone Partner Sites where our students will serve. On April 30, we met with the Class of 2026 to share more details in a class assembly. In the coming weeks, we plan to share more information about the program, including providing a frequently asked question document and a "Did You Know?" series of insights about the program. For now, please encourage your student to come into FAM with any questions or ideas about the program. Please contact [Peter Corrigan](#) with any questions.

CLASS OF 2027 JUNIOR RETREAT OPTIONS

On April 30, the class of 2027 (Sophomores) gathered for a class assembly to review their options (as Juniors) for their Junior retreat. As a school, we are in a transition: *Going forward, more students will be experiencing the Kairos Retreat as Juniors*, although some will still have the traditional junior retreat (called the Emmaus retreat) as Juniors. A limited number of spots will be open for the Class of 2027 to experience Kairos in their Senior year. We shared a Google form with students so they can assess their calendars and indicate their preferences for their required retreat. **The deadline to complete this form is Friday - May 9 at 3:00 p.m.** Please check in with your child for this important step in the planning for their Junior retreat. Please direct any questions to [Mrs. Tiffany Swann-Covington](#), the Junior Class Chaplain.

SUMMER IMMERSION TRIPS

The rising seniors who are scheduled to attend a summer immersion trip received important forms and information last week from Mr. Nunez. The due date for these forms was yesterday, May 7. If your child is attending a trip and has not filled out the forms and information in Mr. Nunez's email, please ensure they do that ASAP. Mr. Nunez will be in

touch with each group specifically about travel and logistics for their summer immersion trip within the next few weeks.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE SERVICE HOURS

The deadlines for Freshmen and Sophomores have passed. For any student who fails to satisfy all the requirements of the service commitment at the end of the semester, they will receive an "Incomplete" on their transcripts, and will not be able to view their next semester schedules or see their end-of-year grades. Students who have questions or concerns are advised to come to FAM suite 140 and see Sr. Edelquine.

LIBRARY NEWS

FOR YOUR SUMMER READING LIST...

Parents, in the spirit of *cura personalis*, our Jesuit commitment to the holistic development of each student, the library would like to highlight two insightful reads. Jennifer Breheney Wallace's [*Never Enough: When Achievement Culture Becomes Toxic—and What We Can Do About It*](#) explores the pressures of relentless achievement and offers strategies for fostering well-being and intrinsic worth. Complementing this, Linda Flanagan's [*Take Back the Game: How Money and Mania Are Ruining Kids' Sports—and Why It Matters*](#) examines the intense pressures and commercialization within youth sports and their impact on children's enjoyment and development. Both books encourage us to reflect on how we can cultivate environments, both academically and athletically, that prioritize our students' overall well-being, resilience and genuine love of learning and activity. We encourage you to check out these valuable resources from your local library and consider how we can collectively support the flourishing of the whole person in our students.

PARENT ORGANIZATION

MANY, MANY THANKS!



We are truly overwhelmed by the incredible support we received for our Post-Prom *Candyland* party for the Class of 2025.

Thanks to each and every one of you who gave your time, energy and effort to make this event such a success. Whether you were inflating balloons, passing out sweatpants or taking out the garbage at 1:00 a.m. - your efforts did not go unnoticed.

It was a testament to the amazing community we have. We absolutely could not have done it without you!

In gratitude,

The Parent Organization Executive Board

SCHOOL COUNSELING

STRESS BE GONE!

As we approach the final weeks of school and begin preparing for final exams, we encourage you to take a moment to click [HERE](#) and watch a brief video from the *Child Mind Institute*, offering helpful tips for managing stress during this busy time.

If you have any questions or need additional help, feel free to stop by the Saint Ignatius College Prep Counseling Offices or reach out via email. We're always happy to connect.

SPRING HOWL!

CALLING ALL FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS...

Mark your calendars for this **Saturday, May 10 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** It's time to unwind, laugh, and enjoy the sunshine with fellow faculty and families! Check out the flyer -- We hope to see you there!



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

WITH GRATITUDE!

We had an incredible evening celebrating the Class of 2025 at Prom on Saturday, April 26! Seniors enjoyed a memorable night filled with delicious food, dancing, games and quality time together. A huge thank you goes out to the Parent Organization for their generous support of Post-Prom. Our parents' dedication, countless hours and creative energy brought the "Candyland" - themed Post-Prom to life! Our students made memories that will last a lifetime.



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR 2025-2026

Congratulations to all the Student Council representatives our classes elected for the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited for your leadership.

Class of 2028 (Rising Sophomores):

President: Aaron Marquez

Vice President: Gabriel Morales

Representatives: Auggie Gomez, Genevieve Heidkamp, Chinedu Madu, Fallon Stevens

Class of 2027 (Rising Juniors):

President: Linus Quinn-Pasin

Vice President: Maddie Moorehouse

Representatives: Joshua Graves, Maeve Houlihan, Anthony Hughes, Mary Krasnewich

Class of 2026 (Rising Seniors):

President: Anna Stuart

Vice President: Regan Cole

Representatives: Clara Chough, Melson Ngassa, Maya Singh, Elon Van Rhein

SUMMER CAMPS - GIRLS BASKETBALL

NOTHIN' BUT NET!!



Wolfpack Girls Basketball Summer Camps are now open for registration. A fantastic trip to State this year reminds us we are called to share the skills we've developed. We have separate camps for the following:

*** 5th - 8th Graders**

*** 9th Graders**

*** Returning players**

All camp registration is online. Please click [HERE](#) for easy access.
Reach out to [Ms. Cara Doyle](#) if you have questions.

SHOUT-OUTS!

A NOTE CELEBRATING OUR CLASSICS CLUB SENIOR OFFICERS!



The Classics Club at Saint Ignatius has always been a place where students of Latin and Greek can explore fun aspects of ancient culture and socialize with their fellow scholars. However, it's one thing to declare these values in the abstract, it's another to exemplify them concretely. This is the case of our remarkable gang of Senior Classics Club leaders: Teddy Chong, Simbo Ejeta, Eloise Guth, Nadia Millar, Christopher Morris, Ava O'Hara and Penelope Setzer. Their content was always engaging: Nadia's and Simbo's fun Latin buzzer board games; Chris' engaging myth re-enactments; Penelope's Ancient Rome Conjuratio (a mafia-style game); Ava's and Eloise's classically themed graphic projects; and Teddy's wonderfully quirky service projects. But what made this varied menu so special was the leaders' obvious passion and gusto on display at every meeting. An ancient Greek wish recites: "may you be a speaker of words, and a doer of deeds" -- meaning "may you distinguish yourself by fine words, and by fine actions." Teddy, Simbo, Eloise, Nadia, Chris, Ava, and Penelope: You have indeed been speakers of words, and doers of deeds. Magister Sparapani and I (Dr. Cirulli) are so proud of you. You are now on the brink of a new, and exciting academic adventure. Just one recommendation for the future: Sic itur ad astra, which essentially means "keep following the way to the stars." Never cease to be the passionate, intellectually curious people we have come to know so well--and never stop being an inspiration for your peers.

OUR FANTASTIC FRENCH STUDENTS!



All the French Honors classes participated in the Grand Concours (National French Contest) in March. Students were evaluated for their written, oral and listening comprehension skills in French. More than 46,000 students competed nationally in the 2025 event. Our Ignatius students had exceptional results: Three gold medals (above 95th percentile), 11 silver medals (94th-85th percentile) and 10 bronze medals (84th-75th percentile). They received their medals on May 6 at the final activity period for seniors. We are very proud of our students and their hard work in French! All medalists are students of Ms. Guiu, Ms. Guzik, or Ms. Johnson.

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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