

Wolfpack Post

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, August 15

FRESHMAN MASS AND ORIENTATION

Church of the Holy
Family and Saint Ignatius
College Prep

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, August 15

CLASS OF 2029 PARENT RECEPTION

Fornelli '51 Field - (Tent
North East)

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR IN PURSUIT OF THE MAGIS!



(MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2026)

A new school year is upon us...

We are so excited to welcome the Class of 2029 to
1076 West Roosevelt Road. We're equally excited to

Monday, August 18

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**Saint Ignatius College
Prep**

8:00 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.

****12:35 dismissal on
Tuesday, August 19, as
well**

*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](#)

see our sophomores, juniors and seniors back on campus!

With the fresh start comes the promise of great things: the opportunity to grow and learn -- in Faith, in knowledge, and in the capacity to care about people and the world around us. We challenge each other every day to seek out the things that make us all better, striving for more, or the Magis, together. In doing so, we reaffirm our Mission: to guide the next generation, **or to be that young person**, preparing for a life of Faith, love, service and leadership. What a joyful pursuit! A.M.D.G.



QUEST FOOD SERVICES



ACADEMICS

HERE WE GO - FIRST DAYS!

We begin the 2025-26 school year with freshman orientation and abbreviated first days. For the schedule and expectations please click [HERE](#).

STUDENT SCHEDULES



We've completed all student course adjustments. Schedules are updated to include lunches and "Becoming One Wolfpack" sessions. Students should check both first and second semester schedules carefully. If there is any overlap, the student should contact [Mr. Kevin Bellie](#). In the event of a conflict with a lunch or a "Becoming One

Wolfpack" session and class, the student should go to the class.

We will email book lists, including most book codes, to students in the coming days. Students should have all course materials downloaded on their iPads for the first day of class, Monday, August 18. There is no school supply list.

ATHLETICS NEWS

FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MIKE HURLEY '07:

Fall sports begin on Monday, August 11. All student-athletes are required to submit annual forms to Blackbaud prior to participation. Please review the announcement we sent via email earlier this week, as well as emails students received throughout the summer. We look forward to a great season!

GO PACK!!!

CAMPUS SAFETY

UPDATED SAFETY MEASURES

At Saint Ignatius, the safety of our students, faculty and staff remains our highest priority. Our Operations Staff is actively enhancing both our facilities and security protocols to uphold this commitment. Below are some of the latest improvements:

- **IHM Building: While badge access is already required, an Operations Staff member will now be stationed at the entrance during school hours to monitor all entry and exit.**
- **1055 Parking Lot: A security arm has been installed to better control access, with badge access now mandatory for entry.**

We remind all community members to never prop open exterior doors or allow unauthorized entry by others. All visitors including our volunteers must enter through the main doors on Roosevelt Road and check in at the security/reception desk.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS



PROGRAMMING FOR ALL CLASS YEARS

National College Fair - Chicago

This college fair will be taking place on Saturday, September 13 at the Navy Pier from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

PROGRAMMING FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

Welcome back!

We are excited to collaborate with you this year on your college search, application and selection process. Please click [HERE](#) for a "Welcome Back" letter.

Senior Family College Application Workshop (Virtual)

Mark your calendars for this event on Thursday, August 21 (virtual). The program runs from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. This is the only group- mandatory program of the year. All seniors and parents/guardians should plan on attending. If there are conflicts, we will have a recording of the program for distribution. You do not need to RSVP. Please click [HERE](#) for the Google Meet link.

Common Application

On August 1, the 2025-2026 Common Application went "live." Each senior should open an account and begin to complete the application. Students can finish much of it prior to the start of the school year. We suggest focusing on the Activities page and having a completed rough draft of the Common Application personal essay. All seniors will submit an essay draft to their English teacher during the first week of school. Please access the Common App [HERE](#).

ACT Prep Class - Senior Class Option

This 12-hour course is designed for 12th graders who plan to retake the ACT in October. The class will review the most common question types and key testing strategies. Students would need to sign up for the ACT separately. Financial aid is available. The registration deadline is September 14. We will need a minimum of 10 students to hold the class. Click [HERE](#) for registration and financial aid consideration.

Senior Family Meetings

Times will be available starting Monday, August 25. Each college counselor will be in touch with the students and families in their caseload. We will provide "Calendly" links to set up a meeting.

Senior Reflection

This short assignment helps your college counselor have better context and insight into your personal application process. The due date is Friday, September 5. Please click [HERE](#) to see the assignment.

PROGRAMMING FOR THE CLASS OF 2027

Junior Family College Planning Night "Save-the-Date"

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 4. This virtual program runs from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Stay tuned for details and a link. Please email questions to [Janet Harrison](#), or call her at 312-432-8351.

ACT Test Prep

There is an after-school program starting October 27 that includes 24 hours of instruction and three practice tests. This prep course builds up to the December 13 ACT. Students need to register for the ACT separately. Registration, schedule and financial aid consideration are available [HERE](#).

PROGRAMMING FOR THE CLASS OF 2028 & THE CLASS OF 2029

College Counseling Coffee Talks

We will be offering these talks for freshman and sophomore parents throughout the year, typically on a quarterly basis, starting in October. Dates are forthcoming.

COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Please join us in welcoming Katie O'Dea '91 as our new Director of Communications. Katie comes to Saint Ignatius College Prep from the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools where she spent the past three years as the Senior Director of Communications and Marketing. Prior to that, Katie led communications and strategic Initiatives for 16 years at Latin School of Chicago. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Katie also earned her master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

We are excited to welcome Katie back to Saint Ignatius as part of our leadership team.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to do the work I love in a place I hold so dear. I look forward to sharing the incredible stories of the Saint Ignatius community. A.M.D.G."



DEANS' OFFICE

DRESS CODE

We will be enforcing the Saint Ignatius College Prep Dress Code as students arrive in the morning and throughout the day. Here are some important reminders:

- **Collared shirts are required at all times.** Any student wearing a quarter-zip garment, an Ignatius crew neck sweatshirt or a sweater must have a collared shirt underneath.
- **Acceptable skirts will be no more than three inches above the knee.** We will not permit athletic skirts and skirts with material splits.
- **Hoodies are not permitted inside the building.**
- **Sweaters or sweatshirts with large logos of any kind are not permitted.**

Dress code violations will result in a JUG. You can find additional details regarding dress and appearance standards, including Mass attire, on pages 33-36 of the [Parent-Student Handbook](#).

VENTRA CARDS

Student Ventra cards will be available for purchase for \$2 (cash only) during lunch at freshmen orientation and in the Deans' Office thereafter.

LATE ARRIVAL POLICY

We only excuse late arrivals to school with a note from the doctor. Students arriving late should always report to the Deans' Office upon arrival.

- Arrivals after 8:30 a.m. without a note will receive a JUG.
- Arrivals after 11:30 a.m. without a note will receive a double JUG.

A student must arrive by 11:30 a.m. in order to participate in or attend co-curricular or athletic events after school. This applies to students who arrive late to school even if they are ill. A student who leaves school ill may not return to participate in or attend co-curricular activities.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at one or more of our upcoming events!

BUSINESS SOCIETY TAILGATE SOCIAL

Join the Business Society before the Wolfpack Varsity Team takes on DePaul College Prep at 7:30 p.m. All attendees receive free admission to the game.

When: Friday, September 5, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fornelli '51 Alumni Lounge

RSVP: [Register HERE](#)

10TH ANNUAL SAN IGNACIO SOCIETY FAMILY FIESTA

Please join us for a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and to welcome new and returning students and their families

When: Saturday, September 6; 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Fornelli '51 Alumni Lounge

RSVP: [Register HERE](#)

THE TOLTON SOCIETY TAILGATE SOCIAL

Join The Tolton Society before the Wolfpack Varsity Team takes on Mt. Carmel at 7:30 p.m. All attendees receive free admission to the game.

When: Friday, September 19; 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fornelli '51 Alumni Lounge

RSVP: [Register HERE](#)

39th ANNUAL SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP GOLF CLASSIC

Sponsorships and registration links are now OPEN! We invite you to join us for a day of fun and friendship at the Saint Ignatius College Prep Golf Classic.

When: Thursday, September 25

Where: Cog Hill Golf & Country Club

[Registration, Sponsorship and Raffle Tickets Click HERE](#)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL FAMILIES OF COLOR RECEPTION!

Saint Ignatius College Prep's Department of School Culture—Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is pleased to host the the Annual Families of Color Reception. This community-building event welcomes incoming freshmen and their families. Mark your calendars for Monday, August 11, 2025 in Tully Hall from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. All are welcome and all are invited. We look forward to seeing you. You can register [HERE!](#)

2025-2026 BECOMING ONE WOLFPACK DEIB SERIES

The Becoming One Wolfpack Global Jesuit Leadership Development Series centers our Catholic Faith and Jesuit charism to illuminate our Grad-at-Grad values while fostering student global leadership development. During the 2025-26 school year, all

classes (freshman, sophomore, junior and senior) will participate in Becoming One Wolfpack. Similar to the 2024-2025 installments, all scheduled B1WP times will be calendarized in student Blackbaud accounts. Please, be sure to log in and check your Blackbaud schedules to see your B1WP and Freshman Advisory dates and times.

3RD ANNUAL MANDATORY CYBERBULLYING AND CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION FOR FRESHMEN PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Freshman Parents/Guardians: As part of Saint Ignatius College Prep's commitment to foster safe and inclusive (digital) spaces for all community members, we are happy to announce our upcoming 2025 Mandatory Cyberbullying and Cyber Safety Freshman Parent/Guardian Presentation. We are planning on holding the event on an evening in October (National Prevention of Bullying Month) from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Tully Hall, and we want you to anticipate the time commitment. To prepare for this important, culture-building session, we are pleased to share this free resource to equip families with valuable videos, articles and tools regarding cyberbullying and social media hazards: [Buckling the Social Media Seatbelt SuperCourse](#). Please stay tuned...

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

COME PRAY WITH US!

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 September 3 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. If you are interested, email [Gail Krema](#) for the Google Meet link.



FIRST FRIDAY ALL-SCHOOL MASSES AND GUEST COFFEES

Please know that you are always welcome to join us for our First Friday Masses and the Guest Coffees that follow. We ask that you register beforehand on the link

provided by The Church of the Holy Family. Additionally, all are welcome at the 7:30 a.m. daily Mass in the 5th Floor Cuneo Chapel. Stop by the front desk for a Visitor's Pass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, December 6 - Advent Morning of Reflection

Saturday, February 21 - Lenten Morning of Reflection

More information to come.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

We are excited to share information about some opportunities for both families and students.

SENIOR WELCOME BACK MASS AND BREAKFAST RECEPTION

Who: Students and families of the class of 2026

When: Monday, August 11, 8:00 a.m.

Where: Church of the Holy Family

RSVP: [Register HERE](#)

All students of the class of 2026 and their families are invited to this celebration as we begin the new academic year together in prayer, worship and community. In addition, following Mass, everyone is invited to Damen Hall for a light breakfast reception.

SENIOR SERVICE CAPSTONE: FALL PREPARATIONS

Student Formation and Ministry has been hard at work over the summer making extensive preparations for the launch of the Senior Service Capstone for the entire Class of 2026. Building off the success of the pilot program in January 2025, FAM has spent the last six months building partnerships with more than 80 service organizations throughout the Chicagoland area. During their first week of school, seniors will learn more about the preparations for this experience, including being able to express needs and hopes for their potential service sites, as well as learning about formation in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition and volunteer requirements that will be built into their fall schedules.

Please check out the [Capstone webpage](#) for more information, and follow the social media series “A.M.D.G In Action” that will be rolled out throughout the next several weeks.

SUMMER IMMERSION TRIPS

This summer, 72 members of the Class of 2026 and 15 faculty and staff traveled to eight different locations around the United States on a summer immersion trip. The groups participated in many service projects, learned about various issues affecting society and built community with one another. Each night students prayed the Examen and reflected on Catholic Social Teaching. Some highlights include the groups traveling to the U.S.-Mexico border in Nogales, AZ; traveling to rural West Virginia to do home repair; and serving our local Chicago community at the Br. David Darst Center.

Parents/guardians of the Class of 2027: if your student is interested in an immersion trip next summer, please reach out to Senior Class Chaplain, [Mr. Ed Nunez](#) and keep an eye out for more information this fall.

PARENT ORGANIZATION

WELCOME AND WHO WE ARE

Welcome to all new and returning parents and guardians! We are excited to start a new school year and for the many fantastic events and programs we support for both the amazing group of parents/guardians and our students.

The Parent Organization at Saint Ignatius is comprised of all parents and guardians within our community - so, good news, you are all already members! The mission of

the organization is to foster fellowship and community amongst the parents and guardians, as well as to support various student activities, including Post-Prom. Through volunteerism and sponsorship, we help to promote fellowship and community at family Masses, parent/guardian social events and more. As a bonus, we manage to have quite a bit of fun!

In alignment with the school administration, the Parent Organization Board supports all aspects of the Organization. Feel free to reach out to us with questions regarding ways to participate or for information regarding events planned throughout the year.

Each class has a group of volunteers who serve as liaisons between the school and the full group of parents and guardians. These volunteers help plan class-specific events and promote school events, news and important information. Please feel free to reach out to our liaisons with any questions. They are here as your resource for your class.

[Click HERE to see a list of the 2025-26 Parent Organization board and class liaisons.](#)

JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER

[Click HERE](#) to be added to our mailing list, and you will receive an email sign-up for each new volunteer opportunity. We are grateful for any amount of time you are able to share with our community.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

***Class of 2026 Parent/Guardian Social:
Senior Parent Tailgate***

Who: Parents/Guardians of Class of '26

When: Tuesday, August 26, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fornelli '51 Field

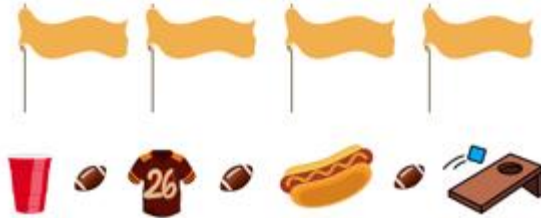
RSVP: [Register HERE](#)



**SENIOR PARENT/GUARDIAN SOCIAL
2026 TAILGATE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26
7:00 P.M. FORNELLI '51 FIELD**

Adults Only 21+

**LET'S KICK OFF OUR LAST YEAR WITH THE PARTY
OF THE SUMMER!
BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**





Back Yard BBQ

Who: Parents/Guardians of all Classes '26-'29

When: Thursday, September 11, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Tully Hall

RSVP: Registration arriving via email soon

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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