

Wolfpack Post

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

September 19

Tolton Society Tailgate
Social

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Fornelli '51 Alumni Lounge

September 22- 26

Fall Spirit Week

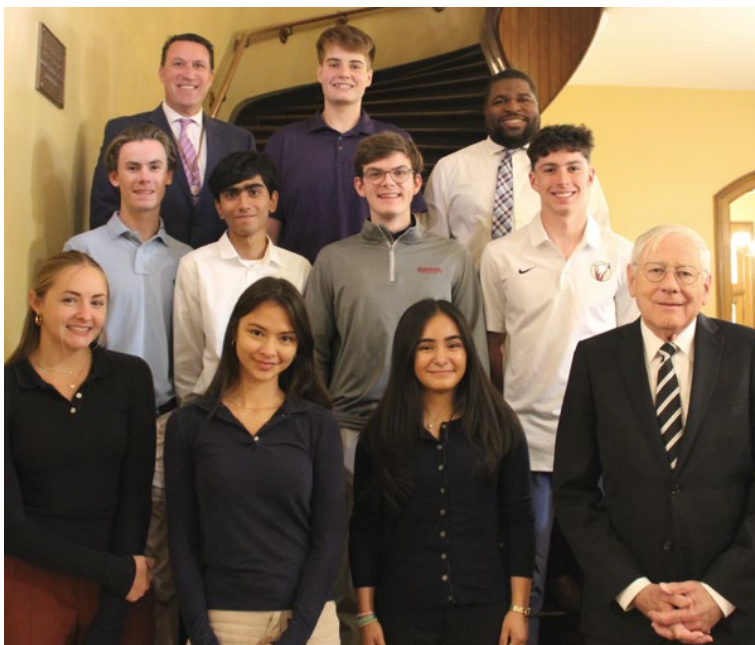
September 27

Homecoming Dance

Gentile Gym, Tully Hall

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

CONGRATS TO OUR NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS!



The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced its 2026 Semifinalists, and we are proud to share that eight students from Saint Ignatius have earned this distinction — **the largest number from any Catholic high school in Illinois.**

PRAY

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD
SERVICES

GRAD-AT-GRAD
VALUES

Open to Growth

Intellectually Competent

Religious

Loving

**Committed to Doing
Justice**

Please join us in congratulating the following students:

John Anderson

Edward Flynn

Christiana Kappe

Kathleen Kransewich

Liliana Lopez

Rohin Patel

Jack Stenander

Patrick Waller

These students now move forward in the competition for college scholarships. Their achievement reflects the hard work, dedication and excellence that define the Ignatian grad-at-grad value of being intellectually competent. Well done, Wolfpack.



ACADEMICS

School SAT Day

We are offering seniors the chance to take the SAT on campus on Thursday, October 16 - the same day that sophomores and juniors take the PSAT. The cost is \$60 and will be included in your October tuition bill. [Please complete this form](#) if you are interested in taking this SAT and direct any questions to Ms. [Lisa Yanny-Tillar](#).

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 16 (in-person)

2:00-4:00 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Tully Hall and McLaughlin Room

Friday, October 17 (virtual)

9:00-11:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Google Meet

Sign up open from Monday, October 6 at 8:00 a.m. - Tuesday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m. via Virtual Paragon Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler

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 a period free.
- For in-person conferences, all teachers will be seated at tables organized alphabetically in Tully Hall. Counselors, College Counselors and Learning Specialists will have their conferences at tables in the McLaughlin Room. We suggest scheduling your student’s Counselor, College Counselor, and/or Learning Specialist at the end of your reservations to allow for appropriate movement time to the McLaughlin Room.
- List your student’s name when prompted in the system.
- Virtual conferences on Friday are held on Google Meet. On a mobile device, you must have the Google Meet app. On a computer, you may use Google Meet in a browser.
- Conferences are for parents/guardians only.

Personalized schedules will be sent 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. Questions may be directed to [Sarah Lent](#) or [Maureen Lonergan](#).



Informational Meeting: Great Events – World War II

This summer, the Social Studies Department will offer *Great Events: World War II*, a new course for rising juniors and seniors (Class of 2027 and 2028). Students participate in local field trips and travel to England, France, Belgium and Germany to help understand the causes and lasting consequences of the Second World War.

Join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. with Google Meet ([this link](#)). A full description of the class can be found [here](#).

ATHLETICS



The student-athletes in the Wolfpack are making a real impact this fall, with standout performances in cross country, golf, field hockey, soccer and swimming & diving. For the full report on all the Wolfpack is accomplishing, check out Athletic Director Mike Hurley's full [Athletics Recap](#).

Never miss a game in person or online.

- For tickets: [GOFAN tickets](#)
- For livestreams: [HUDL TV](#)

GO PACK!!!

COMMUNICATIONS

Picture days: Wednesday, October 8 through Friday, October 10

Portraits for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taken on campus during the school day.

- Freshmen and sophomores will have their portraits taken with their English classes.
- Juniors will go with their Ethics classes.

After Picture Day, parents/guardians will receive an email directly from HR Imaging with details on how to review photo proofs and place orders.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

First Friday Mass – October 3

Family and friends are invited to join the Saint Ignatius College Prep faculty, staff and students at First Friday Mass on Friday, October 3 at 8:20 a.m. Guests are also welcome to attend a light reception immediately following the mass in the Tully

Room located in the church office center. Please RSVP for Mass and the reception [here](#). We look forward to sharing this prayerful time together.

Questions about Masses or events at Church of the Holy Family can be directed to contact@holyfamychicago.org or Wendy McCarthy '84 at 312-492-8442 ext. 3.

CLUBS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES

It's finally here — Fall Spirit Week and Homecoming! Student Council has planned a full week of themes, energy, and Wolfpack pride leading up to our big weekend celebrations.

Daily Themes

- Monday – Kids' Choice Awards: Comfiest PJs or sweats
- Tuesday – Grammys: Band or concert t-shirt
- Wednesday – Sports Hall of Fame: Rep your favorite jersey
- Thursday – Olympics: Summer vs. Winter (ski gear vs. surfer style)
- Friday – Golden Globes: Maroon & Gold Spirit Day!



Pep Rally & Football

- Pep Rally: Friday, September 26
- Homecoming Game: Friday night vs. St. Viator
 - Sophomore: 5:00 p.m.
 - Varsity: 7:30 p.m.
 - Theme: Construction & Neon



Homecoming Dance

- Saturday, September 27; 7:00–10:00 p.m. ; Tully Hall

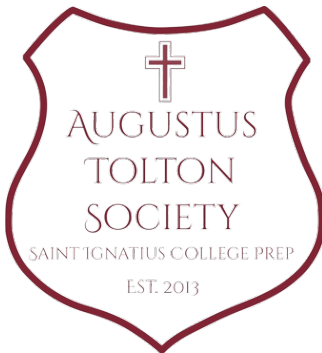
- Theme: Red Carpet
- Tickets: On sale Friday (online only)
- Guest forms: Due to the Deans' Office by Tuesday, September 23

Dress Code Reminders

- When planning your Spirit Week outfits, please remember:
- No tank tops, shorts, leggings, crop tops, hats, or swimsuits
- For Ski vs. Surf: goggles/sunglasses on your head (not covering your face)
- No props
- Jeans, sweatpants, and Ignatius spirit wear are allowed all week

If not in theme or spirit wear, regular dress code applies

DEVELOPMENT



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.

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

Fornelli '51 Alumni Lounge

RSVP: [Register HERE](#)



Business Society Courtside Conversations

The Business Society is sponsoring Courtside Conversations: The Intersection of NIL, College Recruitment and the NBA. All current students and Saint Ignatius College Prep community members are cordially invited.

Wednesday, September 24; 5:00- 7:00 p.m.

RSVP: [Register Here](#)



39th Annual Saint Ignatius College Prep Golf Classic

Courses 1 and 3 are SOLD OUT! Courses 2 and 4 are still available. Buy your Wolfpack Raffle tickets for a chance to play on one of many courses around the Chicagoland area!

Thursday, September 25

Cog Hill Golf & Country Club

For Registration, [Click Here](#). To volunteer, [Click Here](#).

COLLEGE COUNSELING

PROGRAMMING FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

Weekly E-Newsletter for Senior Parents/Guardians

Thank you for the outstanding feedback on our E-Newsletter! Eighty-three percent of you have opened and clicked through some of the links. We'll send out another edition this Friday.

Common Application

Common Application: Please "match" to Naviance if you have not done so already. This will allow your College Counselor to send transcripts and recommendations to

your colleges. Please try to have ANY colleges that have an October 15 application deadline listed in Naviance by October 1- this will give us the lead-time needed for preparing all recommendations and Common Application paperwork linked to recommendations on our end.

Transcripts

All transcripts have been uploaded into Naviance. Please check yours in Blackbaud for accuracy. Any changes that need to be made can be done through Mr. Bellie, Registrar.

Senior Family Meetings

Calendly links to set up a meeting:

- Dr. Kurt V. Schmidt <https://calendly.com/kurt-schmidt>
- Mr. Dana Jenkins https://calendly.com/danajenkins_sicp
- Mrs. Katie Granholm <https://calendly.com/kathleen-granholm>
- Mr. Rene Gomez https://calendly.com/rgomez_sicp
- Ms. Margaret Miranda <https://calendly.com/margaret-miranda>

PROGRAMMING FOR THE CLASS OF 2027

Junior Family College Planning Night: Tuesday, November 4 (virtual)

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

College Representative Visits

Reminder: These visits are for you as well as for seniors. Full listings of upcoming visits are in Naviance and in the announcements. They run from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. **You may not miss class for visits**, but we encourage



you to check the listing and try to meet with a few schools this fall.

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/guardians throughout the year. We suggest attending one session throughout the academic year. The content is similar for each session.

IN PERSON:

- Thursday, October 23; 8:00-9:00 a.m.; register [HERE](#)
- Wednesday, March 18, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; register [HERE](#)

VIRTUAL (Google Meet links to follow):

- Tuesday, November 11, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; register [HERE](#)
- Tuesday, April 21, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; register [HERE](#)

DEANS' OFFICE

Homecoming Dance

Students who would like to bring an out of school guest to the Homecoming Dance on September 27 will need to submit an [Out of School Guest form](#) to the Dean's Office by **Tuesday, September 23**.

Lost and Found

The lost and found has accumulated many items. Please label your belongings (water bottles, sweatshirts, calculators, etc.), so that we can help get them back to their owner. Items will only be retained in the Dean's Office for 10 school days.

Dress Code

Students are reminded that hoodies are prohibited during the school day, and of the collar requirement. **Collared shirts must be worn underneath quarter zips** - quarter zips alone do not meet the collar requirement. Students without a collared shirt will be issued a JUG.

Attendance Communication

Parents, please note if your student reaches 6 whole day absences in a semester, you will receive a communication from the Dean's Office regarding your student's attendance. Your student's absences can be found on Blackbaud. One important caveat to keep in mind - absence figures will be displayed according to period absences. For example, students typically have 5 classes a day, so if your student misses a day of school, Blackbaud will display 5 absences.

Drop Off

Parents, please note that **dropping students at the May Street entrance is prohibited**. Students must be dropped off at the main entrance off Roosevelt.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

7th Annual Cullen J. Davis Young Men of Color Symposium

On Saturday, November 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saint Ignatius College Prep will take a delegation of students to The Young Men of Color Symposium, hosted by Francis W. Parker School. This culturally enriching symposium is a leadership gathering for young men who attend independent schools in 6th–12th grades. Parents/students who are interested should inform [Dr. John G. Igwebuike](#), Director of School Culture.



5th Annual Listening Conference - Saturday, October 25, 2025

The 5th Annual GUANACASTE: The Transformational Listening. This unique conference will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Saint Ignatius College Prep. This year's theme is "Building Bridges of Community, Connection, Compassion, and Collaboration Through Better Listening." All are welcome. [Please register today.](#) We look forward to seeing you.

Cultural Heritage Celebrations in Our Diverse Community

The Saint Ignatius community continues to celebrate the cultural heritages within and among our diverse school community include Hispanic Heritage Month (Sun, Sep 15, 2025 – Tue, Oct 15, 2025); Mexican Independence Day (September 16, 2025); and, the Mid-Autumn Festival (October 6, 2025) also known as the Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival.



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 October 1 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. If you are interested please contact [Gail Krema](#) for the Google Meet

link.

All-School Masses and Guest Coffee

All members of the Saint Ignatius Community are welcome to join us for our All-School Masses and the Guest Coffees to follow. You can register [here](#) for our next all-school mass and guest coffee on Friday, October 3.

Additionally, all are welcome for the daily Mass at 7:30 a.m in the 5th Floor Cuneo Chapel. Enter at the front desk for a Visitors Pass.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

Annual Class Retreats

FAM's first retreat of the year is for the Sophomore Class who will experience the **"Living Word"** retreat on September 18 and 19 at the Carmelite Center. The following week, **Kairos 195 will depart with over 85 Seniors!** We ask you to pray for a wonderful experience as these students take time off to pray. If you have yet to do so, please ask your son or daughter to share their assigned retreat date and mark it on your family calendar.

Freshman and Sophomore Service Commitment

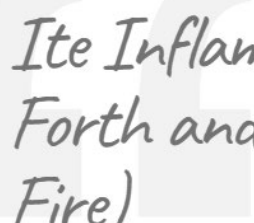
Each freshman must complete **10 service hours** this year. **5 hours must be completed by December 2**, and the other 5 hours must be completed by April 28, 2026. Please find attached the [freshmen service requirements](#).

Each sophomore must complete **15 service hours** this school year. **10 hours are due by December 4**, and the remaining 5 are due by March 17, 2026. Please find attached the [sophomore service requirements](#).

Freshmen and sophomores can find service opportunities via the [running service opportunities document](#).

Before doing any service, we ask all freshmen and sophomores **to come to the Faith and Ministry office** (suite 140) to discuss their service plan and be approved for that service. No emails, please! We want to get to know our students, and for them to get to know us.

All student service hours **must be logged into Mobile Serve** - an App that Saint Ignatius uses to approve service hours. After logging in the hours to the Mobile Serve App, students must ask their site supervisor to verify their hours before leaving the service site. The FAM staff approves those hours only when they are verified in Mobile serve. Please reach out to Sr. Edelquine Shivachi, the First Years Chaplain, for any questions or concerns. (Attached is a [video](#) to help teach students how to use the app - further instruction will be given during Freshmen advisory.)



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Forth and Set the World on
Fire)*

- SAINT IGNATIUS

PARENT ORGANIZATION

Backyard BBQ a Success!

A beautiful evening was enjoyed by nearly 500 guests at the annual Parent Organization Backyard BBQ on September 11, where delicious food from Smoke Daddy and a wonderful mix of new and familiar faces filled Tully Hall and the quad gardens. Explore the online photo gallery [here](#) to relive the fun!



Upcoming Parent Organization Events

Freshman Parent Social - “Speed Dating”

Chicago Firehouse Restaurant, 1401 S. Michigan Ave.

October 22 or October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

[Event Registration Link for October 22](#)

[Event Registration Link for October 30](#)

Volunteering Opportunities

The 39th Annual Saint Ignatius Golf Classic at the Cog Hill Golf and Country Club

- Thursday, September 25
- [Golf Parent Volunteer Sign Up Link](#)

Spirit Store

- Various opportunities



- [Spirit Store Sign Up Link](#)

Saint Ignatius Open House

- Saturday, November 16
- Volunteer link will follow in future Wolfpack Posts

OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO

[Church of the Holy Family](#) and [Saint Ignatius College Prep](#) were chosen as host sites for Open House Chicago 2025! This free event invites visitors to explore over 200 historic buildings across Chicago. All community members are invited to come to Roosevelt Rd on those dates to receive a historic tour of both sites during these times:

Saturday, October 18 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 19 - 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteering Opportunities

Church of the Holy Family and Saint Ignatius are seeking volunteers to serve as docents at either the church or the school during Open House Chicago. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring history to life and share the heritage and architecture that our founder, Fr. Arnold Damen, S.J., began over 167 years ago.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Church, [click here](#) to sign up, or contact Development Director, [Wendy McCarthy](#). If you are interested in volunteering at the school please fill out [this form](#) or contact Archivist [Henry Ceffalio](#). No experience or prior background in architecture is needed.



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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