

Wolpack Post

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

October 17

Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual)

October 18-19

Open House Chicago

Saint Ignatius College Prep

The Church of the Holy Family

October 25

Guanacaste 2025

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Brunswick Room

October 28

ON HOLY GROUND

Developed by Theology teacher **Tom Weiler**, *On Holy Ground* is a for-credit summer enrichment course combining two weeks of academic study with a weeklong immersion in nature. In 2025, six students joined Mr. Weiler and chaperones - Theology teacher Rhian

Jeong and Spanish teacher Fernando Fonseca - on a journey through Zion, Bryce Canyon and the Grand Canyon National Parks exploring how nature reveals God's presence and deepens our understanding of faith.

This unique course was recently featured on the cover of *Jesuits* magazine - a testament to its innovation and



Chicago Concert (Saint Ignatius Choir and Orchestra)

6:30 p.m.

The Church of the Holy Family

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

PRAY

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES

GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

Open to Growth

Intellectually Competent

Religious

Loving

impact not only in Chicago, but across the Jesuit schools network.

On Holy Ground is one of the many opportunities Saint Ignatius students have to experience learning outside of the classroom. The course fulfills one semester of Theology elective credit and the senior retreat commitment. The 2026 course will include a 9-day camping and hiking trip to the Pacific Northwest to visit Mt Rainier, Olympic, and North Cascades National Parks.

[Click here for details and to register!](#)



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Justice**



ATHLETICS



It's been a thrilling few weeks for the Wolfpack! We've celebrated a number of Senior Nights this month, honoring members of the Class of 2026 who have demonstrated

exceptional commitment to the Wolfpack. Congratulations also to Girls Cross Country for winning the 25-team Lakes Invite with record-breaking runs from Ally Shutler and Annika Swan.

For a full recap, check out Athletic Director Mike Hurley's [Athletic Newsletter](#).

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY



First Friday Mass

Family and friends are invited to join the Saint Ignatius College Prep faculty, staff and students at First Friday Mass on **November 7 at 8:20 a.m.**

Guests are also welcome to attend to a light reception immediately following in the Tully Room located in the church office center. Please RSVP for Mass and the reception [here](#).

CLUBS + STUDENT ACTIVITIES

It's Not Too Late to Find Your Pack!

[More than 80 clubs](#) are waiting for new members! Explore the list, reach out to a moderator, or drop in during an Activity Period (schedule posted on Blackbaud). There's always room to get involved at Saint Ignatius.

Trick or Treat!

On **Tuesday, October 28**, we will host our annual **Clubs of Saint Ignatius Trick-or-Treating** event.

Clubs participating in trick-or-treating will be listed on the Activity Period Schedule that day, and all students are encouraged to visit our many clubs and organizations - you may even find a tasty surprise waiting for you!





Donate Candy to the IVC Halloween Party

On **Tuesday, October 28**, our Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) will be hosting **the annual after school Halloween Party**. IVC invites all school children to have a safe, fun and spooky time at Saint Ignatius.

We need **candy donations** to host the party. Please bring donations to the FAM Offices through October 24. Students are welcome to volunteer for this event!

Halloween Spirit Wear

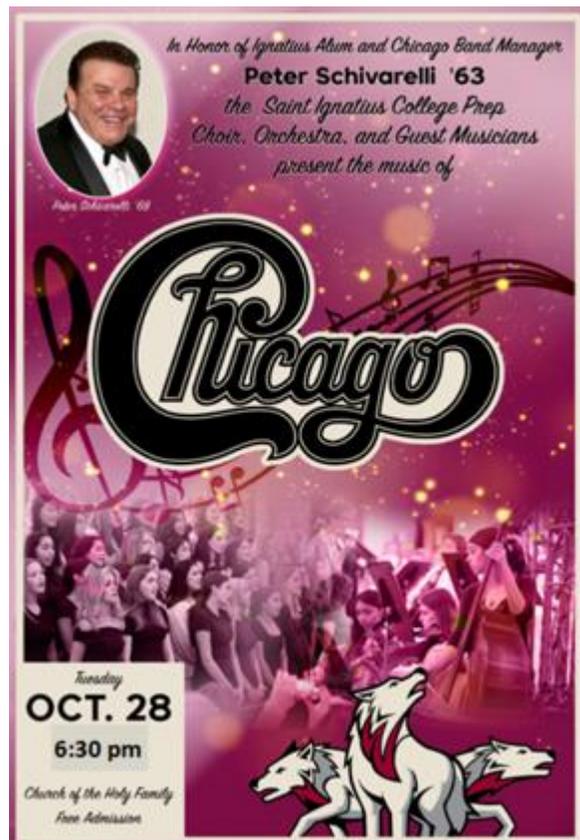
Friday, October 31 is Halloween! To celebrate, all are encouraged to wear orange, black, purple or spirit wear, paired with jeans or sweatpants.

Saint Ignatius Performs the Music of Chicago

Please join the Saint Ignatius Orchestra and Choir on **Tuesday, October 28** for a concert celebrating the music of the band Chicago, and honoring Chicago's longtime manager and Saint Ignatius alum, Peter Schivarelli '63.

The concert will feature more than 140 student musicians in the Orchestra and Choir, as well as guest performers from the Saint Ignatius Band and local musicians.

The hour-long concert will be performed in **The Church of the Holy Family** at



6:30 p.m. The program will include Chicago favorites *Saturday in the Park*, *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?*, *25 or 6 to 4*, and *Colour My World*. Please [RSVP](#) here.

Admission is free and no tickets are required. Parking is available in the Roosevelt Rd lot west of the church.

Young Women Thrive in WolfByte Robotics

Congratulations to the young women of WolfByte Robotics, who shined at the TWIST Off-Season Competition on October 11 in Muskego, WI. Competing alongside nearly 30 teams, these Saint Ignatius students showcased leadership, teamwork and a commitment to inclusion in STEM. TWIST, which features all-female and underrepresented teams, gave members the chance to develop strategies, hone skills and connect with others passionate about diversity in engineering. Keep up the good work, Wolfpack!



COLLEGE COUNSELING

PROGRAMMING FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

Application Reminders for November 1 Deadlines

- Please “match” your Common Application to Naviance.
- List all of the colleges you’re applying to in Naviance under “Colleges I’m Applying To” - including the correct application deadlines - by October 24th

- Listing colleges in Naviance is your Transcript Request and your request for Recommendations to be sent. If you're using an institutional application instead of the Common App, let us know by noting that in Naviance.
- If you plan to send ACT or SAT scores, remember that these must be sent directly through the ACT or College Board websites as soon as possible. **College Counseling does not send test scores and they are not included on your transcript.**

We're here to help support you every step of the way - thank you for keeping these details in mind so we can meet your deadlines together!

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

These final weeks of visitors are for juniors as well as for seniors. Full listings of upcoming visits are listed in Naviance and in the announcements. Visits 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.

PROGRAMMING FOR THE CLASS OF 2028 and 2029

College Counseling in Advisory

We're thrilled to be visiting Freshmen Advisory Sections from **November 3 to 13.** We will be introducing the College Counseling office, the four-year plan, Naviance and transcript/GPA topics.

College Counseling Coffee Talks

We will be offering these talks for freshman and sophomore parents/guardians throughout the year. The content is similar for each session.

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

Virtual: (Links to follow): Tuesday, November 11, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; register [HERE](#)

COUNSELING

Student Counseling Groups

All students received a survey to gauge their interest in joining a counseling group this semester. Counseling groups bring together students with similar experiences to share feelings, coping strategies, and support. Meetings are held weekly in **Room 320**, providing a space to connect with peers and learn from one another.

If you think that your student might benefit from meeting with other students for social-emotional support, please feel free to reach out to our School Therapist, [Mrs. Santini](#).

Save the Date: Virtual Parent Event with Dr. Heather Tedesco

Join us for an evening with Dr. Heather Tedesco, applied psychologist, parenting expert and co-author of *Raising a Kid Who Can: Simple Strategies to Build a Lifetime of Adaptability and Emotional Strength*. Dr. Tedesco will explore authentic success and the culture of achievement - offering practical insights to help families nurture resilience, balance and well-being.

This event will take place on **Wednesday, November 12** from **6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** This is a **virtual event**, more information and link will come.



DEVELOPMENT

Business Society Career Discussion

Students and parents are invited to join the Saint Ignatius Business Society for an engaging panel discussion featuring professionals from a variety of industries. Hear how they made decisions about college, career and life - and what they've learned along the way.

All students and their parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVP [here](#).

Business Society Luncheon

The Business Society will host their annual luncheon at the **Union League Club** on **Thursday, November 13** from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



Network, meet new friends and help us honor this year's awardees:

- Business Society Alumni Award for Excellence in the Field of Business
 - Gregory J. O'Leary '80 (left)
- Business Society Award for Excellence in the Field of Business
 - Michael Fassnacht (right)
- Presidential Award for Distinguished Neighborhood Business Partner
 - Wintrust Community Bank

RSVP [here](#).

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

October is National Prevention of Bullying Month

Social Media Safety SuperCourse

As part of Saint Ignatius College Prep's commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive digital environment, we are pleased to share the Social Media Safety SuperCourse.

In advance of **Mr. Ed Peisner's Cyberbullying and Social Media Safety Presentation** for freshman parents and guardians on **November 5, 2025, at 6 p.m.**, this free online resource offers families practical tools, videos and articles to promote online well-being and prevent cyberbullying.

[Click here to access the course: Buckling the Social Media Seatbelt.](#) Upon completion, participants can download a certificate recognizing their commitment to creating a safe and supportive community - both online and off.



SAFE Form Reminder

Student safety and well-being are essential at Saint Ignatius. The [SAFE Report Form](#) enables any community member to confidentially report behavior that violates our core values or the Respect and No Harassment Policy. Reports are reviewed by the Prefect of Mission and the

Deans. Questions can be sent to [Dr. John Igwebuike](#).

Becoming One Wolfpack DEIB Series for Juniors

The first installment of Becoming One Wolfpack: A Global Jesuit Leadership Development Series centering our Jesuit Catholic charism continues with the Junior class on Tuesday, October 14. This session is titled **Boundaries: Promoting Healthy Boundaries to Promote High Belongingness.**

Juniors, please, check your Blackbaud schedules for your dates and times.

Listening Society Induction

The Annual Lead Listening Society Induction Ceremony takes place on **Friday, October 24** in the Brunswick Room from **3:05 - 4 p.m.** as part of the 5th Annual Listening (Pre-) Conference. Saint Ignatius is proud to host the only student-led Listening Conference in the nation.

5th Annual Listening Conference - Saturday, October 25

The 5th Annual GUANACASTE: The Transformational Listening Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 25, 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.**"

Come build bridges of community, connection, compassion and collaboration. All are welcome.

[Please register today.](#) We look forward to seeing you.



DEANS' OFFICE

Fire Drill Number Two

We will hold our second fire drill of the year on Wednesday, October 22 during homeroom. We will evacuate to Fornelli field.

Dress Code Reminders

Collared Shirt Requirement

- Collars must be worn at all times during the school day.
- A collared shirt must be worn under a quarter zip or crew neck sweatshirt - quarter zips and crew necks alone do not meet the collar requirement.

- Turtlenecks, mock necks of sufficient length and sweaters with collars all meet the collar requirement.

Sweaters / Sweatshirts

- Hoodies of any kind are prohibited during the school day.
- Ignatius quarter zips and crew neck sweatshirts are permitted when worn with a collared shirt underneath.
- Non-Ignatius Quarter zips, crew neck or knit sweaters are permitted when worn with a collared shirt underneath, but must be free of large logos / designs - college sweatshirts and sweaters with large designs for example, are prohibited.

Bottoms

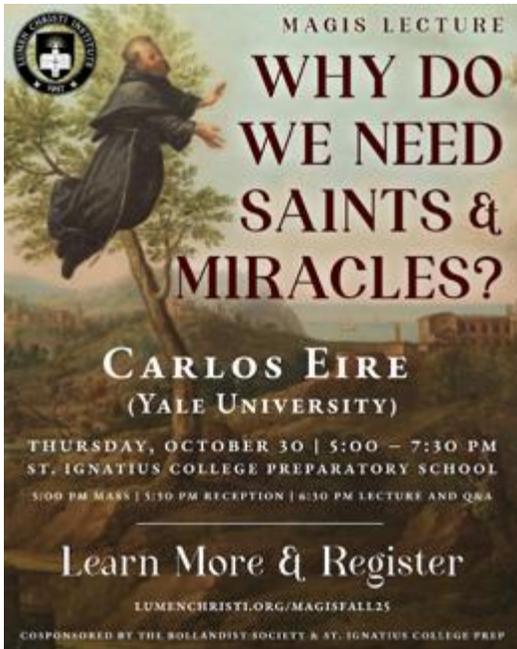
- Athletic pants, athletic skirts, drawstring pants and camouflage patterned pants are prohibited.
- Skirts can be no more than 3 inches above the knee - even if worn with leggings, tights or shorts underneath.

Shoes

- All shoes must be enclosed and have a back - sandals, clogs and slippers are prohibited.

You will be issued a JUG immediately if you are out of dress code during the school day.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT



Magis Lecture

Saint Ignatius College Prep is proud to host the next edition of the Magis Lecture Series on **Thursday, October 30**. Join us as we welcome Carlos Eire, History Professor at Yale University and graduate of Loyola Chicago, for his lecture titled **Why Do We Need Saints and Miracles?**

The event will also include Mass at 5:00 p.m., a Reception at 5:30 p.m., and a Q&A after Professor Eire's lecture. All are welcome to attend this free event.

Please find more information and RSVP [here](#).

Come Pray With Us

All are welcome to come reflect and pray with us on the first and third Wednesdays of the month with other parents and alumni.

We will gather on Google Meet on **November 5** from **8:00 to 9:00 a.m.** Please email [Gail Krema](#) for the link.

All-School Masses and Guest Coffees

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, November 7, 2025**.

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

Advent Morning of Reflection - Seeking Joy: Waiting in Hope

Pray with other parents and alumni as we're beginning the Advent journey on **Saturday, December 6** from 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m in the Brunswick Room. To register, please click [here](#).

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

Eucharistic Minister Training

We are ecstatic about the number of juniors and seniors (140) that have expressed interest to be trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Those that complete the training will be commissioned at the November 7 Ignatian Values Day Mass at 8:20 a.m. This mass will be live-streamed with additional seating available for our guests. Students will be placed in a rotation to serve at the all-school masses. Their commissioning will allow them to serve in their parishes and at other Catholic liturgies. We are delighted to see so many students willing to serve as liturgical ministers.



Freshman Service

We are so pleased and grateful to all the Freshmen who have already started to do their service. We have seen many of the Freshmen service hours successfully logged into Mobileserve. This shows the willingness of being open to growth among our Freshmen. Members of Formation and Ministry, led by Sr. Edelquine, have visited Freshman advisory periods recently, and have helped our Freshmen understand the purpose of service, requirements for service, service deadlines and how to log their hours into Mobileserve. We encourage all Freshmen to use this chance to download the Mobileserve App, ask questions about service and go out to serve the school and community.

We ask all our Freshmen to take advantage of our [running service opportunities document](#). There are many sites on that document that the students can go to for service.



Sophomore Chapel Reflections

The Fall sophomore Chapel reflections are scheduled for **October 20 to 24 in the fifth floor Cuneo Chapel**. These involve each Sophomore theology section where students reflect on Scripture and link that scripture to their service. We encourage all Sophomores to use this “mini retreat period” to understand deeply the purpose of service and how service recapitulates the mission of Christ who served to the peripheries.

Junior Retreat

All Juniors have been assigned to either an Emmaus or Kairos retreat. Student permission forms will be sent out 4-6 weeks prior to their retreat date. We look forward to these formative experiences with our Juniors as they navigate their junior year and grow in their faith formation. Questions may be directed at Junior Class Chaplain [Tiffany Swann-Covington](#).

Senior Service Capstone Program

All members of the Senior Class have now completed two Capstone Formation meetings led by Formation and Ministry. In partnership with Dr. John Igwebuike and Ms. Kitty Hooper from the Office of School Culture, students

learned about the importance of a growth mindset as they approach differences in their first session. Students reflected on the call of the disciples in Luke’s Gospel (5:1-11) as they were challenged to look at the Capstone as an experience of “putting out into deep water.” Further conversations focused on the importance of accompanying the diverse communities that they will encounter with humility, curiosity and openness. Inspired by our Catholic faith and sustained by our Jesuit values, students expressed excitement and enthusiasm for this integrative experience of faith in action.

The second Capstone Formation session, held last week, focused on uniting our faith with best practices for success in professional work environments. This included

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- SAINT IGNATIUS

reflecting on lessons they have learned in community, particularly on committing to healthy practices in communication and everyday interactions with others.

Students will receive their Capstone Site placements **before October 21**. As a reminder, all Seniors will be required to attend a **VIRTUS safe environment training** (lunch provided) after IVD (~noon) on **Friday, November 7**. This training will conclude by 3:00 p.m.

PARENT ORGANIZATION

Teacher Luncheon & Cookie Extravaganza



Show your appreciation for our teachers by baking your favorite holiday treats and dropping them off on **Wednesday,**

December 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. on Roosevelt Rd for our beloved annual cookie buffet in the Brunswick Room.

Annual Trivia Night - Saturday, February 7

For all you trivia buffs, mark your calendar now and start thinking about your teams! Keep an eye out for registration details in the coming weeks and don't miss out on this fun event that helps support our Post-Prom efforts.

Volunteer Opportunities

Saint Ignace Open House: Saturday, November 16

Save the date for this "all hands" volunteer opportunity as we showcase our school to prospective students and families.

Volunteer link will follow via email or in future Wolfpack Posts.

Spirit Store Sales

[Spirit Store](#) Volunteer Sign Up Link

[Parent Organization Volunteer List Sign Up](#)

Questions? - Email the Parent Organization Board at sicpvolunteers@gmail.com.

RESPECT LIFE CLUB

A Tribute to Those Who Served

The Respect Life Club is organizing a **Veteran's Day Tribute** to all the brave men and women who served our country.

We invite you to fill out [this form](#) to share photographs of notable veterans in your life. These photos will be featured in a slideshow in the link during Veteran's Day.

The deadline to fill out the form is **October 31**.

Saint Ignatius College Prep is proud to honor all of the veterans who sacrificed in order to serve and protect our country.



The March for Life and Cardinal O'Connor Conference at Georgetown University

The March for Life Trip is an annual march in Washington, D.C. where thousands gather to positively express the dignity and value of all human life, from conception to natural death. We march because we envision a future world where the beauty and dignity of every human life is valued and protected. The Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life at Georgetown University strives to promote intellectually rigorous discourse on the sanctity of human life as well as build a culture of life.

Sign up to join us using this [Google Form](#) by October 23rd. Dates and cost are included in the Google Form. Contact [Christine Mayeaux](#) for more information.

March for Life 2026

a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person

Jan 22, 2026 - Jan 24, 2026

Leave Thursday afternoon and return late Saturday night.

Cost: around \$700
pending flight prices

Organized by:

Respect Life Club



We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between.

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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