

Wolfpack Post

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

LOOKING AHEAD

November 5

*Cyberbullying & Social
Media Workshop for
Freshman
Parents/Guardians*

6:00 p.m.

Tully Hall

November 6

*Women's Society Holiday
Shopping Event*

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tully Hall

November 7

SHARING OUR GIFTS



On Tuesday, October 28, the Church of the Holy Family was filled with nearly 400 guests who came to experience something truly special: the music of *Chicago* performed by 140 Saint Ignatius student musicians. It was an unforgettable evening that

First Friday Mass

8:20 - 9:45 a.m.

The Church of the Holy
Family

Ignatian Values Day #2

November 7, 8, 14 & 15

Harlequins Fall Musical

McLaughlin Theater

November 12

*Counseling Speaker
Event: Dr. Heather
Tedesco*

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Virtual

November 13

*Business Society - 14th
Annual Luncheon*

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Union League Club

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

showcased incredible talent and offered a warm homecoming to Chicago's longtime manager and proud Ignatian alum, Peter Schivarelli '63. [See the recording here.](#)

Moments like this remind us what makes a Saint Ignatius education so distinctive. Learning comes alive when students apply what they know and experience the joy of bringing others together. Whether performing alongside professionals, welcoming young learners at Latin Days ([see photos](#)), presenting insights at the Guanacaste Listening Conference ([see photos](#)), touring visitors at Open House Chicago or welcoming fellow Jesuit school classmates from abroad, our students seize opportunities to generously share their gifts.

As we move toward the end of the calendar year, we look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate their achievements. [Check our calendar](#), and join us soon!

PRAY

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD
SERVICES

GRAD-AT-GRAD
VALUES

Open to Growth

Intellectually Competent

Religious

Loving

Committed to Doing
Justice



ACADEMICS

PSAT Results

Sophomores and Juniors: your PSAT results will be published in **Big Futures** on **Thursday, November 6**. If you did not download the app during the Digital Readiness Checks, you can find a link to Big Futures in the Bluebook app that you used to take the test. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact [Lisa Yanny-Tillar](#).



Semester Exams - No Classes During Exam Days

All students will take their semester exams **in their regularly scheduled classroom** with their teacher as the proctor. The exam periods are 100 minutes long. All students will have 90 minutes to finish an exam designed for 60 minutes. The exam schedule follows:

- Tuesday, December 16 - A, B, I
- Wednesday, December 17 - C, D
- Thursday, December 18 - E, F
- Friday, December 19 - G, H

No classes are meeting on these days, and students are not required to attend a class if they are not taking an exam. All students will receive a personalized exam schedule the week of December 8.

If a student has three exams scheduled for one exam day and wishes to reschedule the last listed period exam, they must complete the Google Form (sent via email to affected students) by November 14. All requests will be reviewed and approval emails with rescheduled exam details will be sent by December 2.

For any questions regarding exams, please contact your student's counselor.

ATHLETICS

It's been an exciting end to October in the Wolfpack, with exceptional performances in Cross Country, Swimming, Volleyball and Tennis. And there are more thrills to come, as many of our programs are advancing into the postseason.

For the complete rundown, check out the [Athletics Newsletter](#) from Mike Hurley '07.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

First Friday Mass

Family and friends are invited to join the Saint Ignatius College Prep faculty, staff and students on **Friday, November 7 at 8:20 a.m.** for our First Friday Mass. Guests are also welcome to attend a light reception immediately following 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.



Cardinal's Christmas Concert

We are honored to once again host Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich's Christmas Concert featuring the City Lights Orchestra and conducted by Rich Daniels.

This free musical will take place on **Sunday, December 7** from **2:00 to**



3:30 p.m. Tickets are not required; doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Apollo's Fire Concert

Join us at Church of the Holy Family on **Sunday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m.** for a special concert from the Praetorius Christmas Vespers, alongside Grammy winners Apollo's Fire and Artistic Director Jeannette Sorrell. Apollo's Fire brings this joyful celebration of the Christ Child to life with music certain to inspire youth and adults alike. Visit the [Apollo's Fire website](#) for more information and tickets.

Questions about Masses or events can be directed to contact@holyfamilychicago.org or Wendy McCarthy '84 at 312-492-8442 ext. 3.

CLUBS + STUDENT ACTIVITIES

It's Not Too Late To Get Involved

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



Honoring 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 all community members 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 on Tuesday, November 11.**

The deadline to fill out the form is **November 3.**

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

protect our country.

Christopher Christmas

Saint Ignatius is excited to continue the tradition of sponsoring Christopher Christmas at The Walter S. Christopher School.

All members of the Saint Ignatius community are encouraged to support this year's charitable drive by taking a wish list card from the tree in the Link from November 10 to 14. The gifts will be collected **the week before Thanksgiving break** and are due no later than **Friday, November 21.**

If your team or student organization is interested in sponsoring a group of students from the Christopher School, please email [Mrs. Perlman](#) for more information.

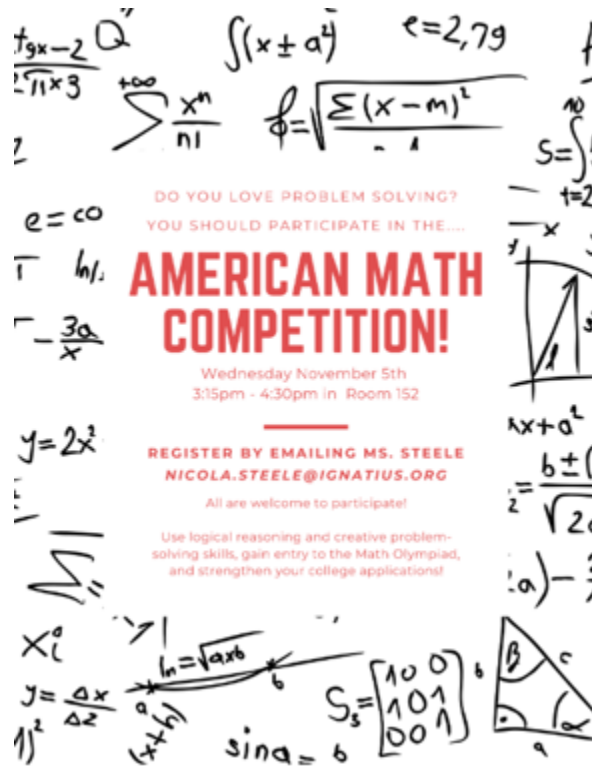
There is so much going on with the Math Team!

- We are building a competition team for inter-school math contests and we need students from all grades and all levels of mathematics! Come to 152 during Activity Period on P days for more information and for training.
- On **Wednesday, November 5** Saint Ignatius College Prep will host the **American Math Competition** in Room 152 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and participate.
- Our Monthly Math League Contests are held once a month before school (7:15 a.m. in Room 152 on 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10). All are welcome!

Please register for the Math Team and direct questions to [Ms. Nicola Steele](#).

Final Push for November 1 Deadlines

- Congrats to all seniors for submitting their applications by the November 1 deadline!
- Please ensure that your **“Colleges I’m Applying To” in Naviance** is correct, including accurate application deadlines. Listing colleges in Naviance serves as your request for both transcripts and letters of recommendation to be sent.



- If you're using an institutional application instead of the Common App, let us know by noting that in Naviance.
- ACT or SAT scores **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.

Junior Family College Planning Night

Mark your calendars for our Junior Family College Planning Night on **Tuesday, November 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

The link for this virtual event is [here](#). Please direct questions to [Janet Harrison](#).

Sophomore College Counseling Coffee Talks

Please register [here](#) for our final College Counseling Coffee Talks for sophomore parents/guardians. This is a virtual event that will take place on **Tuesday, November 11, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.**

College Counseling in Freshman Advisory

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Senior Portraits

Root Studios will be on campus to take senior portraits from **December 1 to 5**. Please visit rootseniors.com to schedule, confirm and prepay for your session if applicable. You must schedule your own appointment online and follow the school dress code as listed in the student handbook. Please contact [Ryan Bergin](#) with questions.

COUNSELING



Join Us: 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.**

Guests are encouraged to [RSVP](#). This is a **virtual event** that can be joined using [this link](#).

DEVELOPMENT

Gloriam 2026

We are delighted to introduce the Gloriam 2026 Co-Chairs, a dedicated group of parents whose enthusiasm and commitment embody the spirit of the Saint Ignatius community.

- Frowene and Elliott Rodgers - parents of Elliott '23, Moses '24 and Solomon '27
- Chiara (Marcheschi) '94 and Dan Wrocinski - parent of Annabelle '27
- Heather Zimmerman and David Gaito - parents of Miles '26, Tessa '28 and 8th grader Alasdair



Please click here for Gloriam 2026 [sponsorship opportunities](#).

Please click here for our Gloriam 2026 [in-kind contribution and donation form](#).

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.**

Attendees will have the opportunity to network, enjoy a meal and help us honor this year's awardees:

Business Society Alumni Award for Excellence in the Field of Business
- **Gregory J. O'Leary '80**

Business Society Award for Excellence in the Field of Business
- **Michael Fassnacht**

Presidential Award for Distinguished Neighborhood Business Partner - **Wintrust Community Bank**

Please [RSVP here](#) for this event, and contact [Mary Hughes](#) with any questions.

The San Ignacio Society Coat Drive

The San Ignacio Society will be partnering with ALAS, Latin X and the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica to collect new and gently used coats for vulnerable populations. **Collection boxes can be found in the link.** These coats will be distributed through community organizations, such as homeless shelters,



John George '98



THE ART & SCIENCE OF BUILDING



Nick Paulson



Chris McGuire '87 and
Donnie Madia



Sean M. Jucas '99 and Burnham
Harbor Private Wealth



Matt Tully '06



R. Matthew Simon '75,
Helen Brach Foundation



immigrant support organizations and local non-profit social service providers throughout the Chicagoland area.



Women's Society Holiday Shopping Event

Please join the Women's Society on **Thursday, November 6** for our annual Holiday Shopping Event. This event will take place in **Tully Hall from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Nearly 40 incredible vendors will showcase their unique treasures, offering everything from exquisite gifts to delightful treats. It's the perfect opportunity to mingle with friends, discover something special and kick off the holiday season.

We will also be collecting materials to donate to a local women's shelter.

Please bring items such as diapers, toiletries and bed sheets to help women in our community.

DEANS' OFFICE

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 and sweaters with collars all meet the collar requirement.

Sweaters / Sweatshirts

- Hoodies of any kind are prohibited during the school day.
- Saint Ignatius quarter zips and crew necks are permitted with a collared shirt.
- Non-Saint 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 day.

Annual Lockdown Drill

We will hold our annual lockdown drill with the help of the Chicago Police Department on **Friday, November 14** during the homeroom period.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Social Media Safety SuperCourse

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

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.**

The 2025-2026 Princeton Race Challenge

The Princeton Challenge honors high school students who have demonstrated notable work in race relations. Each Princeton Prize recipient receives an award of \$1,000 and is invited to participate in The Symposium on Race. Interested students should visit [the website](#) and inform [Dr. John G. Igwebuike](#) for assistance and mentoring to build their application portfolio.



November Cultural Heritage Celebrations

For the month of November, Saint Ignatius College Prep is proud to continue its celebration of the rich cultural traditions within and among our diverse community. November includes observances such as Thanksgiving, National Native American Heritage Month, Black Catholic Heritage Month and **Día de los Muertos**, the Mexican celebration honoring the lives of

departed loved ones. Student clubs may contact [Dr. John G. Igwebuike](#) to collaborate on cultural celebration ideas.

Mix It Up Day

On **Monday, November 3**, Saint Ignatius's Diversity Club will host its sixteenth annual **Mix It Up Day** on the **fifth floor balcony**. This community-building event is part of a nationwide activity that allows students to sit in different spaces while enjoying food, snacks, and fun activities and get to know classmates they might not otherwise meet. The seemingly small act of sitting at a different lunch table can allow students to connect with new friends, gain new cultural perspectives and build potential life-long relationships, all while fostering a sense of inclusion, community and belonging.



FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

Come Pray With Us

All are welcome to come reflect and pray **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 that follow. You can register [here](#) for our next all-school mass and guest coffee on **Friday, November 7.**

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 Visitor's Pass.

Advent Morning of Reflection - Seeking Joy: Waiting in Hope

We are launching our first Advent Morning of Reflection on **Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** As we begin our Advent journey together, we will pray with Scripture, have quiet reflection time with journaling and share our reflections with the group. Lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) to register. A small donation of \$5 is suggested. Please contact [Gail Krema](#) if you have any questions.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

Sophomore Chapel Reflections and Service

Our Fall Sophomore Chapel reflections concluded last Friday. These involved each Sophomore theology section reflecting on Scripture and linking it to their service. Students used this “mini retreat period” to understand the purpose of service and how their work recapitulates the mission of Christ.

“Love ought to show itself more in deeds than in words.”

— St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sophomores must complete **ten service hours by December 4**. Students can visit our [running service opportunities document](#).

Ignatian Values Day #2: Discovering God’s Voice on our Journey

On **Friday, November 7**, the Saint Ignatius community will gather to celebrate **our second Ignatian Values Day**. All are welcome to attend our Mass honoring the Saints and Blesseds of the Society of Jesus. Fr. Paul Shelton, S.J., vocation director of the Midwest Provinces, will join as our guest presider. **Mass will begin at 8:20 a.m.**

Following our liturgy, students will participate in a variety of faith-based activities as they reflect on how God continues to call them towards their vocation. We will also use our IVD day to commission over 100 new student Eucharistic Ministers who have completed their training and formation.

PARENT ORGANIZATION



Parent Volunteers Needed - Saint Ignatius Open House

On **Sunday, November 16**, Saint Ignatius College Prep will open its doors to prospective students and their families during our annual Admissions Open House. This is an all-hands on deck event that helps showcase the incredible academics, facilities and extracurriculars our school offers.

We need parent volunteers to create a welcoming environment and share

all that Saint Ignatius has to offer.

[Sign Up here](#) to volunteer on Sunday, November 16.

Save the Date! Upcoming Parent Org Events

Cookie Kindness & Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Wednesday, December 10

Sophomore Parent Mixer & Winter Game Night - Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Trivia Night - Saturday, February 7, 2026

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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