

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023****LOOKING AHEAD****Thursday, November 16**

Christmas Choir and Orchestra Concert

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family

Monday, November 20

Thanksgiving Break!

Tuesday, November 28

First of Three Days of Senior Portraits

President's Conference Room/4th Floor

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

CAMPUS SAFETY UPDATE

Saint Ignatius College Prep has long been committed to a multi-faceted safety approach to best protect students, faculty and staff. Recent events in the city, though, and more directly in our surrounding neighborhood, have prompted us to add layers to measures we already had in place.

It is our goal to update you on significant measures we've taken in the last eight weeks:



- We added a day-shift, in-house, off-duty police officer who is armed, and is on campus 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. His name is Moises Diaz.
- Two additional police officers from the 12th District have been assigned to our neighborhood detail. This supplements routine premise checks of Saint Ignatius College Prep from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. every day. Officers assigned to the neighborhood beat check in regularly with the school.
- From 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. every school day, our unarmed security guards check student IDs at the



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Intellectually Competent
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student entrances off the Walsh Garden and the Quad.

- Saint Ignatius College Prep has retained an armed Sentinel Security guard to patrol the campus exterior in a marked car after school, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and at other times when there are events.
- Our in-house security monitors our parking lot from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. every school day.
- Students are encouraged to move their cars closer (to the faculty parking lots) after school to shorten their walking distance post-practice/club activity.
- We have a vehicle with security signage and mars lights that we use to broadcast “presence” around campus and the neighborhood.
- We just completed our annual lockdown drill in concert with the Chicago Police Department.
- We have formed a parent and administrator group to address safety concerns and implement initiatives.
- We recently concluded our third evaluation of this year with an outside safety consulting group. We will review recommendations.
- UIC has installed a new high resolution, high tower camera that monitors Morgan Street, the Barbara Jean Wright Homes and Rice Park.
- Coaches have been instructed in evacuation procedures and protocols for outside activities.
- We hosted a safety meeting for parents that included political representatives from the city of Chicago and police agencies.

We continue to have 50 cameras strategically placed inside and outside the campus that are tied to the Chicago Emergency Operations Center. Security is an evolving issue that requires personal vigilance, too. We continue to speak with our students and staff about best practices regarding safety.

ACADEMICS

SEMESTER EXAM INFORMATION

Semester exams are scheduled for December 12-15.

Students who have three exams scheduled for December 12 may choose to reschedule their I period exam. Students have received an email that includes a Google form that they must complete by Friday, November 17 to request this exam schedule change.

All students will receive a personalized exam schedule the week of December 4.



First semester grades will be posted on December 19.

SCHOOL DAY SAT TEST WITH ESSAY

Unfortunately, we will not be hosting a School Day SAT test on March 8 as previously announced. Instead, we will be hosting an SAT School Day exam for Saint Ignatius Juniors on Thursday, April 11, 2024. This exam is digital and will be administered at the beginning of the day from 8:00 a.m to 10:30 a.m. Students will be excused from classes that meet during these periods. This is an optional exam for students. Offering the exam on campus gives Saint Ignatius Juniors the opportunity to take the exam in a familiar setting. The cost is \$46 and will be added to a student's tuition bill. Students will test on their own iPads with a keyboard. **The exam includes an essay portion.** We can only register students for the SAT with Essay for this School Day administration. To register, students should [complete this form to register for the SAT with Essay](#) exam on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Deadline to register is Wednesday, **November 29, 2023.**



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**Time to order your
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Senior Week

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CAP, GOWN AND GRADUATION INFO

Seniors and parents, please review cap, gown, and graduation announcement information at Jostens.com.

While there is no charge for a cap and gown, all seniors must place a cap/gown order to ensure correct sizing. To order a cap and gown, visit the [Saint Ignatius store at Jostens.com](#). To select just a cap and gown, scroll to and click "Shop ALL Graduation Products." Scroll to the "Cap and Gown" section (below

"Apparel") and select "Cap, Gown, Tassel, and Stole Unit" listed at \$0. Edit size information accordingly. You can add graduation announcements and additional items if you'd like. **Graduation orders are due November 23.**

Jostens was at Saint Ignatius today for Senior Order/Info Day during all lunch periods.

ATHLETICS AT SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP

So many of our fall sports and athletes made it to the post-season! That means last weekend was very busy...and exciting. Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07 has the wrap on what the Pack accomplished in the last couple of weeks. To read about that and more, just [click here](#).



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Church of the Holy Family invites you and your families to attend any of our Masses or concerts. We look forward to seeing you!

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday, December 1 at 8:10 a.m. - First Friday Mass followed by Coffee Hour - please register by clicking [here!](#)

CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 10, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Cardinal's Christmas Concert featuring the City Lights Orchestra conducted by Rich Daniels. This is a free concert. Doors open at 1:30pm.

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

CLASS OF 2024

Senior Check-In Meeting (Optional)

Your College Counselor has opportunities for a Senior Student Check-in meeting. These are quick and easy meetings, and the purpose is to review your list of college applications. Your College Counselor has a 15-minute meeting option on their Calendly link to have this meeting occur sometime between November 27 - December 8.

FAFSA UPDATE

Click [HERE](#) for an hour-long informative video.

CLASS OF 2025

MANDATORY JUNIOR FAMILY COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHTS

Thank you for your efforts to attend one of our two evening programs. For students or parents/guardians who could not make it either night, you can view the recording of our virtual session in Blackbaud, under "Resources," under the College tile.

STUDENT & PARENT JUNIOR QUESTIONNAIRES

Early this week (Tuesday, November 14), students and parents received their portion of the Junior Questionnaire in email. This year, it is in digital format only. Please complete by January 12, 2024. If you complete it earlier, you will receive a confirmation and Calendly links to set up your Junior Family Meeting. Students must complete their portion on the Junior Questionnaire prior to a family meeting being scheduled.

CLASS OF 2026 AND CLASS OF 2027

College Counseling Coffee Talks

Next option: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (in person) [Registration Link](#)

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS' OFFICE

ATTENDANCE COMMUNICATION

Parents, as the semester draws to a close, many families have received communication from the Deans' Office regarding student absences. We understand these notices can be concerning and want to emphasize that this outreach is extended in the hope of promoting transparency and good communication. We want to avoid catching a family off guard when a student's absences reach a problematic volume. Please see the Saint Ignatius College Prep absenteeism policy below. You can find all attendance policies in the Saint Ignatius Parent Student Handbook, pages 29-32.

Missing 10% of the days (18 in a school year) is considered excessive absenteeism and may result in loss of grade earning status or academic credit. When a student misses nine (9) days of school, a conference with a school administrator, the student's counselor, and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may be scheduled to discuss grade-earning designation and attendance expectations for the remainder of the academic

term.

The Deans' Office typically issues an attendance notification when a student reaches five (5) absences, then again at seven (7) absences. Absences due to school sponsored activities - retreats, athletic events, academic competitions, field trips and a limited number of college visits for upperclassmen - are the only types of absences not counted in these totals. In promoting awareness of accumulated absences, we hope families are well-informed for decision-making regarding additional discretionary absences for the remainder of the academic term and limiting discretionary absences whenever possible.

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL CULTURE - DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

NOVEMBER 2023 BECOMING ONE WOLFPACK (B1WP) INSTALLMENT

For the November installment of Becoming One Wolfpack (B1WP), freshman and sophomore students deepen their contemplative skills of mindfulness--being truly present in the moment--as one of many gifts through which we enact God's love for the world as men and women for and with others. Students should check their e-mails for their B1WP dates and times.

CULTURAL HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS

For November, Saint Ignatius College Prep is proud to continue its celebration of the rich cultural traditions within and among our diverse community (i.e. National Native American Heritage Month, Black Catholic Heritage Month, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving).



2023-2024 PRINCETON RACE CHALLENGE APPLICATION PORTAL IS OPEN!

As noted in an earlier posting, the 2023-2024 Princeton Race Challenge Application Portal is now open. The Princeton Challenge honors high school students who have demonstrated notable work in race relations. The program is sponsored by Princeton University and principally undertaken by its alumni. Each Princeton Prize recipient receives an award

of \$1,000 and is invited to participate in a Symposium on Race. Interested students should visit the website [here](#) and inform Dr. John G. Igwebuike for assistance, coaching, and mentoring as needed.

ANNUAL BLACK CATHOLIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

We will have a very special guest on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, from 9:55 a.m.-10:45 a.m. During Activity Period in the McLaughlin Theatre, the Most Reverend Joseph Perry, Titular Bishop of Lead and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Chicago Diocesan Postulator for the Cause of Augustus Tolton, will give a presentation called, "Father Augustus Tolton and the Pathway to Sainthood."

FOSTERING BELONGING AND INCLUSION: MIX IT UP DAY 2023

On Thursday, November 9, 2023, Saint Ignatius students took part in our annual Mix It Up Day which has been a staple in our community for more than fifteen years. This community-building event allowed students to sit in different spaces while enjoying pizza and fun activities as they got to know classmates they might not otherwise meet. Much like little keys

open big doors, the seemingly small act of sitting at a different lunch table can make a life-changing difference for students (to connect with new friends, gain new cultural perspectives, and build potential life-long relationships) and their classmates (to help others feel a sense of welcome, inclusion, community, and belonging). Every good friend was once a stranger. Mix It Up Day increases the likelihood that these stranger-to-friend transformations can take place. The strength of the wolf is in the pack! Let's mix it up, Wolfpack!

DEVELOPMENT NOTES AND EVENTS



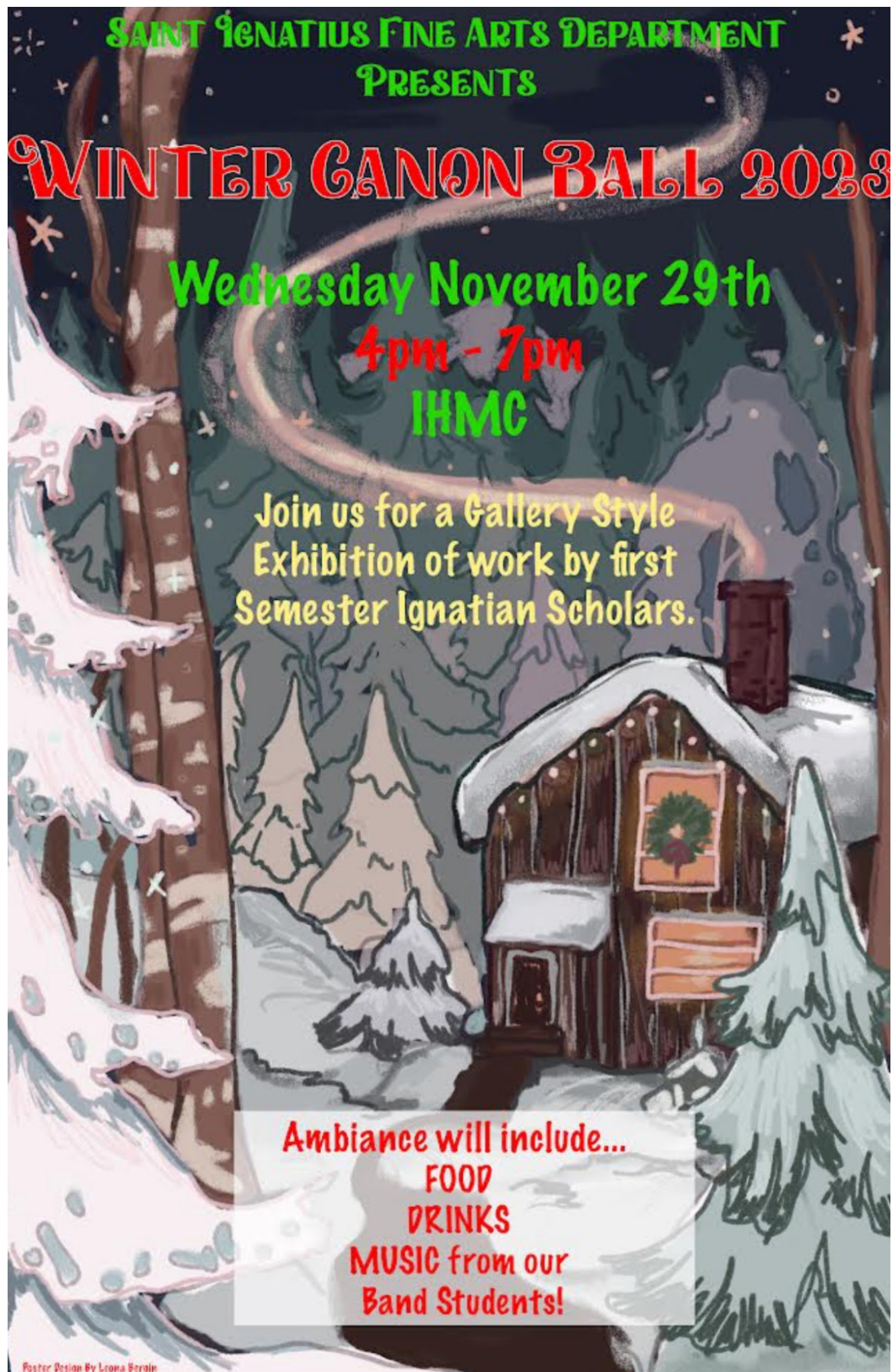
INFO FOR WOMEN'S SOCIETY HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT VENDORS

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Women's Society Holiday Shopping Event! If you would like to purchase anything from the vendors who were at the event, you can find their information on the [Women's Society's page](#). Most of the businesses are owned by women so it's a privilege to support them. Thank you for being at our event!

We would like to give a HUGE shout out to our Holiday Shopping Event Co-Chairs: Cory Gonzalez, Sara Koehl, and Jodi Stuart! Thank you!! We appreciate your dedication, talent, and grace. Thank you, also, to each and every volunteer who helped us prepare for, execute, and break

down the event. You are magic. **Next up for the Women's Society will be a game night on February 7th.** More details coming soon!

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT NEWS



FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT PRAYER

Please join us on Wednesday, December 6 at 8:00 AM for **"Prepare the Way of the Lord."** We will pray with Scripture, as well as a painting - Lectio and Visio Divina (Divine reading and seeing).

Please email [Father Patrick Fairbanks, S.J.](#) for the Zoom link.



FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT



SACRAMENTAL LIFE IN ADVENT

Students will have many ways to pray and prepare the way for the coming of Jesus after returning from Thanksgiving. During Advent, all students will have the chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during an assigned Theology class. At a communal service at the Church of the Holy Family, students will have the opportunity to pray an examination of conscience and then be able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

OUR SECOND IGNATIAN VALUES DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Additionally, we will have two all-school Masses in December. The first will be a part of our second Ignatian Values Day on December 1, which will center the [Eucharistic Revival](#) currently taking place in the Catholic Church in the United States. Beginning on the feast of Corpus Christi in 2022 and concluding with a [National Eucharistic Congress](#) in 2024, the bishops of the United States have invited the Catholic faithful to renew our love for Jesus in the Eucharist and to recognize its transformative power in helping us become people of love and service. We are blessed to be joined by Rev. Timothy Monahan, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addition to Mass, students will have time to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist in their lives, experience prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and share food and fellowship in their homerooms. The second Mass will be for the [Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception](#) on Thursday, December 8th.

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE SERVICE DEADLINES

Deadlines for freshman and sophomore service hours are approaching quickly. 5 hours for freshmen are due by Wednesday, December 6. Ten hours for sophomores are due by Friday, December 8. As a reminder, all students should see Mr. Doyle to discuss each new service opportunity before beginning service. For more detailed requirements for service hours, please see [this document for freshmen](#) and [this document for sophomores](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Mr. Doyle](#).

JUNIOR WOLFPACK

Calling all grammar school students: Come watch the Wolfpack in action!

Saint Ignatius College Prep Girls Basketball looks forward to hosting you at our Grammar School Night when we take on Fenwick on Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. It should be a great game!

Come dressed in your grammar school gear to cheer on the Wolfpack. We can't wait to see you in the Gentile Gym!

Questions? Just Contact Coach [Angela Kladis](#).



LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

FANTASTIC FIELD TRIP

Monsieur Jousts class, with the help of Madame Guzik, had a fantastic field trip at the Alliance Française of Chicago. Students learned about the Alliance, cooked their own meal and enjoyed a French movie!

PARENT ORGANIZATION

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Interested in joining the Parent Organization's volunteer database? We welcome any and all assistance. Please sign up [here](#).

SAVE-THE-DATES:

January 20, 2024 - The Parent Organization's annual Trivia Night.

February 22, 2024 - Junior Parent and Guardian Party

SPIRIT STORE

WE HAVE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS...CHECK OUT OUR GIFT GUIDE!

Saint Ignatius WOLFPACK GIFT GUIDE

Spread holiday cheer with a great item from the Spirit Store!

Flannel PJ
Pants



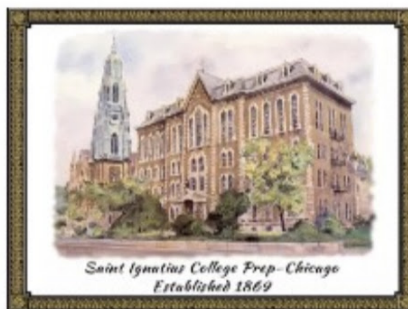
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Unisex
Crewneck
Sweatshirt



Julia Gash
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mug, pouch,
art print
and coloring
book



Tapestry Throw
Blanket- 54"x70"



Winter
Hats



SPIRIT
Fingers



4x6
Photo Frames



For info, please contact tina.bobor@ignatius.org

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SHOUT OUTS AND CALLS TO GET INVOLVED!

The world of Student Activities has been busy! Our Saint Ignatius Model United Nations Team (SIMUN) won "Best Large Delegation" last weekend at New York University's EmpireMUNC competition, The Harlequins had two back-to-back weekends of phenomenal performances of *Into the Woods*, and our clubs showed up to represent our student organizations at Open House. Students, remember to be ACTIVE during ACTIVITY PERIOD and get involved! Check out our [list of clubs and organizations](#) and activity period schedules on W & P Days to go to a meeting and join a club!

CHRISTOPHER CHRISTMAS

Christopher Christmas at [The Walter S. Christopher School](#) has been an annual tradition for more than 20 years at Saint Ignatius College Prep, and it's happening again this year! Check out some television news highlights from last year's Christopher Christmas [here](#). All members of the Saint Ignatius community are encouraged to support this year's Christopher Christmas by taking a wish list card from the table in the Link. Card pick-up continues through November 17, and gifts will be collected the week after Thanksgiving Break (due by December 1).

Students, if you signed up to participate in Christopher Christmas on Monday December 4, please make sure to submit your permission slip to Ms. Hipple in Student Activities no later than December 1!



DECK THE QUAD!!!

The annual Christmas Tree Decorating will take place on Friday December 8, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Quad. Student Council is planning a fun afternoon with cookies, hot chocolate and lots of festive cheer. Make sure to stop by the Christmas Tree Decorating and plan on taking your festive mood to one of the biggest competitions of the year.

Loyola University-Chicago is this year's home for the annual Jesuit Cup. That's right: You can continue tree-trimming fun as a fan in the stands when you go to support our Girls (5:30 p.m.) and Boys (7:00 p.m.) Basketball Teams as they take on Loyola Academy in the Cup. Pack Pride has chosen Christmas as the game theme. Go Wolfpack!

FINAL THOUGHT...

Happy Thanksgiving, Wolfpack! We're grateful for YOU! Enjoy your time with loved ones....

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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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