
Your Wolfpack Post - November 30, 2023



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, December 2

Class of 2028 Entrance Exam

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

Tully Hall and Classrooms

Monday, December 4

Christopher Christmas

Giving trip to the Walter S. Christopher
School

Tuesday, December 12

Semester Exams Begin

GOOD LUCK!

CAMPUS SAFETY UPDATE

The subject of safety and security will remain in this spot, here in the *Wolfpack Post* to keep it top-of-mind for everyone at Saint Ignatius College Prep. We continue to work on a multitude of measures to safeguard our building and everyone in it. To review, those include:

- The addition of 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.
- Student ID checks from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the student entrances off the Walsh Garden and the Quad.
- The in-house security monitoring of our parking lot from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. every school day.
- The formation of a safety advisory board which includes parents and administrators.

Our safety net also extends into our neighborhood. Here are some of the highlights:

- We have a network of cameras tied to Chicago's Emergency Operations Center.

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

QUEST FOOD SERVICES

VENTRA CARD



- 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.
- Coaches have received instruction in evacuation procedures for outside activities.
- We have a vehicle with security signage and mars lights that we use to broadcast “presence” around campus and the neighborhood.

Our leadership team continues to engage city leaders so they understand our concerns and hopefully act on them. It's imperative our District 12 Chicago Police Officers know we appreciate their work to keep our students, faculty and staff safe. Just before Thanksgiving, Saint Ignatius College Prep and Board Chair Martin Cabrera thanked officers for all they do with a luncheon at the district.



PERSONAL SAFETY REMINDER

We're also taking this opportunity to remind our community, a little personal safety goes a long way. Always be aware of your surroundings: Don't get lost in your phone. Please remove earbuds when you're walking in the neighborhood. Finally, don't walk alone. Go places in groups!

ACADEMIC NEWS

EXAMS

Study Up!! First Semester exams will be administered December 12-15. All students will receive a personalized exam schedule listing which classes will be giving exams, along with the days and times of the exams. Make sure you check your email. We will be sending schedules to students via email on December 5.



STUDY PREP WORKSHOP!

During Activity Period on **December 5**, we will host Laurie Siegel, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, for a *Stress-Less Semester Exams Workshop* in McLaughlin Theater. All students are invited to attend and prepare for semester exams by learning test day strategies, stress management tips, and managing anxious thoughts with a balanced mindset. All student attendees will be entered to win a Quest gift card!

ATHLETICS

From a second place finish for Boys Basketball in the Windy City Turkey Classic to a Girls Basketball win on Grade School Night, to a big Bowling "W" over the Mighty Macs -- our teams have been busy. Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07 has the wrap on Pack Sports from the last couple of weeks. To get caught up, just [click HERE](#).



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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

MASS DATES

Friday, December 1 - First Friday Mass at 8:10 a.m. followed by Coffee Hour

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Friday, December 8 at 8:10 a.m. *Please register for our Masses by [clicking here](#) or contact Development Director, Wendy Guido McCarthy '84, at 312-492-8442 ext. 3. We look forward to seeing you!*

Fr. George Lane, S.J. Memorial Mass Jesuit Scholastic at Saint Ignatius College Prep – 1961 to 1964

There will be a Memorial Mass and reception for Fr. George Lane, S.J. on **Sunday, December 17** at Church of the Holy Family. Mass will begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by a reception in Tully Hall at Saint Ignatius College Prep. In many ways, Fr. Lane, S.J. is the "Second Founder" of Church of the Holy Family. As a founding member of the Holy Family Preservation Society, he helped lead the effort to stave off the demolition of the historic 1857 church and helped raise over \$1 million in restoration funds before a looming deadline in the 1990s. His appreciation for this deeply spiritual and lovingly crafted church, built by Fr. Arnold

Damen, S.J., knew no bounds. His dogged support for its care and maintenance over the decades made Fr. Lane one of the best advocates for its continued preservation and religious purpose to people all over Chicago.

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

CLASS OF 2024

Senior Check-In Meeting (Optional)

These are quick and easy meetings! Their purpose is to help you review your list of college applications. Your college counselor has a 15-minute meeting option on his/her Calendly link to make sure this meeting happens prior to final exams.

FAFSA UPDATE

The launch will occur by December 31. No specific date has been released.

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

CLASS OF 2025

ACT Test Prep (optional) -- The registration deadline is February 5.

In-Person Option: We have collaborated with Academic Approach to run in-person classes this spring. Classes run February through April and will be Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, after school, from 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Classes need a minimum of 10 students and have a maximum of 20 students. These classes will prepare students for future ACT exams including the April 13 and June 8 sittings of the ACT exam (Saint Ignatius is a registered location for those two exams.) You can register for those exams [HERE!](#)

Class dates and registration links will be available in the next Wolfpack Post, just before Christmas Break.

Financial aid is available for the class for those who qualify. You can contact [Kurt Schmidt](#) once the registration link is available.

JUNIOR FAMILY COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHTS

Feel free to view the recording of our virtual session in Blackbaud, under "Resources," under the "College" tile.

STUDENT & PARENT JUNIOR QUESTIONNAIRES

Please complete your questionnaire by January 12, 2024. This year, it is in digital format only. 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS' OFFICE

LOST AND FOUND

Please note: We will donate **ALL** lost and found items at the end of the day on December 15. Please stop by the Deans' Office before that day to potentially claim your lost items.

ATTENDANCE COMMUNICATION REVIEW

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

Upcoming 46th Annual African American Heritage Prayer Service

On Friday, February 23, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Saint Ignatius College Prep plans to once again bring a delegation of students to the 46th Annual African American Heritage Prayer Service at Holy Name Cathedral located at [735 North State Street](#) in Chicago. Bishop Joseph Perry of Vicariate VI will serve as this year's presider and homilist. As we celebrate [Black Catholic History Month](#) in November, we look forward to gathering in prayer and celebration for this annual Archdiocesan Prayer Service with Catholic elementary and high schools during Black History Month in February.



Anticipatory Notification: Alumni Survey 2024

The Board of Trustees School Culture—Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee is pleased to announce the upcoming 2024 Alumni Survey. To date, the DEIB Committee has administered the Student, Faculty, Staff, and Administrator, and the Parents and Guardian Survey. The Alumni Survey will provide an opportunity to hear, listen to and understand the collective voices of our valued alumni as we use the information to inform our cultural inclusion work vis-a-vis our Ignatian Jesuit charism.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PRAYER BREAKFAST

Registration is open for the Inaugural Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Inter-Faith Mass and Prayer Breakfast. This event will be held at Saint Ignatius College Prep on Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Scan the QR code in the flier below to register!



SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP
SCHOOL CULTURE—DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Inaugural Interfaith Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, January 13, 2024 8:00 a.m. - Noon


Theme: The Beloved Community
Believe it, Behold it, Become it

Mass in Cuneo Chapel
8 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast in 5th-floor Area
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Community Service:
10:30 a.m. - Noon



Joseph A. Brown, S.J., Ph.D.
Keynote presenter

Scan to Register



Dr. John G. Igwebuike, Director john.igwebuike@ignatius.org
Ms. Kitty Hooper, Diversity Coordinator kitty.hooper@ignatius.org

DEVELOPMENT NOTES AND EVENTS

Class of 2023 Yearbook Signing

On Wednesday, January 3, 2024 the Class of 2023 is invited to come back to campus to visit with their classmates and pick up their yearbooks. Food and drinks will be provided. Registration is required. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

On Friday, January 26, 2024 various Saint Ignatius College Prep Athletes will be inducted into our Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime of the Varsity Basketball game. Details to follow.

Law Society Annual Luncheon

The Annual Saint Ignatius College Prep Law Society Luncheon will be held Thursday, February 8, 2024 at the Union League Club of Chicago. Details to follow.

Gloriam 2024

Gloriam 2024 Sponsorships are now available! For questions or further information, please contact [Libby Lucas](#). [CLICK HERE](#) to become a Sponsor. [CLICK HERE](#) for Sponsorship Levels.

FINE ARTS NEWS ***TONIGHT!***

Please join us for the Winter Percussion Ensemble Concert on Thursday November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the McLaughlin Theatre! Admission is free for all. Hope to see you there!



FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

Ignatian Values Day #2 “Eucharistic Revival” and Sacramental Life in Advent:

Advent provides many opportunities for students to prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus. 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 focus on

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 8.

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE SERVICE DEADLINES

Deadlines for freshman and sophomore service hours are approaching quickly. Five hours for freshmen are due by Wednesday, December 6. Sophomores must complete 10 service hours by Friday, December 8. As a reminder, all students should contact [Mr. Doyle](#) to discuss each new service opportunity before beginning service.

FUTURE WOLFPACK

iPad PROGRAM FOR THE CLASS OF 2028

Our incoming freshman class members will receive a school-issued iPad. We have a full explanation of the program on the school website in the FAQ section of our Admissions page. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for easy access to the important information!



PARENT ORGANIZATION

Faculty/Staff Luncheon & Cookie Kindness

To celebrate our faculty and staff *sweetly* for the holidays, the Parent Org will host a holiday luncheon on Monday, December 11.

We invite you to contribute two to three dozen cookies, brownies or candies (homemade or store bought) that we will distribute in tins to every faculty/staff member after the luncheon.

The Parent Org will collect treats on

Monday, December 11, between 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. in two locations:

The front entrance on Roosevelt Street (you can have your student drop off inside), or in the Visitors' Lot off Blue Island (you won't need to get out of your car).

Feel free to include your family's name and a recipe card if you would like!

If baking isn't your thing, we are happy to accept a donation for the luncheon and desserts. Please click [HERE](#). Please contact [Kathleen Perreault](#) if you have any questions.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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**



**Unisex
Crewneck
Sweatshirt**



Sling Bag



**Julia Gash
Collection-
tote bag,
mug, pouch,
art print
and coloring
book**



**Tapestry Throw
Blanket- 54"x70"**



**Winter
Hats**



**4x6
Photo Frames**



**SPIRIT
Fingers**



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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CHRISTOPHER CHRISTMAS!

Thank you SO MUCH to the hundreds of Wolfpack community members who took a wish card to grant a child's wish at [The Walter S. Christopher School](#). This year's Christopher Christmas event takes place on Monday, December 4, so if you have not yet brought in your gift, please do so by Friday December 1. Stay tuned for pictures of the event after Saint Ignatius College Prep students, faculty and staff travel to the school to distribute gifts and spend the morning spreading holiday cheer on December 4!

CLUBS OF IGNATIUS CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST

Mini trees decorated by more than 25 clubs in the annual Clubs of Ignatius Christmas Tree Decorating Contest will be on display in the Link starting December 5. Students: Make sure to vote for your favorite tree by scanning the QR code at the tables by the end of the day on December 11. The winning club gets a fun prize!



DECK THE QUAD!

Calling all students!! 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 before heading over to Loyola University Chicago to support our Girls' (5:30 p.m.) and Boys' (7:00 p.m.) Basketball Teams as they take on Loyola Academy in the annual Jesuit Cup. Pack Pride has chosen "Christmas" as the game theme. Go Wolfpack!

FINAL THOUGHT...

As we go into semester exams, finding ways to take a breath and keep calm can help.

Total Wellness teacher, Katie Blume, took time to write about some of her students who are doing just that.

Blume says, "My mind and body students demonstrated a clear and comprehensive understanding of the aspects of a full yoga practice, while effectively performing various poses and transitions. Through their understanding of muscle use and alignment, students were able to grasp the benefits and advantages of different poses. They then developed additional abilities to use modifications and cues to adapt to the flow for each individual yoga pose depending on the particular difficulty level and individual abilities, allowing options. Also, at the end of each practice, students were given the opportunity to practice mindfulness meditation, allowing them to focus on being grateful and calm within their mind and body thus focusing on inner strength."



Wishing all students calm and inner strength for the exams to come!

AMDG

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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