

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, December 18

Christmas Break Begins!

Wednesday, January 3

Classes Resume!

Wednesday, January 3

Class of 2023 Yearbook Signing Party

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Tully Hall

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

CAMPUS SAFETY UPDATE

The leadership team at Saint Ignatius College Prep has an ongoing dialogue with the City of Chicago focused on neighborhood safety and security.

Since our last *Wolfpack Post* we met with Vice Mayor and 27th Ward Alderman Walter Burnett. We shared our concerns about crime incidents in our neighborhood and underscored our gratitude for the good work of the Chicago Police Department's 12th District officers.

Thanks to Vice Mayor Burnett for making time in his busy schedule to listen. Our goal is to have a voice on neighborhood matters for our students, faculty and staff, and for everyone else who calls our corridor home!

PRAY

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES

VENTRA CARD



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!

ATHLETICS

From the Jesuit Cup to the announcement of a Boys Track and Field Head Coach...Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07 has the Pack Sports round-up from the last couple of weeks. To get caught up, just [click HERE](#).



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

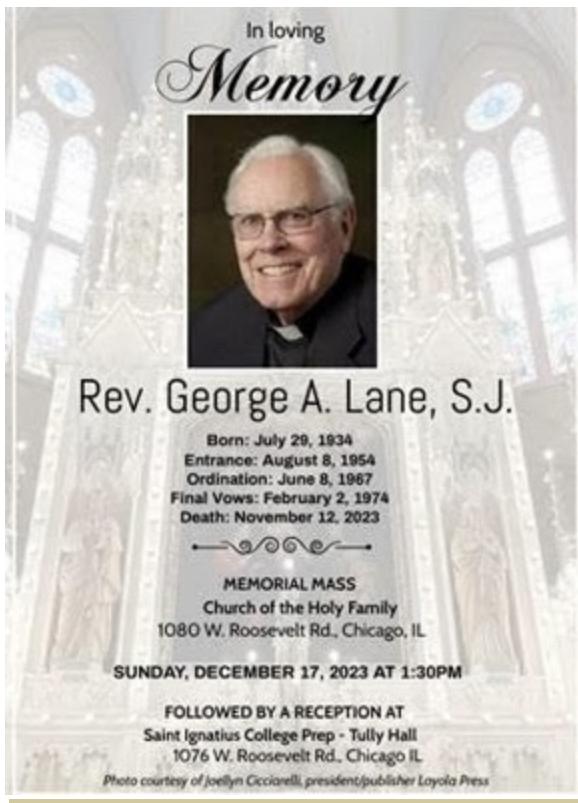
REV. GEORGE A. LANE, S.J. – MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, December 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Reception immediately following 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 he helped raise more than \$1 million in restoration funds. 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 made Fr. Lane one of the best advocates for its continued preservation and religious purpose for people all over Chicago.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS/Friday, January 5 at 8:10 a.m.



Please register for First Friday Mass and coffee hour by [clicking HERE](#) or contact Development Director, Wendy Guido McCarthy '84, at 312-492-8442 ext. 3. We look forward to seeing you!

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

ALL CLASS YEARS

USA Gap Year Fairs:

Friday, January 26, 2024 at Oak Park and River Forest High School
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

[Registration HERE!](#)

Sunday, January 28, 2024 at New Trier Township High school
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

[Registration HERE!](#)

CLASS OF 2024

Your "To Do" List:

- Update Naviance (and College Counselors) with your decisions
- If you were accepted to a college through Early Decision, please withdraw all your other applications at this time.
- Add any new applications to Naviance. College Counselors will send transcripts and recommendations by December 31.
- You do not need to request 7th semester transcripts. We will automatically send those to all your colleges in early January.
- If you were deferred or waitlisted at a college, follow all instructions in the decision letter to ensure continuing - if you should choose to do so - as a member of their application pool.

FAFSA UPDATE

The launch will occur by January 1. No specific date has been released.

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

CLASS OF 2025

YOUR "TO DO" LIST:

- Complete your Junior Questionnaire. Both student and parent portions are in digital format only and went out to individuals via email in November (search "Rene Gomez or rene.gomez@ignatius.org").

- Once you complete the questionnaire, 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 scheduling a family meeting.

ACT Test Prep (optional) -- Registration deadline is January 28 (originally posted as 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 - 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.)

For one of the two test prep classes [register HERE!](#)

Scroll to the bottom of the page to access the class schedule, the registration link and to request financial aid for the class.

Financial aid is available. Contact [Kurt Schmidt](#) with questions about financial aid.

For ACT exams [register HERE!](#)

JUNIOR FAMILY COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHTS

Recording of our virtual session is in Blackbaud under "Resources," under the "College" tile.

CLASS OF 2026

Save the Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Sophomore Families: College & Course Planning Webinar (Virtual only)

The Prefects' Office will send the link in January.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL PORTRAITS IN FEBRUARY!

School portraits for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take place on February 5-7, 2024. Freshmen will go for portraits with their English class, sophomores with their science class and juniors with their theology class. We will get the official schedule built in early January. Teachers will let their students know which day they are scheduled for portraits.

The final senior portrait days will take place on February 8-9. We will email a Google form with available time slots to seniors in early January. That email will come from [Ryan Bergin](#).

If your senior would like to do retakes of their portraits, please have them sign up on the same Google form when it comes out in January. All senior portraits must be taken during the student's free period or lunch. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS' OFFICE



LOST AND FOUND

The picture you see shows just a portion of our "lost and found." We want you to know that we will donate **ALL** lost and found items after **Monday, December 18**. Please send your student to the Deans' Office if they are missing any belongings. Right now, the list of unclaimed items is long and includes everything from backpacks, jackets and lunch boxes to an array of water bottles.

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

JANUARY INSTALLMENT OF BECOMING ONE WOLFPACK: SAFE REPORT FORM

The Becoming One Wolfpack: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Series will continue in January 2024. You can see the scheduled dates for the series in the snapshot based on the Wolfpack schedule.

B1WP is co-facilitated using student leaders, Arrupe Mentors, athletes, guest presenters and faculty and staff - the Wolfpack. All freshmen and sophomores will continue to receive notices of their assigned session times. In the Jesuit tradition, these Series strengthen community.

2024 B1WP Series	Freshman	Sophomore
January	10 (A), 11 (C)	23 (A), 24 (C)
February	14 (A), 15 (C)	28 (A), 29 (C)
March	14 (A), 15 (C)	26 (A), 27 (C)
April	16 (A), 17 (C)	26 (A), 29 (C)

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 slated to be presented in January. The DEIB Committee has administered the Student, Faculty, Staff and Administrator, and the Parents and Guardian Survey.

PRINCETON RACE CHALLENGE APPLICATION PORTAL

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 reach out to Dr. John G. Igwebuike for assistance, coaching and mentoring as needed.

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.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS

It's great when we can give a shout out!

English teacher Rachel Turkowski writes, "I wanted to tell you that two students of mine have been published! Elizabeth Chee and Diego Garcia have both been published by TeenInk. I've linked Elizabeth's work [HERE](#) and Diego's [HERE](#)."

Congrats to both students!

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!



FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

Advent Resources

Click [HERE](#) for a list of prayerful resources for the Advent Season, and know that you are all in our prayers. Also know that we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

First Friday Mass and Guest Coffee

You are welcome to attend the First Friday Mass on January 5 at 8:10 a.m. in the Church of the Holy Family. There will be a Guest Coffee to follow. For both, please [register HERE](#).

An Ignatian Silent Retreat for Women

Are you seeking silence, and the opportunity to get away? Consider joining other moms and alumni for a silent retreat in the New Year.

Mark your calendar for February 2 - 4, 2024.

The retreat leader is Fr. Jim Kubicki, S.J.

A 5th century bishop named Diadochus wrote that the measure of our love for God depends upon how deeply aware we are of God's love for us. St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises are designed to deepen our awareness of God's love. Our retreat will focus on the relationship between our hearts and God's.

Click [HERE](#) for more on "A Heart-Centered Approach to the Spiritual Exercises."

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

French club members had a very merry celebration. After decorating their Christmas tree for their Noël Party, Santa paid students a visit, and they enjoyed his presence as well as the delicious bûches de noël (chocolate Yule logs). Students also watched *Home Alone* in French with Madame Guzik and Monsieur Jouhet. Merry Christmas!



PARENT ORGANIZATION

Merry Christmas from the Saint Ignatius College Prep Parent Organization! We look forward to a Happy 2024, and hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Right at the top of the new year, we're bringing back **Trivia Night!** Bring your thinking caps to Tully Hall on January 20, 2024 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Join the fun and purchase your tickets by [clicking HERE](#).

Also, mark your calendars for the following:

- The Sophomore Parent and Guardian Social on February 13, 2024 at Quartino's
- The Junior Parent and Guardian Social on February 22, 2024 at the Palmer House Hilton

PERFORMING ARTS

Christus Natus Est!

Saint Ignatius College Prep Choir and Orchestra



1. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	Symphony Orchestra
2. Pavane for a Silent Night	Bella Voce Choir and Chamber Orchestra
3. March of the Kings	Concert Choir
4. Fantasia on a Spanish Carol (Fum, Fum, Fum!)	Chamber Orchestra
5. O Holy Night	Choirs and Orchestras
6. Good King Wenceslas	Symphony Orchestra
7. Christmas Sanctus	Bella Voce Choir and Chamber Orchestra
8. What Child Is This	Harp and Piano
9. Carol of the Bells	Concert Choir
10. Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabelle	Chamber Orchestra
11. Light a Candle	Chorale
12. Season's Greetings	Choirs and Orchestras
13. Appalachian Snowfall	Chamber Orchestra
14. Sleigh Ride	Chorale
15. Holly Jolly Christmas	Guitar Ensemble
16. Rudolph	Symphony Orchestra
17. White Christmas	Choirs and Orchestra
18. Let it Snow	Chamber and Symphony Orchestra

Christus Natus Est!



Saint Ignatius College Prep Choir and Orchestra

OUR STUDENTS RECORDED CHRISTMAS MUSIC!

The Saint Ignatius College Prep Choir and Orchestra recording, *Christus Natus Est*, is now available for purchase.

It features 128 performers and 18 beautiful pieces including *Sleigh Ride*, *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*, *What Child Is This*, *Carol of the Bells*, and *White Christmas* and *Holly Jolly Christmas*.

Pavane for a Silent Night and *Christmas Sanctus* which will be featured on Cardinal Cupich's Christmas Special, are also included.

The music makes a great gift! If you wish to purchase a CD, please email Ms. Mary Ellen S Schneider.

Ms. Schneider also says you should be able to find the music at the following stores already or very soon: iTunes/Apple Music, Tidal, Pandora, Anghami, TikTok, Snapchat, Napster, YouTube Music, Deezer, Amazon, Claro Música, Tencent, Resso, Jaxsta, LyricFind, YouTube Content ID, Spotify, Qobuz, iHeartRadio, NetEase, Boomplay/Ayoba, Joox, Facebook/Instagram



SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP PERFORMANCE

On Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m., Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral at [835 N. Oakley Boulevard](https://www.835n.com) will host a "Festival of Carols" to help fund much needed medical supplies and pharmaceuticals for Ukraine. Choirs representing countries that have been most supportive of Ukraine, including the United States, Poland, Lithuania and others, have been invited to perform at this fundraiser.

Saint Ignatius College Prep will represent the United States in this performance and will present a 20 minute program of English language carols.

Admission is \$20, and proceeds will go to UMANA ILLINOIS.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Happy Holidays from School Counseling!

Please refer to our [Resource Guide](#) if you need support over Christmas break.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

DRUM ROLL FOR CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following:

1st Place: Tabletop Club

2nd Place: Lego Club

3rd Place: Art Club

The Clubs of Ignatius Christmas Tree Decorating Contest was from December 6-11th in the Link. Students, faculty, and staff used a QR code to vote for their favorite tree. Thank you to the more than 30 clubs that participated. We loved the creativity!





LATINX CONFERENCE

Save the date for the LatinX Conference at Saint Ignatius on March 2, 2024. The goal of the LatinX Conference is to empower and unify the LatinX high school community of Chicago by building connections and developing leadership skills while embracing the uniqueness of all cultures within the LatinX community. You can use [this link](#) to sign up, or email karin.alfaro@ignatius.org for more information.

FINAL THOUGHT...

Enjoy time with family and friends this Christmas season, Wolfpack!



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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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