

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

BREAKING NEWS:

SCHOOL IS CANCELED FRIDAY, JANUARY 12.

**ALL CAMPUS EVENTS ARE CANCELED FRIDAY, SATURDAY
AND SUNDAY.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, January 13

ALL CAMPUS EVENTS CANCELED
DUE TO WEATHER

Sunday, January 14

ALL CAMPUS EVENTS CANCELED
DUE TO WEATHER

*For a full list of events, please see our
school calendar.*

**1055 WEST ROOSEVELT ROAD IS
OPEN!**

**GRAD-AT-GRAD
VALUES**

Open to Growth
Intellectually Competent
Religious

Loving
Committed to Doing Justice

PRAY

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES

VENTRA CARD



Wednesday, January 10 marked a new chapter in Wolfpack Athletics! For the first time, Saint Ignatius College Prep student-athletes from the football and rowing teams used the strength and conditioning space at [1055 West Roosevelt Road](#). That's the building the school acquired last year and renovated to meet the needs of our sports teams. After the first training session, faculty and staff had an opportunity to tour the newest, exciting addition to our footprint that would not have been possible were it not for the generosity of some Ignatius families. We are so very grateful.

Please click [HERE](#) for a brief summary and write-up about the space.



Security Housekeeping

The 1055 building is a part of our greater campus security grid. To that end, as we continue to evaluate safety, we're testing a form of entry there that uses an "app." Since it's not widely available at this time, and since students do not currently have badge access to 1055, **they will rely on their coaches for entry to the building. Please be prompt for practices and training sessions.**

ACADEMICS

End of Semester Grades and Eligibility

First semester final grades are posted on transcripts in the "Progress" tab in Blackbaud. You can find detailed grading information from each course from the first semester by toggling to "1st Semester" on the "Progress" tab. The first eligibility check of grades for the second semester will be Thursday, January 25.

Registration for 2024-2025

Student registration assemblies for 2024-2025 courses will begin on January 22. Each class level will gather to learn about the registration procedures and course offerings during the following Activity Periods:

Class of 2025: Monday, January 22
Class of 2026: Wednesday, February 21
Class of 2027: Wednesday, March 13

Student course recommendations, based on teacher recommendation and prior class performance, will be posted in the "Course Requests" tab in Blackbaud. After the assembly, students will be scheduled for a meeting with their School Counselors during the weeks leading up to the registration due date. The student assemblies will be recorded and posted on the "Blackbaud Resource" page for student and or parent review. If there are any questions about the registration process, please contact [Ms. Maura Maloney](#).



Ray Dass SARA Program for the Class of 2027

Saint Ignatius College Prep has partnered with Ray Dass, **a test preparation program**, so that your student has an asynchronous, online and responsive learning experience to practice for the PSAT and SAT. The Ray Dass SARA program is a set of online review videos and practice questions organized into modules for Math and English topics that will help your student prepare for the PSAT and SAT.

There are three modules that your student has already been registered for in the SARA program: Reading Level 1, Writing Level 1 and Math Level 1. These module levels will prepare your student for the PSAT that all students take in October. We ask that all students complete their modules before the PSAT in October. Student work in the SARA program will not be graded for accuracy; rather, it will be tracked for completion. While SARA progress is not counted in GPAs or for academic eligibility, it will be recorded in Blackbaud and viewable for the student, parents/guardians and school counselors.

Your students received their personal login information for the Ray Dass SARA program via email. Please encourage them to get started! Work on the SARA practice modules can happen any time between now and October. The SARA program is responsive. This means that students complete questions, and if they get them right they move on to the next questions and module. If they get the question wrong, they are redirected to explanation videos and then try a similar question again. The program will detect irregular behavior (like just selecting answer option C), and will make students do more before it allows them to move on. Please email [Ms. Maureen Lonergan](#) with any questions.

ATHLETICS AT SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP

A new training home, important calendar dates and all the news on our student-athletes!

Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07 has the wrap on what the Wolfpack's been up to for the start of 2024. To read all about it, just click [HERE](#).



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

7th Semester Transcripts

As the Prefects' Office approves transcripts to be official, we will automatically send these to every college to which you applied. No requests needed.

Your "To Do" List:

- Update Naviance with your decisions.
- Add any new applications to Naviance. College Counselors will send transcripts and recommendations by the due dates.
- If you were accepted to a college through Early Decision, please withdraw all your other applications at this time.
- 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

FAFSA link [HERE](#).

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

CLASS OF 2025

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!](#)

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").
- 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.

CLASS OF 2026

***** NEW DATE*** Save the Date**

Sophomore Families: College Counseling & Course Planning Webinar (Virtual only)
Thursday, February 8, 2024 (formerly Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)
Students and Parents/Guardians encouraged to attend. Program will be recorded.
The Prefects' Office will send the link for the program - No RSVP required.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

School Portraits in February!

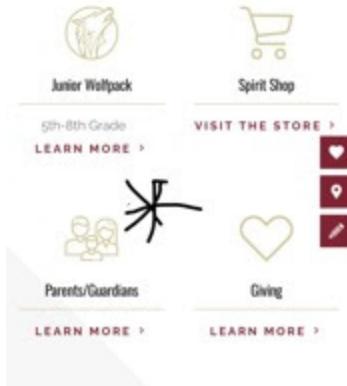
School portraits for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take place on February 5-7. Freshmen will go for portraits with their English class, sophomores with their science class and juniors with their theology class. Teachers will let their students know which day they are scheduled for portraits.

The final senior portrait days will take place on February 8-9. Please tell your student to look for an email from [Ryan Bergin](#).

[sp;](#)That email will contain a link to a Google form with available time slots. If your senior would like retakes of portraits, please have them sign up on the same Google form. All senior portraits must be taken during the student's free period or lunch.



Where can I find....?



Since we're starting a new semester, we'll take some time for a website navigation reminder:

You can find forms and documents for your student by clicking on the "Parents/Guardians" icon on the homepage of Ignatius.org (It's the icon we marked in the screen grab of the homepage). If, after you scroll down, you can't find what the document or form you are looking for, let us know, and we'll add it to that page.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS' OFFICE

Absenteeism Policy

Parents, as many of you are aware, our office sends weekly communication to parents/guardians regarding attendance once students reach five (5) and seven (7) absences. As we mentioned in an early *Wolfpack Post* this Fall, these notices are meant to promote transparency and positive communication regarding student attendance so that any absenteeism is addressed before it becomes problematic.

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.

Homeroom Visits

The Deans' Office will visit each homeroom this month to address general behavior concerns. Here are some highlights:

- Bullying
- General behavior expectations (on and off campus)
- Vaping
- Cafeteria cleanliness
- Appropriate social media use



"Froph" Winter Formal and Dance Guest Forms

The Freshman-Sophomore Dance will be held in Tully Hall from 7:00 -10:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27. If your student plans on bringing an out-of-school guest, please have them submit [THIS FORM](#) to the Deans' Office no later than the end of the day on Tuesday, January 23. As a helpful reminder, you can find all forms and documents, including the "School Dance Guest Form" by clicking on the "Parents/Guardians" icon on the homepage of [Ignatius.org](#).

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION



Symposium on Race. Interested students should visit the website [HERE](#) and inform Dr. John G. Igwebuike for assistance, coaching, and mentoring as needed.

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

January 2024 Installments of Becoming One Wolfpack

The Becoming One Wolfpack: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Series will continue in January 2024. The scheduled dates for the Series are delineated below based on the Wolfpack schedule. B1WP is co-facilitated using student leaders, Arrupes, athletes, guest presenters, and faculty and staff -- the Wolfpack. All freshmen and sophomores will continue to receive notices of their assigned session times.

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)

Online Guest Lecture Presentation

In advancing our commitment to our Confronting Racism 5-Point Plan, the Saint Ignatius community is invited to All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolitionism and the Catholic Church with author Chris Kellerman, S.J., and host Roger Bergman, Ph.D.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CST.

Please [register HERE](#) for this free webinar.

DEVELOPMENT NOTES AND EVENTS

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

On Friday, January 26, 2024 various Saint Ignatius College Prep Athletes, Coaches and a Team will be inducted into our Athletic Hall of Fame [CLICK HERE](#) during halftime of the Varsity Basketball game. Wolfpack v. De La Salle -7:00pm.

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. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Gloriam 2024

Gloriam 2024 Sponsorships are now available! Individual Tickets will go on sale Monday, January 29th. For questions or further information, please contact [Libby Lucas](#). [CLICK HERE](#) to become a Sponsor. [CLICK HERE](#) for Sponsorship Levels.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT



First Friday Mass and Guest Coffee

You are welcome to attend the First Friday Mass on February 2 at 8:10 a.m. in the Church of the Holy Family. There will be a Guest Coffee to follow. Register for both [here](#).

Come Pray With Us

A reminder that all are welcome to join us in prayer on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We gather on Zoom from

8:00 - 9:00 a.m., and pray with the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Join other parents and alumni from near and far. If you are interested, email [Gail Krema](#) for the Zoom link.

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.

[A Heart-Centered Approach to the Spiritual Exercises](#)

February 2 - 4, 2024 Retreat Leader: Fr. Jim Kubicki, SJ

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.

An Ignatian Silent Retreat for Men

Consider joining other Dads and Alumni for a silent retreat in the New Year.

[Unexpected Turns: The Conversions of St. Ignatius Loyola](#)

March 8 - 10, 2024 Retreat Leader: Fr. Michael J. Graham, SJ

Against the background of his Spiritual Exercises, we will explore the life of St. Ignatius Loyola, focusing on a series of "conversions" where life as he expected took different turns. These turns all required him to adapt to where God seemed to be leading him - just as the twists and turns in our own lives force us to reflect on and adapt to where God is calling us. The retreat will introduce a variety of ways to pray.

Meet the Religious at Saint Ignatius on Tuesday, January 30 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Brunswick Room

President John Chandler invites all parents to a wine and cheese reception to get to know our Clergy. Meet our Jesuit Priests and Novice. Learn about their vocation stories, their lives of service and the role of consecrated life here on the campus of Saint Ignatius College Prep. [Click HERE](#) to register. Please RSVP by January 25.



FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT



JUNIORS: Summer Immersions and Senior Retreats

Members of the Class of 2025 who filled out the preference form for summer immersions in November should have received an email this week from Mr. Nunez with their placement for summer 2024. Please check with your student to make sure that they received the email and noted the date, location and cost tier that they have been assigned. Please make sure they read that spreadsheet and the included Google Form as well. Final costs will be communicated in late February. Thank you for your patience and understanding as Mr. Nunez places and confirms these details! Mr. Nunez also will begin placing students on their preferred

senior retreat option for 2024-2025. Student should check their email regularly for any communications, as that information will be available later in the semester.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES: Service Requirement Updates

End-of-year deadlines for service are April 24 for freshmen and April 26 for sophomores. Sophomores will also have a final service reflection due May 1. We'll share more information about that in March. 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](#). With any questions, please contact [Mr. Doyle](#).

Students who did not complete half of the yearly total by the fall semester deadline have received an incomplete mark for service on their report card. If they have any questions about the incomplete, they should see Mr. Doyle as soon as possible.

Prayers for March for Life Attendees!

Please keep our group of students and adults from Saint Ignatius in your prayers as they attend the national March for Life in Washington, D.C. from January 18 - 20! We hope that participation in this event helps our students to witness care for the most vulnerable as "Men and Women for Others."

Eucharistic Revival

During our Second Ignatian Values Day, we talked about how the United States is engaging in a time of [Eucharistic Revival](#). 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.

As we mentioned on IVD, Saint Ignatius will be sending a delegation to this amazing national gathering. **We are looking for a dynamic and diverse set of students to represent us from July 17 - July 21 in Indy.**

For the event's schedule, [click HERE](#). For a list of speakers and opportunities for prayer, Mass and connection, [click HERE](#).

To learn more about this incredible opportunity, please [click HERE](#) to fill out the Google Form. Spots will be determined based on availability and response timing, so register early for the best chance. Significant financial support is available.

Please express interest by January 19, 2024.

MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS

The math department will continue to run advancement courses over the summer. All math advancement courses will take place on campus from June 3 - June 28. We offer Precal Survey and Algebra 2/Trig Survey.

Algebra 2/Trig Survey covers an entire year of Algebra 2. Students will be expected to complete asynchronous online modules prior to the in person course. During the month of June, students will attend class in person for three hours a day and need to complete additional assignments outside of class. Students need to have an A in Geometry or Geometry Honors and a teacher recommendation to take this class. Students are encouraged to speak with their current math teacher or counselor as they plan their classes

for next year. For those students who qualify, there will be an interest form sent out in February including more details of the course and registration information.

Below are the details of this course from the 2024 - 2025 curriculum guide:

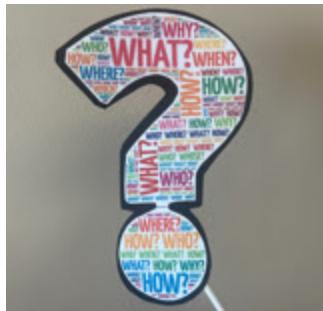
This course is designed to provide an opportunity for acceleration for those students who started their freshman year in Algebra 1 and want to take College Calculus, MA 550 or AB Calculus, MA 549 in their senior year. Students are required to complete asynchronous review modules on foundational Algebra 1 skills prior to beginning the in-person survey course in order to solidify their spot over the summer.

Completion of the Algebra 2 Survey course with an average of B places a student in College Prep Precalculus, MA 545, in the subsequent school year. Course credit (1.0) will appear on student transcripts as a pass grade (P), but will not be calculated in a student's GPA.

Attendance at each session is important to ensure student success. Students will also be required to pay a fee for this class. A graphing calculator is required for this class.



PARENT ORGANIZATION



TRIVIA NIGHT

Name the year Saint Ignatius College Prep was founded.
What is 1869?

Happy New Year! Trivia Night is back in 2024!!
Bring your thinking caps to Tully Hall on January 20, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Join the fun and purchase your tickets by [click HERE](#).

JUNIOR/PARENT GUARDIAN SOCIAL

Junior Parents, please register for the Junior Parent/Guardian Social. The date is Thursday, February 22, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Palmer House. Tickets are \$67. Click [HERE](#) to register.

SOPHOMORE/PARENT GUARDIAN SOCIAL

Mark your calendars for the Sophomore Parent/Guardian Social. The date is Wednesday, February 28, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Quartino Ristorante at [626 N. State Street](#). Tickets are \$60. Click [HERE](#) to register.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Course Registration Dates for Next School Year

Class of 2025: January 22nd- February 9th

Class of 2026: February 21st- March 8th

Class of 2027: March 13th- March 25th

Juniors - You will receive an email from info@ignatius.org on January 22nd with a scheduled date and time to meet with your School Counselor and College Counselor together. We arrange this for you, so you don't have to. **Please check your email on January 22nd and attend your registration meeting at the scheduled date and time.** If for some reason, that time does not work for you, please reach out to your School Counselor as soon as possible.

*During the registration periods, School Counselors are very busy meeting with every student on their caseload. Responses to email and phone calls may be delayed. Thank you for your understanding!

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Save the Date!

Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

All Saint Ignatius parents are invited to attend a virtual session facilitated by Mrs. Laurie Siegel, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, on *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*. Mrs. Siegel is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, a professor in the Counseling Program at National Louis University, and a trained life coach. This session will help define grit, invite discussion of why we or our students can lack grit, and offer tools for cultivating grit using passion and purpose, perseverance and mindset work.

There is no registration necessary. Look for a program link next month.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Winter Spirit Week

Winter Spirit Week will take place from January 22-26, 2024. Student Council is hard at work planning spirit days and the winter pep rally which will celebrate our winter sports and activities. Students should pay attention to their emails and homeroom announcements for more information in the coming days!

Froph Formal

Froph Formal, our winter dance for freshmen and sophomores, will take place on Saturday, January 27 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Tully Hall and the Gentile Gym. Tickets will be on sale for \$15 (cash, credit or check accepted) in the Link during Winter Spirit Week. All students and guests need a ticket to attend. Out of school guest forms will be available through the Deans' Office and students should pay attention to the Dance & Activities Policies on pages 64 and 65 of the [Parent-Student Handbook](#). For this dance, all students and their guests must arrive by 8:00 p.m. and stay until at least 9:30 p.m.

Latinx Conference

The 3rd Latinx Conference at Saint Ignatius will take place 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. This event is free for Saint Ignatius students. You can use [this link](#) to sign up, or email [Karin Alfaro](#) for more information.

Save the Date for These Student Activities Events this Semester:

Tuesday, March 19: Talent Show during Activity Period

Saturday, March 23: JProm (Junior Prom)

April 15-April 19: Spring Spirit Week

Tuesday, April 23: Clothing Swap in the Brunswick Room

Thursday, May 9: Senior Bonfire

Saturday, May 11: Senior Prom & Post-Prom



present it in a broadcast format.

FINAL THOUGHT...

Going forward, we will be using this space for community "shout-outs."

This edition's comes from Communications Director Kristyn Hartman. She wrote:

"Right before semester exams, theology teachers Renee Reyes and Michael McKeon gave their Sophomore Scripture students a memorable assignment.

They asked them to deliver Scripture passages they'd studied, as television news content. Because I was a TV journalist, Ms. Reyes and Mr. McKeon asked me to help their classes understand how they might break information down to

Kudos to the students! They made graphics for Biblical content. They conducted "live" interviews with key players from the Scripture passages, and they wrote their newscasts so that they could effectively inform people.

I admire how Ms. Reyes and Mr. McKeon challenged their classes to share what they learned in a unique way. I believe those students will always remember their Sophomore Scripture project collaboration!"

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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.

