



THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, January 27

**Freshman/Sophomore "Froph"
Formal**

Tully Hall 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Monday, January 29

Catholic Schools Week Begins

**SHARING THE HISTORY AND
HIGHLIGHTS OF 1076**

It's always an honor to tell the story of Saint Ignatius College Prep. This week we welcomed ABC7 Chicago Anchor Terrell Brown and his team from "Countdown Chicago" for a tour of campus. They paid us a visit to do a site survey, and are looking at us among other schools as a potential location for their New Year's Eve video production.

While they were here, we told them about Rev. Arnold Damen, S.J., and how he brought his Jesuit mission to the near west side. We talked about how our building survived

Friday, February 2

**First Friday Mass with a Mass Day
Schedule**

*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

the Great Chicago Fire, and became a refuge and a point of light for Chicagoans who lost everything during those dark days in 1871. We shared how, from our very beginning, we have not turned students away because of inability to pay. And we introduced them to all the special architectural spaces within the walls of our historic landmark main building.

The most fun was seeing their reactions. It takes you back to your own first tour of the building. It also reignites that appreciation for everyone who's come before us and everyone *now* who works so hard to make Saint Ignatius College Prep the remarkable place it is!



SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES

VENTRA CARD



ACADEMICS



2024-2025 PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

To best prepare for the year ahead, we are including a copy of the 2024-2025 preliminary calendar for Saint Ignatius College Prep in this edition of the *Wolfpack Post*. Please just click on [Calendar](#) to view!

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 first semester by toggling to "1st Semester" on the Progress tab. The first eligibility check of grades for the second semester is Thursday, January 25.

REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025

The first student registration assembly took place on January 22. The class of 2025 has until February 9 to complete course requests for next year. Students have received an email with a scheduled appointment time for a joint meeting with his/her School Counselor and College Counselor. If a student misses the appointment due to absence, he/she should email the School Counselor for a rescheduled meeting date/time.

Student registration assemblies for 2024-2025 courses continue:

Class of 2026: Wednesday, February 21

Class of 2027: Wednesday, March 13

Student course recommendations, based on teacher recommendation and prior class performance, are posted in the Course Requests tab in Blackbaud. The first student assembly has been recorded and is 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**](#).

ATHLETICS AT SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP

New additions to the Saint Ignatius College Prep Athletics Hall of Fame, senior and awards night information and the sports round-up for the past couple of weeks!

Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07 has your bi-weekly report on Wolfpack Sports. To read all about it, just click [**HERE**](#).

SPECIAL LIVE-STREAM PROGRAMMING NOTE FOR FRIDAY'S BIG GAME!

This Friday night (January 26), the boys varsity basketball game is playing De La Salle. If you can't make it to the game, please tune in to Wolfpack Media's live coverage of the event with commentary. What better way to get in-depth analysis of the game than from the student peers of the players! Please click [**HERE**](#) for the link. Coverage begins at 7:00 p.m.



BLACK ORGANIZATION OF SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS



46TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRAYER SERVICE

On Friday, February 23, a group of our students and faculty members will attend the 46th Annual African American Heritage Prayer Service at Holy Name Cathedral (just as they did last year, when they took the picture you see). At the service, Saint Ignatius students will join

students from many Chicagoland Catholic schools to express praise through song, psalm reading, dance and fellowship. Please contact [Ms.Cheri Smith](#) for more details or to attend.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

WORSHIP WITH US!

Church of the Holy Family invites you and your families to attend any of our Masses. Parking on May street and reserved seating are available for each First Friday Mass. We look forward to seeing you!

Friday, February 2 at 8:10 a.m.: First Friday Mass followed by Coffee Hour - please register by clicking [HERE](#).



COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

ALL CLASS YEARS

FINAL REMINDER:

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!](#)

Early Save-the-Date: 33rd Annual College Fair

Thursday, March 14

Pre-Fair Workshops: 6:00 p.m.

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

CLASS OF 2024

Your "To Do" List:

- Keep your grades up! Colleges will eventually see your 8th semester grades.
- Update Naviance with your decisions..
- 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

FINAL REMINDER: ACT Test Prep (optional) -- Registration deadline is Sunday, January 28

Classes run February through April. Classes need a minimum of 10 students and have a maximum of 20 students. 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. Contact [Kurt Schmidt](#) with questions about financial aid. For ACT exams [register HERE!](#)

Your "To Do" List:

- Complete your Senior Course Registration Meeting with your School Counselor and College Counselor
- 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").
- Set up your Junior Family Meeting. [Students must complete their portion on the Junior Questionnaire prior to scheduling a family meeting.](#)

CLASS OF 2026

Final Reminder

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

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

Thursday, February 8 (formerly Wednesday, January 24 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

Students and Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend. Program will be recorded.

The Prefects' Office will send the link for the program - No RSVP required.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

SAY CHEESE! SENIOR AND STUDENT PICTURES...



The final senior portrait days will take place on February 8-9. Please tell your student to look for an email from Ryan Bergin from the communications office. That email contains 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.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

ANTICIPATED ABSENCE AND EARLY RELEASE FORMS

Parents, if your student has an upcoming anticipated absence, or requires an early release, please use the forms provided on the [Dean's Office page](#) on the school website. Once you complete the forms, please have your student bring them to Mrs. Pagels in the Dean's Office.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

PRAYERS FOR LIVES LOST...

The Department of School Culture - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion invites all in our community to the annual Night of Remembrance. We will gather on February 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Tully Hall. All are welcome as we offer prayers of lament for lives lost due to injustice.



FOSTERING INTERCULTURAL RESPECT AND ENGAGEMENT (FIRE)

The 2024 FIRE Conference is on February 24, 2024, at Lake Forest Academy. Much like our annual Listening Conference, this event fosters and forges civil, fruitful dialogue while respecting each other's stances - especially those with whom we disagree. For questions, please contact John G. Igwebuike. Please click [HERE](#) to register.

COLLABORATION QUESTIONS? NEED A DEIB WORKSHOP OR PRESENTATION?

The Department of School Culture - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is available to amplify the Saint Ignatius community's capacity to work across the dimensions of human difference and the continuum of human commonalities. In addition, if you need engaging and memorable presentations, workshops, seminars, or short courses to promote a welcoming, inclusive and belonging culture, please contact [Dr. John G. Igwebuike \(Director\)](#).

DEVELOPMENT NOTES AND EVENTS

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

On Friday, January 26, 2024, we will induct some Saint Ignatius College Prep athletes, coaches and a team into our Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime of the varsity basketball game (Wolfpack v. De La Salle - 7:00 p.m.). Click [HERE](#) and scroll down the Alumni web page for more information.

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.

If you are interested in volunteering, please click [HERE](#) to sign up. Thank you for your continued support!



WOMEN'S SOCIETY GAME NIGHT

Save the date for the 2nd Annual Women's Society Game Night. Join us on February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Tully Hall. Come out to play or learn poker! It's Poker Night 2.0! We will post a registration page with details soon.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FIRST FRIDAY MASS



Hello Parents/Guardians and Grandparents!

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

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.

UPDATE ON OUR *MEET THE RELIGIOUS* EVENT

Due to low registration for *Meet the Religious* on January 30, we have decided to cancel this event. We may look to reschedule.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (JANUARY 29 - Feb 2)

Catholic Schools Week starts January 29 and continues until February 2. At Saint Ignatius, we hope to spend each day of the week celebrating the groups of people who make our Catholic education possible: Community, students, educators, religious, and parents and families. In addition to themed activities and prayer throughout the week, on February 2 we will be celebrating an all-school First Friday Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with special attention to February's status as Black History Month. We invite all parents and grandparents to come to Mass and enjoy a coffee reception following Mass. We hope you can join us in celebrating our unique character as a Jesuit Catholic school!



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 will 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.

SAINT IGNATIUS DELEGATION TO THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN INDIANAPOLIS (JULY 17-21)

As you remember from our Second Ignatian Values Day, the Catholic Church in 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, and we are looking for a dynamic and diverse set of students to represent Saint Ignatius from July 17-July 21 in Indianapolis.

Please take a look at the [schedule](#) and the list of [speakers](#).

To learn more about this incredible opportunity, students should please 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 29, 2024.

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 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. We will have details on final costs in February. Thank you for your patience and understanding as Mr. Nunez confirms these details. Please let him know if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Nunez will also begin placing students on their preferred senior retreat option for the 2024-2025 academic year. Please make sure your student checks email regularly for any communications, as that information will be available later in the semester.

MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Summer Math Fun

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 3 hours a day and need to complete additional assignments outside of class. Students need to have an A in Geometry or Geometry Honors and 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. Specific details of this course can be found in the 2024 - 2025 Curriculum Guide on Blackbaud.

Any student who successfully completed Algebra 2/Trig Part 1 last summer (2023) will continue their path with Algebra 2/Trig Part 2 this summer. This class will also run from June 3 - June 28. All students who took part 1, and are eligible to continue, will receive information on how to sign up in March.

PARENT ORGANIZATION

THANK YOU, THINKERS!



Wow! Trivia Night was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who joined us for a fun-filled evening of challenging questions and smart answers - all supporting the Senior Post Prom Party.

All of our events would not be possible without all the people who give of their time.

Are you interested in volunteering with the Parent Organization? Please let us know [HERE](#).

JUNIOR/PARENT GUARDIAN SOCIAL

Junior Parents/Guardians, 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

Get ready for a fabulous dose of community, conversation and Italian cuisine lite bites!

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. Hope to see you there!



SCHOOL COUNSELING

COURSE REGISTRATION DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Class of 2025: January 22 - February 9

Class of 2026: February 21 - March 8

Class of 2027: March 13 - March 25

Juniors - You will receive an email from info@ignatius.org on January 22 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 22, 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.

SPIRIT STORE

PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY



Hello Parents! Here at the Saint Ignatius College Prep Spirit Store, we're hoping you'll help us serve you in the best way we can! We have put together a survey to understand what merchandise interests you. Survey results will help us stock the store with YOU in mind. To complete the survey please click [HERE](#). Thank you for your valuable input!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

Winter Spirit Week is in full swing and we've enjoyed all the spirit days and celebrating our school community! Friday is a pep rally day with spirit wear and jeans or sweatpants for all school community members. At the pep rally, we'll celebrate our teams and officially name our wolf. During the day, students, faculty, and staff are also all invited to participate in a school-wide "rock, paper, scissors" competition, and we'll name the champion at the pep rally. Students should check their email and pay attention to announcements for all the info they need to participate. Go Wolfpack!

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 are \$15 and are on sale in the Link. All students and guests need a ticket to attend, and ticket sales end on Friday. Students should pay attention to the "Dance & Activities Policies" on page 64-65 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. The theme is "Disco." Don't miss it!



OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our Recycling Club is hosting a winter clothing drive from January 29 - February 2! Students can bring in new and gently-used coats, scarves and other winter gear to the boxes in the Link during that week. We will donate all items to the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul - Chicago.



FINAL THOUGHT...

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

This edition's comes from English teacher and Head Girls Basketball Coach Cara Doyle. She wrote:

"Girls basketball seniors, Audrey Mahoney, Jessica Reardon, and Mariel Negrin celebrated their senior night game on Wednesday, January 24th in a decisive win over Latin 64-39.

Jessica, Mariel, and Audrey exemplify what it means to be a student-athlete at Saint Ignatius, excelling in the classroom and playing multiple sports throughout their tenure at Saint Ignatius.

They began their Saint Ignatius basketball careers during Covid and showed perseverance and resilience showing up for one another during seasons that were abbreviated.

As Juniors, Audrey, Jessica, and Mariel were key factors on a team that finished with the most wins in school history (27), and as Seniors, they are in the hunt to finish their careers with a strong postseason showing.

Congrats to Mariel, Jessica, and Audrey, whose contributions in the classroom and on the court exemplify the best of the Wolfpack!"

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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