



THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, March 8

**FACULTY/STAFF IN-SERVICE/NO
CLASSES**

Saturday, March 9

GLORIAM

Tully Hall and Gentile '42 Gym

5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11

DIVERSITY WEEK BEGINS

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

**GRAD-AT-GRAD
VALUES**

Open to Growth

GLORIAM!



This is a big weekend for Saint Ignatius College Prep. On Saturday, March 9, our community will come together for Gloriam 2024. It's a beautiful event with a beautiful mission. The goal, always, is to raise money for tuition assistance. In doing that, we hold true to a deeply held belief with roots in our inception. Father Arnold Damen, S.J., wanted to offer Chicago a place of Faith where people could learn, and he wanted it to be accessible regardless of the ability to pay. More than 150 years later it is still our commitment.

Intellectually Competent
Religious
Loving
Committed to Doing Justice

PRAY

SPIRIT

QUEST FOOD SERVICES



Many thanks, in advance, to everyone who makes it possible: The men and women who plan Gloriam; the teams who set up the space; everyone who donates time and treasure - from parents, to friends, to students, to strangers; and everyone who attends and brings so much spirit to Tully Hall and the Gentile '42 Gym.

We are always at our best, together. Gloriam certainly proves that!



AMDG

ACADEMICS

PRACTICE ACT

Results of the practice ACT administered on March 7 will be emailed to students next week.

REGISTRATION 2024-2025

The registration assembly for the class of 2027 is on Wednesday, March 13. This session will be recorded and posted in Blackbaud.

Registration for the class of 2027 is due on Monday, March 25.

For further information on registration, please contact your student's school counselor or [Ms. Maura Maloney](#)

ILLINOIS YOUTH SURVEY ADMINISTRATION

On Monday, March 25, Saint Ignatius will administer the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) to the student body. The Illinois Youth Survey is coordinated by the Center for Prevention Research and Development at the University of Illinois. As articulated by the [IYS website](#), "the purpose of the survey is to better understand youth attitudes and behaviors that can impact student problems and academic success. It will ask students about topics including nutrition, physical activity, bullying, tobacco, alcohol and other drug use."

This survey is confidential and is completely voluntary.

Saint Ignatius College Prep uses the anonymous survey data to inform future programming to best support our community. For more information, including the types of questions and measures included to protect privacy, please click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). Any parent or guardian

who chooses for their student not to participate should complete the form found [HERE](#). If you do not want your child to complete the Illinois Youth Survey, return the form with your signature to the Prefects' Office. The Illinois Youth Survey coordinator at Saint Ignatius will ensure that your child does not participate. You do not have to complete this form if you are allowing your child to participate.

CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION INFORMATION

Saint Ignatius College Prep wants our Class of 2024 students and families to have easy access to commencement information. That's why we're including a link with the most important details right [HERE!](#)



ADMISSIONS

GLOBAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY

Calling all rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors! We are pleased to offer a unique global exchange opportunity to Santiago, Chile. Collaborating with a Jesuit partner, Colegio San Ignacio Santiago de Chile, we will be providing a cultural immersion/exchange experience for students. This two-week exchange program is designed to give students a deeper understanding of Chilean culture and a chance to connect with students and families from Colegio San Ignacio. Students will travel to Chile at the end of July/early August and our Chilean exchange students will visit in early September. This opportunity is open to students in any of our foreign language programs. If you would like to learn more about this program, please complete this [brief form](#) by March 12. For questions, please contact [Maggie Nass](#).

ATHLETICS AT SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP

A BIG congrats to Saint Ignatius College Prep Hockey (Gold)! Athletic Director Mike Hurley '07 has that story and other news from our sports programs in this *Post's* review. Just click [HERE](#).



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Church of the Holy Family will be hosting these upcoming events. If you have any questions, please contact development director, Wendy Guido McCarthy '84 at 312-492-8442 ext. 3 or email at wendymccarthy@holyfamillychicago.org.



PALM DISTRIBUTION

Monday, March 25, from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m we will be distributing palms to anyone who visits.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, March 27, at 8:20 a.m. Register [HERE](#).

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28, from 6:00 - 10:30 p.m.
The church will be open for silent prayer and reflection.

Chris Jarrett: Tales of Our Times

Sunday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. we will welcome Chris Jarrett, who comes from a family of musicians born in Pennsylvania. Residing in Germany, he has toured Europe, North Africa, Australia and the Far East with his piano compositions and improvisations, with organ music and in various ensembles. Tickets are \$35. Tickets for people with disabilities are \$25 at the door. Reserve under 'concerts/tickets' at www.chrisjarrett.de. Free parking is available in the lot west of the church. For more information, reach out to F. Chris Stewart at 847-636-0153.



Click [HERE](#) to read more about Chris Jarrett.

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS

ALL CLASS YEARS

Upcoming College Fair Options

In-Person: 33rd Annual Saint Ignatius College Fair

Primarily for Saint Ignatius sophomore and junior students/families (freshmen families also welcome)

Thursday, March 14

Pre-Fair Workshops: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Optional workshops for NCAA, ACT/SAT, Admissions Panel, Fine Arts and Portfolios)
College Fair 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

List of attending colleges [HERE](#)

Strive Scan QR code for easy gathering of college information [HERE](#)

List of possible questions for college representatives [HERE](#)

In-Person: Illinois National College Fair (INCF)

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Moraine Valley Community College

CLASS OF 2024

Please update Naviance with college decisions.
College Counselors are available for discernment conversations as you gather your final college decisions and financial aid packages.

CLASS OF 2025

Saint Ignatius College Fair on March 14: Invitation [HERE](#).

Set up your Junior Family Meeting. **Students must complete their portion on the Junior Questionnaire prior to scheduling a family meeting.**

CLASS OF 2026

Saint Ignatius College Fair on March 14: Invitation [HERE](#)

College Counseling & Course Planning Webinar - Recording located in Blackbaud under Resources under College Counseling

Next Coffee Talk: Thursday, March 26 - In-Person
Register [HERE](#).

CLASS OF 2027

Saint Ignatius College Fair on March 14: Invitation [HERE](#)

Next Coffee Talk: Thursday, March 26 - In-Person
Register [HERE](#).

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

SCHOOL PORTRAITS FOR FACULTY, STAFF AND UNDERCLASSMEN



All faculty and staff members are asked to have their school portrait taken on **March 20 or 21 in the President's Conference Room** (located on the fourth floor of the main building near the Grand Gallery. We'll have signage). Portrait opportunities will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on both days. No appointments are necessary. Please give your name to the check-in person when you arrive. Your portrait session should take only a minute to complete.

Any underclassmen who missed portraits or who want a retake are invited to have their photo taken on the same days and times outlined above. No appointments are necessary. Students should be in dress code and have portraits taken during their free period or lunch. Please contact [Ryan Bergin](#) if you have questions.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY PICKLEBALL NIGHT

Join us for a fun night of pickleball! **Mark your calendars for March 13!** We'll gather in the 3rd-floor gym inside the Walsh-Slattery Center on campus from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This will be a mini-tournament. You can register as a team of two or as an individual and you'll be matched with someone who plays at your level. Player registration is limited, but we will have spectator spots, too! Click [HERE](#) to register.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS' OFFICE



LOST AND FOUND

The Deans' Office will donate all lost and found items after Friday, March 15. If your student(s) has/have lost items, please send them to the Deans' Office to check the Lost and Found. We have collected water bottles, jackets, hats, retainers, sports gear, makeup bags and more.

JUNIOR PROM (J PROM)

The Junior Prom will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. This year's theme will be "The Roaring '20s." If you intend on bringing an out-of-school guest, please submit a guest form to the Deans' Office by Tuesday, March 19. Click [HERE](#) for the form.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

GLORIAM 2024

Bidding is now open for Gloriam 2024! There are more than 200 fun, exciting, tasty and adventurous auction items. Click [HERE](#) to view them all, to register and to start bidding. Raffle tickets for a brand new SUV and spots at one of our four, fabulous Sign-up Parties are also still available!!

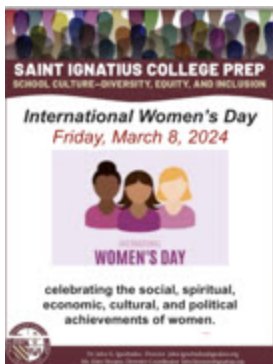
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOOL CULTURE - DEIB COMMITTEE

The Board of Trustees' School Culture - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee will be seeking student representatives to fill seats soon to be vacated by graduating seniors who are completing their final terms on the Board Committee. Student representatives to the Board advocate for the student body on matters appertaining to improving diversity, equity, and inclusion and further enhancing the safety and well-being of all students. Click [HERE](#) for the New Student Representative Application Form. Please contact Dr. John G. Igwebuike (Director of School Culture--Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) if you have any questions.

YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR SYMPOSIUM

On Saturday, March 2, 2024, Saint Ignatius College Prep participated in the Young Women of Color Symposium at Loyola Academy in celebration of Women's History Month. Saint Ignatius took a delegation of students for this deep, culturally enriching learning opportunity. Ms. Hooper, Diversity Coordinator in the Department of School Culture - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, served as the chaperone.



INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Our school community will continue the commemoration of the lives and legacies of women of valor and virtue. Look for announcements from Voices of Women (VOW) as well as activities in celebration of our inaugural International Women's Day on Friday, March 8, 2024. Saint Ignatius College Prep convened a special meeting to create programming to mark this important day which highlights the political, personal, spiritual, economic and community achievements of women.

ASSURING ACCESSIBILITY FOR SPRING 2024 GRADUATION

Saint Ignatius College Prep will continue to incorporate Sign Language interpreters for its spring 2024 graduation to broaden access for all our graduates and their families, friends and loved ones. We are thankful for the collaboration with the Catholic Office of the Deaf and the Chicago Hearing Society.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

JOIN OTHER PARENTS AND GUARDIANS FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN LENTEN PRAYER

A Lent reflection, *Here I Am: Stepping into the Encounter with God*, will be held via Zoom. This is an effort specifically offered to connect parents and guardians of Jesuit school students across the Jesuit Network. Join us for an hour of prayer, individual reflection, and small group sharing.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

*****Central 12:00 p.m.*****

To receive the Zoom link please register [HERE](#).

Here I am: Stepping into the Encounter with God

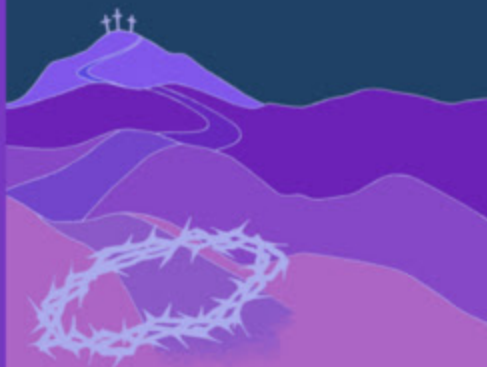
*An Online Lenten Gathering
for Parents of
Jesuit School Students*

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

10:00 AM Pacific

1:00 PM Eastern

7:00 PM Central Europe



FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

IGNATIAN VALUES DAY: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL - A DECADE WITH POPE FRANCIS

Over the past ten years, Pope Francis has challenged the Catholic Church to grow in love of God and one another, especially those people on the margins. He writes, "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security." Through humble action and extensive discernment, Pope Francis has inspired and challenged many throughout the world. Our Ignatian Values Day, entitled "The Joy of the Gospel - A Decade with Pope Francis," will acknowledge this important milestone. Similar to last year's IVD on Caring for our Common Home, this IVD will be offered as a unique "IVD Summit Model." It will feature more than 30 dynamic, interdisciplinary, and interactive breakout sessions led by fellow students, adults, and external presenters.

Click [HERE](#) to see all the breakout sessions.

RETREATS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

Mr. Nunez will begin placing students on their preferred senior retreat option for 2024-2025. Please make sure your student checks email regularly for any communications.

FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES: SERVICE REQUIREMENT UPDATES

Please check in with your students about their progress towards the freshmen and sophomore service requirements. End-of-year deadlines for service are now less than two months away - April 24 for freshmen, and April 26 for sophomores. Sophomores will also have a final service reflection due May 1. Look for more info in the coming weeks. 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, click [HERE](#) for freshmen information, and click [HERE](#) for sophomore info. If you have questions, please contact [Mr. Doyle](#).

Students who do not have their service requirement completed (hours logged, verified, and approved [and service reflection submitted for sophomores]) by the above dates will be required to attend a mandatory after-school service support meeting at a date in May TBD.

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. That incomplete will remain until the hours are completed. If they have any questions about the incomplete, they should see Mr. Doyle as soon as possible. **Beginning April 1, students will no longer have incompletes removed for Fall semester; instead, Fall incompletes will be removed along with completion of the year's full service requirement.**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - MONDAY, MARCH 11 AT 3:10 p.m.

We welcome all Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors who are interested in becoming an altar server for our all-school liturgies. Training will take place in the Church of the Holy Family. Students must be confirmed Catholics in order to serve on the altar. Please contact [Mrs. Swann-Covington](#) or click [HERE](#) to access this sign-up form to attend the training. This is an important ministry that showcases our younger students truly being Men and Women for Others as they serve God, our priests and the entire school community.



BREAD OF LIFE RETREAT

On **Saturday, March 16**, Saint Ignatius College Prep will partner with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for the *Bread of Life Retreat*. The retreat will serve as the Confirmation Retreat for 240 eighth graders from various underserved parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Currently 23 Saint Ignatius students have volunteered to help facilitate activities and discussions as well as model prayerful behavior for Adoration, Confession and the liturgy.

PARENT ORGANIZATION

JUNIOR PARENT/GUARDIAN SOCIAL

Many, many thanks to Lettie and Michael Phocas and Karen and Jeff Stelmach for making the Junior Class Parent/Guardian event a night to remember! More than 130 guests enjoyed an evening of friendship, fun and elegance at the iconic Empire Room at the Palmer House.

SOPHOMORE PARENT/GUARDIAN SOCIAL



Wrapping up the class social events this year, was the Sophomore Parents/Guardians get-together. We welcomed close to 200 guests at Quartino's. A big shout out to Amy and Jeff Stern, Aimee Markelz Tracy and Dave Tracy and Amanda and John Turnbull. And a special thank you to the Starks/Lombardo's and Printer's Row Wine Shop for their generosity in making the night a huge success!

SPIRIT STORE

THE SURVEY SAYS...

We asked for your ideas, and the Pack has spoken!

In recent surveys of students and parents we learned more about what you'd like to see on our shelves. Here are the top two take-aways:

*People want a wider variety of sweatshirt options (they are looking for a variety of designs, colors and styles).

*Both students and parents prefer an adjustable style/size hat, like the one you see in the picture.



Your Saint Ignatius College Prep Spirit Store is working on both of those recommendations. Thank you for the feedback!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



DECA NEWS

Congratulations to the Saint Ignatius College Prep DECA team whose students competed at the Illinois State Competition this past weekend! The team brought home several recognitions and awards. A special shout-out goes to Kathleen Krasnewich '26 who won fourth place in her event, and to Bailey Ferguson '25 and Cate Schmiedeler '25 who placed second in their team event. Kathleen, Bailey, and Cate all qualified for the National DECA Competition, which takes place in April in California!

JPROM

Juniors, your Junior Class Dance (JProm!) takes place here at school on Saturday March 23 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday, March 20 through Friday, March 22 in the Link during lunch slides. ALL students and guests must have purchased a ticket by the end of third lunch on Friday, March 22 in order to attend. Out-of-school guest

forms are due to the Deans' Office by Tuesday, March 19, and students should pay attention to the Dance and Activities Policies found on page 64-65 of the [Parent-Student Handbook](#).

Seniors, the Senior Prom Committee needs your help in putting together the slideshow that will play at your Senior Prom! Please use [this Google Form](#) to submit photos for the slideshow.

SHOUT OUTS...

Going forward, we will be using this space for community "shout-outs." We keep the source of the kind words anonymous. Here are this installment's:



Kudos to Ms. Karin Alfaro and the student planning committee for a year's worth of preparations that went into the Latinx Conference which hosted 160 students from high schools around the Chicagoland area and featured remarks by Justice Jesse Reyes and Ms. Clarisol Duque (State Director for Senator Dick Durbin), performances by Mariachi Sirenas and Ballet Folklorico Xochitl, and student-led breakout sessions. The Latinx Conference aims 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.

Kudos to the Saint Ignatius School Counseling team who are bustling during our annual class registration season! Every student meets with their School Counselor this time of year for an individualized course planning conversation for the upcoming academic year. We are grateful to our School Counselors for the *cura personalis* extended to our student body during this important process!

Shout out to Mo Lonergan for supporting the iPad Pilot program!

Big shout out to Kim Pagels in the Deans' Office who tirelessly works to ensure the attendance records are accurate for each period, day in and day out. We would be lost without you Kim!

Thank you to everyone who sent the kind words our way...keep them coming!

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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