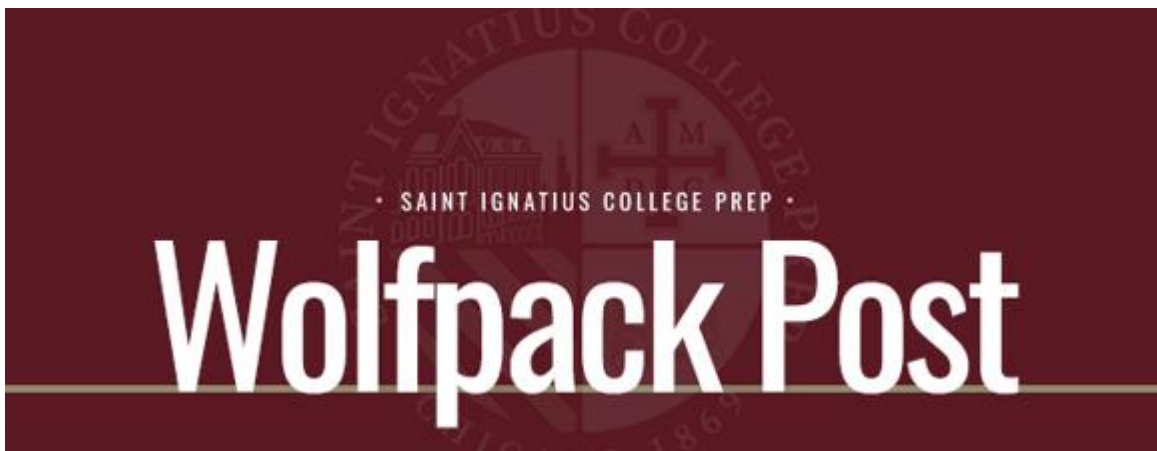




January 29, 2026

LOOKING AHEAD

January 30

Winter Pep Rally

2:00 p.m.

Gentile Gym

January 31

Freshman and
Sophomore Formal

7:00 p.m.

Tully Hall

February 6

First Friday Mass

8:20 a.m.

Church of the Holy Family

February 7

HAIL, IGNATIUS

Ignatian spirituality is embedded in all student pursuits at Saint Ignatius. Our teachers, coaches, counselors and administrators are formed through our adult formation series to ensure a shared alignment in philosophy, values and purpose.

Athletics is no different. Every aspect of our athletic program calls students to pursue excellence with integrity, humility and care for others. Coaches and trainers serve not only as instructors, but as mentors who challenge students to grow as whole people. Through practice, teamwork and competition, students learn the value of *magis*: the call to give their best effort in service of something greater than themselves.

We are proud to have more than 1,000 athletes competing across our athletics teams and clubs in a given year, and more than 1,400 fans representing the Wolves' Den (i.e., EVERY student). These shared moments of joy, pride, hope and heartache are essential to feeling connected as a community, and, often, are the greatest memories long after graduation.

Parent Org Trivia Night

6:00 p.m.

Tully Hall

February 11

Mock College Admissions
Night

6:30 p.m.

Tully Hall

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

[PRAY](#)

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SERVICES](#)

[GRAD-AT-GRAD
VALUES](#)

Open to Growth

Intellectually Competent

Religious

Spring is one of the busiest seasons for the Wolfpack. We invite every student to consider joining one of our teams and/or coming out and cheering us on. Hail, Ignatius!

[Click here to see our lineup of Spring sports.](#)

[Click here to see photos from our 2026 Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony.](#)

[Click here to see all of our athletics photo galleries.](#)



Loving

**Committed to Doing
Justice**



ACADEMICS

Summer 2026 Course Registration

Even after the last final exam, 1076 is still full of life. We offer academic, co-curricular, athletic and college app preparation opportunities for all current non-graduating students. Check out our diverse catalog of summer offerings [here](#).

Registration opens up this Monday, February 2, and closes March 20. Most programs are first come, first serve and spots fill quickly. Please register through our partner [Campsite](#).

Class of 2026 Graduation Information

The Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony will be held at UIC Credit Union 1 Arena on **Thursday, May 21**. Please [click here](#) for important information to prepare for the event.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our spring parent-teacher conferences will take place on **Thursday, March 5**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. virtually on Google Meet. Saint Ignatius is now using a sign up system that syncs with Blackbaud called PTC Wizard for

scheduling. More information on how to schedule your conferences will come in February.

Host Families Needed - Lithuanian Students

The Saint Ignatius community looks forward to welcoming two exchange students from **two Jesuit high schools in Lithuania** for the fall 2026 semester.

Please contact Assistant Prefect [Beth Carney](#) if you are interested or open to learning more about serving as a host family.

ATHLETICS



Thank you to all who battled snow and freezing temperatures to attend the Jesuit Cup and the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction this past weekend. January has been full of action, featuring exceptional performances from Boys Swimming & Diving, Hockey and Dance.

For a full report, [click here for Mike Hurley's Athletic Newsletter.](#)

CLUBS + STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Winter Formal

The Freshman and Sophomore Winter Formal will take place on **Saturday, January 31, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in Tully Hall**. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance through [GoFan](#).

All students and their guests must arrive by 8:00 p.m. and remain at the event until at least 9:30 p.m.

Winter Spirit and Catholic School Week

Thank you to Student Council and FAM who made Catholic Schools and Spirit Week full of school spirit and celebration of Catholic school community. Students are invited to wear

Spirit Wear for tomorrow's theme: *Celebrate Community*. We will conclude the week with our Winter Pep Rally to celebrate our winter sports and activities.



Latinx Student Conference

[Register here](#) to attend the Latinx Student Conference at Saint Ignatius on **Saturday, March 21**.

The theme for the event is *nuestras raíces* and aims to empower and unify Latinx youth by building connections, developing leadership skills and celebrating the diverse cultures that comprise the Latinx community.

Please sign up to serve as a [student volunteer](#) or [parent volunteer](#). Please direct questions to [Karin Alfaro](#) or [Becky McBride](#).



More Bridge Building Success

Saint Ignatius crushed it at The Regional Bridge Contest at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) on January 21! The Wolfpack was represented by three seniors from our AP Physics classes: **Ilde Pons Grau, Lucy Martens, and Molly Kiergan**, who took home 1st, 3rd and 4th place, respectively. Ilde will be attending the next level of the competition in April. Congratulations to

these amazing members of the Wolfpack!

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Seniors

Mid-Year Transcripts will have been sent to all colleges listed on your Naviance site by January 15. There is no need to request them to be sent.

Please look to set up a 15-minute meeting with your College Counselor to discuss college admissions results and begin the discernment process.

Juniors

Junior Questionnaire - The questionnaire sent to all students in the Class of 2027 was due by January 16. Only once you thoughtfully and thoroughly complete the survey may you schedule a Junior Family Meeting with your College Counselor through their Calendly links.

Junior Course Registration Meetings - Juniors will have met jointly with their School Counselor and College Counselor between January 13–30 to discuss their senior year course selection. Thank you for working with us on this important undertaking.

2026 College Counseling Dates for Varying Class Years

- **January 29** - College Counseling will be meeting all Freshman Advisory sections to tap into Naviance and utilize the Multiple Intelligences assessment.

- **February 10** - Family College & Course Planning Webinar (Sophomore families) Google Meet link will come from the Prefects' Office
 - **February 11** - [Mock Admissions Night](#) (Junior families)
 - **March 18** - [Coffee Talk In-Person](#) (Freshman and Sophomore parents/guardians)
 - **March 26** - 35th Annual Spring College Fair (Sophomore and Junior Families - students and parents/guardians) StriveScan registration to follow.
 - **April 21** - [Coffee Talk Virtual](#) (Freshman and Sophomore parents/guardians)
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COMMUNICATIONS

Senior Portrait Dates

The next round of senior portraits takes place from **February 2 to 6**. We have also opened new appointments for the week of February 9 to 13. Seniors and parents of seniors, please look for an email from HR Imaging/Root Studios with information on how to sign up. Please email [Ryan Bergin](#) with questions.

School Portraits Make-Up Day

Any freshman, sophomore or junior who missed portrait day or would like a retake should go to room 413 on **Monday, February 9**, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This room is on the fourth floor of the main building near the Grand Gallery. Signs will be up to direct you. No appointments are necessary; simply give the check-in person your name when you arrive.

Portraits for all class years must be taken during free periods or lunch.

COUNSELING

A Message from our School Counselor: Family Self-Care During Winter

Family self-care is especially important during winter, when cold temperatures, limited daylight and increased indoor time can affect physical, mental and emotional health. Practicing self-care together helps strengthen immune systems, reduce stress and deepen family connections.

Family self-care is about consistent, small and intentional actions that support well-being for everyone in the household. Simple routines can make a meaningful difference when practiced together. Below are some ideas for students and families to spark interest:

Physical Well-Being

- **Stay Active:** Take daily walks, join a gym together, visit indoor areas with a lot of space to walk or enjoy indoor movement like dance parties.
- **Nutritious Meals:** Cook healthy meals together and try new, nourishing recipes.
- **Rest & Sleep:** Maintain a consistent sleep schedule, even on weekends.
- **Time Outdoors:** Spend time outside when possible to reduce stress and boost mood.



Mental & Emotional Well-Being

- **Digital Detox:** Set screen-free times, such as during meals or one hour before bedtime.
- **Mindfulness:** Practice deep breathing or guided meditation for 5–10 minutes a day.
- **Gratitude Practice:** Share one thing you're grateful for during dinner or bedtime.
- **Emotional Check-Ins:** Create a safe, supportive space to talk about feelings.
- **Creative Expression:** Enjoy activities like drawing, painting, music or family games.



Connection & Routine

- **Family Meetings:** Schedule regular check-ins to see how everyone is doing.
- **Quality Time:** Plan simple, fun activities that encourage togetherness.
- **Support Systems:** Reach out to friends, family or neighbors when support is needed.
- **Set Healthy Boundaries:** Learn to say “no” to commitments that increase stress.
- **Share Responsibilities:** Rotate chores to balance the workload and prevent burnout.

Together, these self-care practices can help families stay healthy, connected and emotionally balanced throughout the winter months - try something new today!

Cura Personalis Week - February 23 to 27

In the spirit of *cura personalis*, we look forward to inviting the Saint Ignatius community to engage in a week of awareness, conversation and reflection on the many facets of self-care and holistic wellness. Rooted in the five themes of *well-being, movement, mindfulness, balance and joy*, Cura Personalis Week offers a range of experiences and activities integrated throughout the school day. Full details and a calendar of events/themes to come!

DEVELOPMENT

Law Society Luncheon

Please [click here to register](#) for the Law Society’s 44th Annual Luncheon on **Thursday, February 19.**

We will begin with our networking reception from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and awards from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. This event will take place at the Union League Club Chicago. We're proud to celebrate this year's award recipients:

- Alumni Award for Excellence in the Field of Law - **Collins Fitzpatrick '62**
- Award for Excellence in the Field of Law - **Nancy Temple**



Gloriam



Volunteer for Gloriam

Gloriam is almost here, and we need helping hands! Volunteer with us and help create an unforgettable night in support of our students. Please contact [Emily Nash](#) to learn more.

Give to Gloriam

The Gloriam team is hard at work procuring items for the upcoming Gloriam auction and invites you to consider supporting the event through in-kind giving. We are currently seeking donations of tickets to concerts, sporting events, theater and cultural performances, family-friendly attractions, culinary experiences and other unique outings. These contributions play a vital role in the success of our fundraising efforts. Please [follow this link](#) to an online donation form or reach out to [Emily Nash](#) with any questions or suggestions.

Save the Dates!

March 5 - San Ignacio and Business Society at Monochrome Brewing

April 14 - Law Society Continuing Legal Education at Vedder Price: Panel Discussion on White-Collar and Corporate Crime Enforcement

April 15 - Wolves Den Presentations with the Business Society

May 2 - Spring Reunions (Classes of 2021, 2016, 2011, 2006 and 2001)

October 17 - Fall Reunions (Classes of 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981 and 1976)

All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend reunions to welcome back our alumni.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

48th Annual African American Heritage Prayer Service

Saint Ignatius College Prep plans to once again bring a delegation of students to the 48th annual African American Heritage Prayer Service. This gathering affords a space for prayer and celebration with Catholic elementary and high schools.

This event takes place at Holy Name Cathedral on Friday, February 20, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. All students, please contact [Mrs. Tiffany Swann-Covington](#) in Student FAM for further information or if you would like to attend.

Black History Month 2026

Saint Ignatius College Prep is proud to begin our annual celebration of Black History Month this February.

Please check out the resources provided by the [National Black Catholic Congress](#).

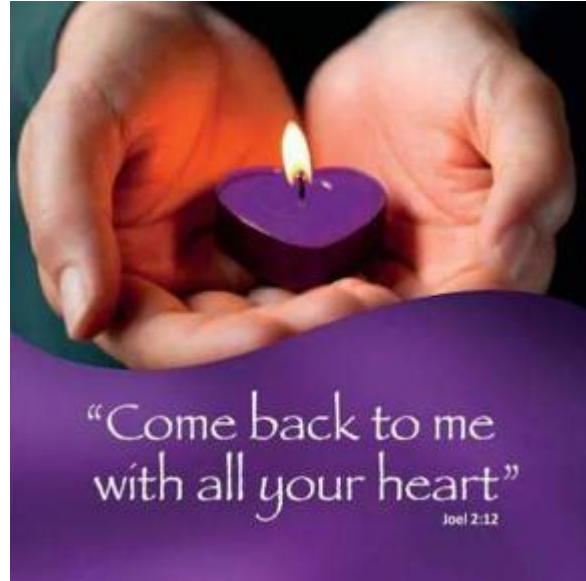


FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

Lenten Morning of Reflection

If you're looking for a way to enter into prayer in a deepened way, please join us for our Lenten Morning of Reflection on **Saturday, February 21**. This event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Cuneo Chapel and Brunswick Room.

We will look at the meaning behind the Lenten practices—the call to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We will pray with scripture, explore ways to stay more connected to the Lord throughout Lent and provide time for personal reflection. Please click [here](#) to register.



Come Pray With Us

All are welcome to join our school community in prayer on the first and third Wednesdays of each month with other parents and alumni. Our next gathering will be on Google Meet this Wednesday, February 4, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. If you are interested, email Gail Krema for the Google Meet link.

First Friday Mass and Guest Coffee

All are likewise encouraged to attend our First Friday Masses in the Church of the Holy Family. We will gather next on Friday, February 6, to celebrate the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week and the beginning of Black History Month.

We will host a Guest Coffee following the Mass, where parents will share why they've chosen to send their children to a Catholic school, followed by a group discussion. Please register [here](#) for the mass and guest coffee.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

Senior Capstone Culmination



Seniors and their families gathered at Mass at Church of the Holy Family on Wednesday, January 28 to celebrate the joy, growth, challenges and new perspectives that emerged from the Senior Service Capstone program. Eight students shared reflections on their experiences at organizations that included Misericordia Heart of Mercy, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Ray Graham Training Center and H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly).

We look forward to sharing more of these insights with the community on the third IVD Day on March 4.

Senior families will have an opportunity to share their input on Capstone in an upcoming survey.

Freshmen and Sophomore Service Updates

Students are encouraged to come to the Formation and Ministry office to discuss their service plans and to use [this link](#) to view and schedule their service opportunities.

A good opportunity to serve the community is the CTA (Community Tutoring Alliance), which is now tutoring at both St. Procopius and the Smyth School on Mondays and Wednesdays. Interested students [should sign up here](#) and complete [this permission slip](#).

The Illinois Academic Decathlon State Competition on February 28 and the Saint Ignatius fashion club on March 10 (freshmen) are other opportunities.

We remind the students to log their hours into Mobileserve and have their supervisor verify those hours before we can approve them. For any questions, please reach out to Sr. Edelquine Shivachi.

Class Retreats

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors: Retreat Season is in full gear! Please make sure that you know when you are scheduled for your retreat by referencing it below. If you have completed this requirement for graduation, we hope that you will build upon the graces that you received while on retreat.

- [Sophomore List](#)
- [Student View: Junior Retreat Placements 2025-2026](#)
- [Senior List](#)

Juniors: Summer Faith and Justice Programs

Thank you to those who filled out the Google Form expressing interest earlier in faith and justice programs (i.e. summer immersion trips, justice conferences, summer faith opportunities).

Mr. Nunez will review the responses and be in touch with juniors in February. We're looking forward to our students continuing to grow in faith, service and leadership into the summer months.



First Friday Mass

We will gather for Mass on Friday, February 6, and welcome Fr. Carl Gales, SVD, as our main celebrant for Black History Month. Fr. Gales is the pastor of Our Lady of Africa in Bronzeville and serves at Saint Ignatius during the Advent and Lenten seasons as a Confessor. Mass attire is required.



PARENT ORGANIZATION



Get your thinking caps ready for our **annual Trivia Night!** Please buy your tickets [here](#) and fill out your team registration form [here](#) for an exciting night of competition and community on Saturday, February 7, in Tully Hall.

DEANS' OFFICE

Food and Drink

Food and drink is prohibited outside of Tully and Damen Halls. Students may not bring food or drink into classrooms or in the hallways. Teachers, do not permit students to bring these items into classrooms.

Leaving Campus

Students, once you arrive to campus, **you are not permitted to leave the premises** - even if you have a free period. Leaving campus without permission will result in a Saturday JUG.

Dress Code Reminders

Collared Shirt Requirement

- Collars must be worn at all times during the school day.
- A collared shirt must be worn under a quarter zip or crew neck sweatshirt - quarter zips and crew necks alone do not meet the collar requirement.
- Turtlenecks, mock necks of sufficient length and sweaters with collars all meet the collar requirement.

Sweaters / Sweatshirts

- Hoodies of any kind are prohibited during the school day.
- Ignatius quarter zips and crew neck sweatshirts are permitted when worn with a collared shirt underneath.
- Non-Ignatius quarter zips, crew neck or knit sweaters are permitted when worn with a collared shirt underneath, but must be free of large logos / designs. College sweatshirts and sweaters with large designs, for example, are prohibited.

Bottoms

- Athletic pants or skirts, and drawstring, camouflage or patterned pants are prohibited.
- Skirts can be no more than 3 inches above the knee - even if worn with leggings, tights or shorts underneath.

Shoes

- All shoes must be enclosed and have a back. Sandals, clogs and slippers are prohibited.

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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