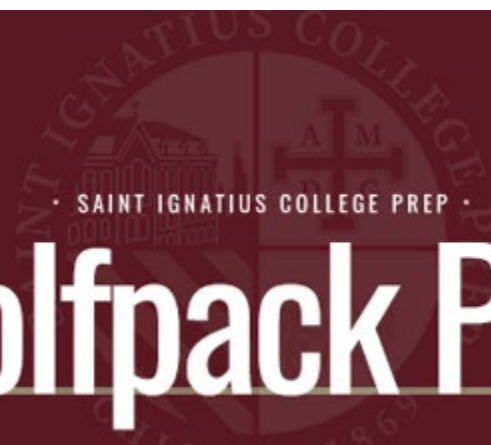




Wolfpack Post

February 12, 2026

LOOKING AHEAD

February 16

Presidents' Day - No
Classes

February 18

Ash Wednesday All-
School Mass

Church of the Holy
Family, 8:20 a.m.

February 19 & 20

Orchesis Performances

McLaughlin Theater, 6:00
and 7:00 p.m.

February 20

CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON

Cura Personalis—care for the whole person—is at the heart of a Jesuit education, and from February 23 to 27, we will bring this tradition to life through a dedicated week of reflection, movement and community. Cura Personalis Week invites students to pause and consider how they are tending to their minds, bodies and spirits amid the pace of daily life.

Each day highlights a different dimension of care: movement, well-being, mindfulness, balance and joy. Through classroom moments of reflection, interactive workshops, prayer opportunities and school-wide activities—from yoga and dance parties to gratitude banners and a wellness fair—students are encouraged to explore practices that promote healthy habits, self-awareness and meaningful connection. Conversations around stress management, digital wellness, neurodiversity, substance awareness and self-care offer the chance

African American
Heritage Prayer Service

Holy Name Cathedral,
9:30 a.m.

February 24

Choir & Orchestra
Classical Concert

Church of the Holy
Family, 6:00 p.m.

February 23 to 27

Cura Personalis Week

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

GRAD-AT-GRAD
VALUES

Open to Growth

**Intellectually Compete
nt**

Religious

Loving

**Committed to Doing
Justice**

to engage practically with topics that shape their
lives.

Cura Personalis Week reminds our community that
growth is not only academic, but personal and
spiritual. By creating space for reflection, gratitude
and joy, we affirm that caring for the whole person is
essential to becoming thoughtful leaders and
compassionate members of the world.

Watch your email for a full calendar of activities
coming soon.



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ACADEMICS

Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy

Current members of the Classes of 2026 and 2027 who are proficient in **Arabic, French, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish** and **who do not study that language at Saint Ignatius** are eligible for testing to earn their Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy.

Earning the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy opens students up to potential advanced college placement, college credit, scholarships and career opportunities. Students who achieve the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy will earn a seal to attach to their diploma, a notation on their transcript and a chance to qualify for the Global Seal of Biliteracy.

Interested students and families are invited to learn more about the Seal of Biliteracy [here](#) and complete this [Google Form](#) by Friday, February 20. Please reach out to [Cheryl Grens](#) or [Kellye Guzik](#) with additional questions.

2026–2027 Registration

Registration information is available in Blackbaud under the Resources Board in the Registration tile.

Class of 2028

- Registration assembly: Tuesday, February 17
- Student meetings with school counselors: February 18 to March 9

- Requests for courses not listed in the Available Courses list must be submitted through the Google Form in the Registration tile on Blackbaud by the student before March 9

Class of 2029

- Registration assembly: Monday, March 16

Once registration is complete, students and parents will receive an email listing all course requests. After the registration period ends, course requests can no longer be changed. Questions about registration should be directed to the student's school counselor.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on Google Meet on **Thursday, March 5**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Conferences are booked through PTC Wizard, which syncs with Blackbaud. The window for scheduling conferences will be open from Thursday, February 19, at 8:00 a.m. through Monday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m. The link for sign-ups is on the Blackbaud Resource page within the Parent Teacher Conference tab.



Team Sports Elective

Rising juniors and seniors can register for Team Sports, a new Total Wellness elective for the 2026-27 school year focused on leadership, community and fitness. This course fulfills one semester of the Physical Education elective requirement. Students should speak with their school counselors to sign-up for this new course.

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](#) to learn more about serving as a host family.

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.

Young Alum Internships

We are offering paid summer internships for young alums interested in education, leadership or project management. Any young alums who are interested are encouraged to read the job descriptions, reach out to Maureen Lonergan with any questions and complete the brief application found [here](#).

- [Teaching Internship](#)
- [Pack Camp Counselor](#)
- [Administrative Internship](#)

ATHLETICS



The action is heating up across our winter sports! Amir Tucker's incredible buzzer beater punctuated a thrilling win for Boys Basketball over Mount Carmel and Boys

Swimming & Diving captured the MCAC Championship for the sixth time in a row. We'd also like to congratulate our twelve student-athletes who committed to playing their sports at the next level at our third Commitment Day.

[For a full report, check out Mike Hurley's Athletic Update.](#)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us this season for a Holy Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday services, as we embark on a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to prepare our hearts for Easter.

Distribution of ashes in the drop off line--Ash Wednesday, 7:15-8:00 a.m. (approx.)



In a tradition that seeks to engage all parents and guardians in the season of Lent, Saint Ignatius faculty and staff will distribute ashes during drop off in front of school. (Note: students should not receive ashes at this time.)

Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes ([Click to register](#))--February 18 at 8:20 a.m.

Stations of the Cross ([Click to register](#))--April 1 at 8:20 a.m.

Parking is available on May Street at Roosevelt Rd. Please contact Church of the Holy Family Development Director [Wendy Guido McCarthy '84](#) with any questions.

CLUBS + STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Chess Team Goes to State

Congratulations to our Chess Team on capturing the 2026 IHSA Sectional Championship, continuing a championship run that also includes titles in 2022 and 2024. The team travels today to the IHSA State Tournament in Peoria.

Good luck, Wolfpack!

Junior Prom

JProm is coming soon! The Junior class dance will be held on **Saturday, March 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Tully Hall.**

Tickets and out-of-school guest forms will be available through the Deans Office in the coming weeks.



COMMUNICATIONS

Last Day for Portraits - February 25

Any freshman, sophomore or junior who missed portrait day or would like a retake should stop by Room 413 on February 25, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This room is located in the Grand Gallery next to the elevator. Portraits must be taken during a free period or lunch. No appointments are necessary. Just give the check-in person your name when you arrive.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Seniors

Now it's time to make a decision—so enjoy those college visits and Accepted Student Days! Remember that all students have three College Visit Days during senior year (see page 29 of the Parent-Student Handbook).

But remember: final semester grades matter to colleges; it's incumbent on you to maintain the level of work you are accustomed to producing.

If you have not done so yet, please set up a 15-minute meeting with your College Counselor to discuss college admissions results and begin the discernment process.

Juniors

Once the Junior Questionnaire has been submitted, please set up a Junior Family Meeting to meet with your College Counselor. These meetings are intended to be completed by the time of the March 26 College Fair on campus, but will continue through May 15.

College Counseling will be meeting with the whole Junior class through Becoming One Wolfpack from February 17 to 20. We will be tapping back into Naviance and with the theme "Exploring College Fit."

Thank you students and parents/guardians for attending our Mock Admissions event on February 11. If you were not able to attend, a recording of the event will be in Blackbaud under the "College" tab starting next week.

Sophomores

Thank you students and parents/guardians for attending our College Counseling & Course Registration Webinar on February 10. If you were not able to attend, a recording of the event will be in Blackbaud under the "College" tab starting next week.

Freshmen

We enjoyed our time with the Class of 2029 from January 29 through February 9 in Advisory to explore *Multiple Intelligences*. Please talk about some of the results with your parents/guardians.

2026 College Counseling Dates for Varying Class Years

- **March 18** - [Coffee Talk In-Person](#) (Freshman and Sophomore parents/guardians)
- **March 26** - 35th Annual Spring College Fair (Sophomore and Junior students) - StriveScan registration to follow
- **April 21** - [Coffee Talk Virtual](#) (Freshman and Sophomore parents/guardians)

DEANS' OFFICE

2nd Floor Gym Closed to Students During School Hours

Students, please note the 2nd floor gym is **off-limits during the school day** unless you are there for a PE class. You will be issued a JUG if you are found in the 2nd floor gym (weight room and cardio area included) unsupervised during the school day.

DEVELOPMENT



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 [Melissa Graham](#) 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.

Law Society Luncheon

We're excited 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. Please contact Alumni Relations Director [Colleen Carr](#) for more info about this event.

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**

A special thank you to our sponsors:



Save the Dates

March 5 - [Register Here](#) for 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!

August 7 - San Ignacio Society Celebración 2026

Saint Ignatius in the Sunshine State!

We were thrilled to have our alumni and friends come together in Naples and West Palm Beach, Florida to celebrate Saint Ignatius College Prep, alongside the Church of the Holy Family and the Church of the Gesù.

We're grateful to Fr. Lukas Laniauskas, S.J., who presided over Masses at St. John the Evangelist in Naples and St. Ann's in West Palm Beach. The events brought our community together in faith, fellowship and shared roots.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Lead Listening Society

JOIN US

on

Friday, February 27, 2026

3:05 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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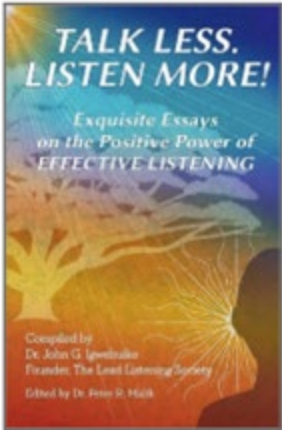
Brunswick Room

for

The Lead Listening Society's *Inaugural Book Signing*

and

Spring Induction




All are welcome to join the Lead Listening Society after class on Friday, February 27, for our book signing and spring induction.

African American Heritage Prayer Service

Saint Ignatius College Prep plans to bring a delegation of students to the 48th annual African American Heritage Prayer Service. This gathering affords a space for prayer and celebration with fellow Catholic schools. It takes place at Holy Name Cathedral on Friday, February 20, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Please contact [Tiffany Swann-Covington](#) or [Dr. John Igwebuike](#) to learn more and attend.

As Saint Ignatius continues its annual celebration of Black History Month, we invite you to look at [these resources](#) provided by the National Black Catholic Congress.

February 2026 Becoming One Wolfpack DEIB Series

Becoming One Wolfpack is The Global Jesuit Leadership Development Program centering our Catholic faith and Jesuit charism to foster global leadership formation. The junior installment begins February 17 and the freshmen installment continues on February 26. Freshmen and juniors, please be sure to log in and

check your Advisory and Blackbaud schedules, respectively, to see your B1WP dates and times.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - ADULT

Come Pray with Us

All are welcome to join our school community in prayer on the first and third Wednesdays of the month with fellow parents and alumni. We will gather next on March 4 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Please email [Gail Krema](#) for the Google Meet link. We will not meet on February 18, as it's Ash Wednesday. All community members are welcome to join the All-School Mass.

Lenten Morning of Reflection

If you're looking for a way to enter into prayer in a deepened way, please join us for a morning of reflection on Saturday, February 21, 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.

Click [here](#) to register.



Adult Retreats: Men - [Gospel Parables and the Spiritual Exercises](#)

- Held at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL
- March 6 to 8

- Retreat Leader: Fr. Jim Flaherty, SJ

Jesus' parables invite us to see with new eyes, to listen with open hearts and to step deeper into God's story. This retreat weaves together the wisdom of the Gospel parables with the rich spirituality of the Spiritual Exercises, helping us to encounter Christ in a personal and transformative way. Learn more and register for this retreat with the link above.

Adult Retreats: Women - [Prayer in Real Life](#)

- Held at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL
- May 1 to 3
- Retreat Leader: Vinita Hampton Wright

Prayer isn't just for quiet moments—it's meant to weave through the ordinary rhythms of our days. This retreat invites you to explore practical, meaningful ways to connect with God in the midst of real life. Through reflection, conversation and quiet time, discover how prayer can be a companion in joy, struggle or rest. Learn more and register with the link above.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

Ignatian Values Day #3: March 4



On Wednesday, March 4, we will gather for our third and final Ignatian Values Day of the year. Following an All-School Mass in Church of the Holy Family, Saint Ignatius students and faculty/staff will have the chance to hear presentations from the 75 different Capstone Sites. Seniors, along with many site leaders, will lead their interactive sessions which will take place throughout the school. Senior parents are welcome to attend, and should take a moment to [fill out this RSVP](#) to confirm their attendance.

Freshmen and Sophomore Service Updates

There are numerous exciting and rewarding opportunities for our Freshmen and Sophomores to serve their communities. Students should use [this link](#) to view and schedule their service. A few exciting opportunities include:

- Wonder Works Children Museum on Presidents' Day, February 16
- The Illinois Academic Decathlon State Competition on February 28

- CTA tutoring at St. Procopius and the Smyth School on Mondays and Wednesdays
 - Students must consult [this sign-up sheet](#) and [permission slip](#)
- Saint Ignatius Fashion Club on March 10 (Freshmen only)

Please remember to log all hours into Mobileserve and have supervisors verify hours before we approve them. Questions can be directed to [Sr. Edelquine Shivachi](#).

PARENT ORGANIZATION

We are excited to begin planning for this year's Post Prom celebration and would love for you to get involved! This event is more than just a party; it is a vital part of our mission to care for the whole person (Cura Personalis) by providing a safe, joyful environment where our students can celebrate their friendships and final days at Saint Ignatius.

In the spirit of being "Men and Women for Others," we invite you to share your time and talents as we transform Tully Hall into a magical experience of wonder and delight for our kids. Prom is held entirely on-site at the school and kids are "locked-in" after the formal dance until 1:00 a.m. for interactive games, activities, music, food and lots more fun!

Prom Weekend Dates

- Friday, April 24 (Volunteer Set-Up)
- Saturday, April 25 (Prom/Post Prom)

Join a Planning Committee

[Click here to view and sign-up for a planning committee.](#) We are currently looking for volunteers to join our planning committees:

- Decor
- Food & Beverage
- Vendor Management
- Volunteer Coordination
- Budget
- Coat Check
- Giveaways



Donate items to the Student Raffle

- The student raffle is a major component of the Post Prom event that evokes surprise and delight from the students!
- [Click here to view and purchase items](#) from the Amazon Wish List to be used in the student raffle—all students will go home with something!
- General donations to the Post Prom production fund are also appreciated. More ways to help will be communicated soon.

On-Site Volunteers

- We need many hands to set up and run Post Prom!

- Friday, April 24 - Day before Set-Up
- Saturday, April 25 - Prom/Post Prom On-Site Support & Clean-Up
- All parents are encouraged to help!
 - Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior parents, please pay it forward and help support this exciting senior event!
 - Senior parents are welcome and encouraged to help across all areas to make this night exceptional for your children!
- Please stay tuned, as a sign-up link for on-site volunteer shifts will be sent out in the coming weeks.



It is entirely the dedication of our parent community—both past and present—that sustains this Post Prom tradition. We walk in the footsteps of those parents who established this legacy of care, ensuring our children can have an incredible time while remaining in a safe and supportive environment.

Thank you for your continued support and for all you do to make the Saint Ignatius community the incredible group it is!

WOMEN'S SOCIETY



PLANTING THE SEED!

With gratitude and honor for the
Little Sisters of Saint Francis'
amazing mission of Educating Children and
Changing Lives, we hope you can join the Saint
Ignatius Women's Society as we help them
Spruce up for Spring!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
AT 6:30PM
MCLAUGHLIN ROOM

An evening of reflection, fellowship and giving back.

We are asking each guest to bring one small potted
floral plant and an item from the list in the link that you
would like to gift the Sisters' for their residence.
If possible, please bring the items with you.

Beverages and light bites will be served
Please RSVP



Please [RSVP here](#) for this event on Monday, February 23, and use [this link](#) to organize your donation. Questions can be directed to [Ryan Bergin](#).

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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