

Wolfpack Post

MARCH 26, 2026

Remembering James P. Gracey '23

This week we honored Jimmy Gracey's life and his connection to Saint Ignatius with a Memorial Mass on Monday morning and a virtual prayer service for alumni on Wednesday.

For those seeking to pay their respects to Jimmy and his family, following are the details for the services:

Visitation: Monday, March 30, 12:00-8:00 p.m. at Visitation Catholic Church, 779 South York Road, Elmhurst. Prayer service to be held at 7:30 p.m.

Mass: Tuesday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. at Visitation Catholic Church



Interment: Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery, Hillside

Links for streaming:

Vigil Service: [Wake Vigil Service for James Paul Gracey](#)

Mass: [Mass of Christian Burial for James Paul Gracey](#)

[Click here for the full obituary.](#)

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 27 and 28

Harlequins Spring Play:
Treasure Island

April 1

Stations of the Cross,
Mass Schedule and Attire

April 2-12

Easter Break

April 13-17

Spring Spirit Week

April 15

ONE COMMUNITY, MANY GIFTS

Last Friday, our school community gathered for the biennial Festival of Nations, a joyful and moving culmination of Diversity Week. The celebration began by honoring the 211th birthday of our immigrant founder, Fr. Arnold Damen, S.J., grounding the assembly in gratitude for the vision that continues to shape our mission.

What followed was a remarkable display of student talent, courage and pride. Through music, dance and spoken word, students shared the richness of their cultures—from the precision and energy of the Caballo Dorado and the Dragon Dance to the vibrant rhythms of African and Greek traditions to the soulful sounds of the Ukrainian bandura. Performances by our Wind Symphony, cultural clubs and dance classes reflected

Wolves Den Business
Society Presentations

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

[PRAY](#)

[SPIRIT](#)

[QUEST FOOD
SERVICES](#)

[GRAD-AT-GRAD
VALUES](#)

Open to Growth

Intellectually Competent

Religious

Loving

**Committed to Doing
Justice**

not only artistic excellence, but a deep sense of identity and belonging.

This event was also a testament to the dedication of our faculty and staff, whose countless hours of preparation made the event possible, especially Director of School Culture Dr. John Igwebuike, Diversity Coordinator Kitty Hooper, Director of Student Activities Colleen Perlman and the entire Festival of Nations Committee. Their commitment created a space where students could be seen, celebrated and inspired.

Together, the Festival of Nations embodied who we are: a community that honors each person's story and finds joy in our shared humanity.



[SEE THE PHOTO GALLERY HERE](#)

[WATCH OUR INSTAGRAM HIGHLIGHTS HERE](#)



ACADEMICS

Academic Approach Practice ACT Scores

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors who took the practice ACT on Thursday, March 5 have received an email with their score report. If students or parents have questions about the report, they should contact the student's school counselor or college counselor.

NHS Spring Induction

Congratulations to each of the 264 juniors who were inducted into the Arnold Damen, S.J., Chapter of the National Honor Society on March 18 at Church of the Holy Family.

We encourage everyone to read [Ms. Hallie Fahey's speech](#) to the inductees in which she reflects on people who've shaped her life and encourages NHS students to pursue lives of service, scholarship, love and leadership.



ATHLETICS



Spring sports are in full swing! The Wolfpack has seen standout performances in lacrosse, baseball, softball, track & field and water polo.

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

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Stations of the Cross

On Wednesday, April 1, our school and church community will gather for Stations of the Cross at 8:20 a.m. Outside guests are invited to [register here](#) to attend.

Palm Distribution

On Monday, March 30, palms will be available for pick-up in the Burke Gearing Center, located just west of the main entrance to Church of the Holy Family. Palms will be distributed from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, April 2, the church will be open for silent prayer from 6:30-10:30 p.m. We invite those on pilgrimages and all who wish to pray to join us before the Blessed Sacrament.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

College Fair is Tonight!

It is not too late to attend the 35th Annual Saint Ignatius College Fair taking place tonight! Workshops will run 6:00-7:00 p.m. and the fair featuring more than 150 colleges will run from 7:00-8:30 p.m. No registration is necessary for parents/guardians and students to attend the fair.

Seniors

- **This semester matters!** Keep focus on your grades and strive to maintain the level of work you are accustomed to producing. A significant drop in grades may be cause for a college to review their original decision.
- Please utilize the three College Visit Days to visit your schools.
- Please reference the scholarship search aggregators at the bottom of the College Counseling website [here](#) and the Financial Aid Offer Comparison Worksheet [here](#).

Juniors

- Once the Junior Questionnaire has been submitted, please set up a Junior Family Meeting with your College Counselor. These meetings will continue through May 15.

Freshmen and Sophomores

- College Counseling came to Becoming One Wolfpack from March 17-24 to discuss with sophomore students *Personality, Well-Being and Career Exploration*. We encourage students and families to keep the conversation going and discuss the Holland Code assessment we completed in Naviance.

- Our *College Counseling & Course Registration Webinar* was recorded on February 10 and is in Blackbaud under the "College" tab. Students and parents/guardians should view this 57-minute recording.
 - April 21 will be our final Virtual Coffee Talk with freshman and sophomore parents/guardians. Please [register here](#).
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COUNSELING

Roy Carney Webinar Recording Available Now

The School Counseling Department would like to thank everyone who joined our March 12 virtual event *Supporting Your Soon-to-be Emerging Adult* with former Saint Ignatius Counselor Roy Carney. A recording of the webinar is now available on the School Counseling Resources page in Blackbaud and is [linked here](#).

Healthy Sleeping Habits

Spring is a busy and exciting time across our school, filled with activities, events and important milestones. With so much going on, it can be easy to let healthy routines—especially sleep—slip. Getting enough rest is essential for focus, mood and overall well-being.



All are invited to view [this resource](#) with helpful tips on building strong sleep habits during this busy season. Students can speak with their counselor to discuss and learn more.

DEAN'S OFFICE

Prom Guest Forms

Prom Guest Forms are currently available in the Dean's Office and can be [accessed digitally here](#). Completed forms are **due Monday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m.**

JUG Location Change

JUG will be held every day after school in Room 158. Please note that there will be no morning JUG for the remainder of the year.

Lost and Found

All unclaimed items in the lost and found will be donated over Easter break. We've accumulated many items, so if you're missing something please check the Dean's Office to see if something belongs to you.

Tardies

Students, please be mindful of morning traffic and unexpected road conditions when planning your commute. There has been an increase in tardies this semester, and we all need to make an effort to be on time.

DEVELOPMENT

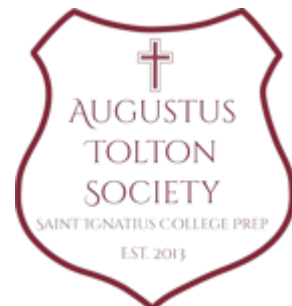
Wolves Den Presentations with the Business Society

All are welcome to join the Business Society on **Wednesday, April 15** for Wolves Den Student Presentations. The Saint Ignatius Entrepreneurship class will present their projects to panelists in McLaughlin Theater beginning at 3:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the McLaughlin Room. Please [register here](#).



Tolton Society Spring Talk

Join the Tolton Society on **Wednesday, April 22** for an inspiring evening as we welcome distinguished alumna Tiffany Gholson '88, licensed clinical social worker, to share her remarkable professional journey. Please [register here](#).



Women's Society Signature Dinner

Please join the
SAINT IGNATIUS WOMEN'S SOCIETY FOR
LA ROSA D'ORO:
Celebrating Our Golden Rose



AT OUR ANNUAL
Signature Dinner
CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF THE SAINT IGNATIUS COMMUNITY
AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GOLDEN ROSE AWARD TO
Cherryl Thomas

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026
5:30 P.M. HORS D'OEUVRES, COCKTAILS & RAFFLES
6:30 P.M. DINNER & GOLDEN ROSE AWARD

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP
1076 WEST ROOSEVELT ROAD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 📍 TULLEY HALL

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INDIVIDUAL TICKET AND SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE
PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 15



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Please [register here](#) to attend the Women's Society Signature Dinner, where the Golden Rose will be presented to former Saint Ignatius Board member, [Cherryl Thomas](#).

Spring Reunions

Please register [here](#) for our Jubilee Reunion on Friday, May 1. Spring reunions for the following classes will be held on Saturday, May 2:

- Class of 2021 (Register [here](#))
- Class of 2016 (Register [here](#))
- Class of 2011 (Register [here](#))
- Class of 2006 (Register [here](#))
- Class of 2001 (Register [here](#))

Fall Reunions for the classes of 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981 and 1976 will be held on October 17. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend to welcome back our alumni.



Save the Dates

- San Ignacio Celebración - August 7
 - 40th Annual Golf Classic - September 24
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CLUBS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Three shows remain for Treasure Island! Parties interested in reserving tickets can email harlequinstickets@ignatius.org.

- Friday, March 27 - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28 - 2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28 - 7:30 p.m.

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT

Senior Baccalaureate Mass



The Class of 2026 will gather for their Baccalaureate Mass in Church of the Holy Family on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. A detailed letter will be handed out to each senior in their Theology classes after Easter break detailing logistical procedures for this event.

Each graduating senior receives four seats for family members and other guests attending, including graduates. As seating is limited, please email [Ms. Kate Trinley](#) if you have special circumstances requiring extra seats or need for accessible seating. We look forward to celebrating this special night with our seniors and their families!

Junior Family Mass and Class Ring Ceremony



We welcome all juniors and their families to worship as a community at the annual Junior Family Mass and Class Ring Ceremony on Sunday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. All juniors and their families are encouraged to attend even if a class ring was not ordered. A light reception will follow the Mass in Damen Hall. Many thanks to the Parent Organization for their support and participation in making this annual tradition possible. Please contact Junior Class Chaplain [Tiffany Swann-Covington](#) with any questions.

Juniors: Summer Faith and Justice Programs

Please check your inbox for a message from Mr. Nunez regarding placements for summer immersion trips. Details and assignments will be sent before Easter Break.

Sophomore Service Commitment

The sophomore service hours were due Tuesday, March 24. We are grateful to the students who have completed their hours or come into FAM to request an extension. There are still a number of students who have neither completed their hours nor met with FAM staff to discuss their service plan and request an extension. If a student has not yet finished their hours nor requested an extension, we ask them to come to FAM as soon as possible to discuss their service plan and secure an extension.

Students should be aware that failure to complete their service commitment will result in an Incomplete ("I") on their transcript at the end of the semester (please

note: this “I” will be removed once all the steps for service have been completed). Any student who hasn’t completed their requirement will be required to attend an after school service support meeting after Easter Break. If the problem persists through June, students will be unable to view their report card and register for classes. Students can use [this link](#) to see and schedule for service opportunities.

To fulfill the service requirement, each of these three steps needs to be met:

- Hours logged into MobileServe
- Hours verified by the supervisor
- Hours approved by a FAM staff member

Freshman Service Commitment

The deadline to complete service hours for freshmen is **Tuesday, April 28**. Students and parents who have questions or concerns regarding service hours should contact First Years Chaplain [Sr. Edelquine Shivachi](#).

PARENT ORGANIZATION

Post Prom

The Parent Organization is thrilled to sponsor and produce the Post Prom party for our seniors on **Saturday, April 25**. This evening is aimed at keeping our kids safe in an inclusive and fun environment on their prom night. See below ways to get involved in this extraordinary effort that involves parents from all classes.



1. Buy a raffle item [using the Amazon Wishlist](#). Most of the items on the wishlist will be raffled off to our lucky seniors! It is one of the highlights of the night and something our seniors hear rumors about for years. Some items are for the party itself. In the delivery section, please select Colleen Perlman, Director of Student Activities, to send your item to. You can also bring gift cards for restaurants, Uber, DoorDash, etc. to the Student Activities office marked for the Post Prom raffle.

2. Send a monetary donation [via this link](#) to support the cost of the party.

3. Volunteer on site [using this link](#). Many hands are needed to set up on Friday, beginning at 3:30 p.m., as well as to manage the party on Saturday. Both early and late shifts are available.

Help us Shape the Future of the Parent Organization

The Parent Organization invites all parents to consider Board participation and other volunteer opportunities for our next service year.

There are many ways to be a part of the Parent Organization and we would love to hear from anyone interested in serving in one of the areas below for the 2026-27 academic year. [Click here to express interest](#) in joining the Parent

Organization. Current Board Presidents, [Gina Joslin](#) or [Chiara Wrocinski](#), will reach out to anyone who expresses interest over the next few weeks.



Ways to Get Involved

1. Parent Organization Board

The Parent Organization Board is a “working board” where members of the group serve as ambassadors to the broader Parent Organization and play an active role in planning and attending Parent Organization events and activities.

From several “all hands events” like the Backyard BBQ, Cookie Kindness, Trivia Night and Post Prom, to various class-specific and thematic social events throughout the year, the Board helps drive all activities working with school representatives and the parent community.

Board members are expected to attend monthly meetings and to serve as a leader in one of the various roles below.

Please note that this is a significant time commitment requiring both front-of-house and behind-the-scenes work. Some work will begin this summer, though all summer work can be done virtually.

Board Positions to consider:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Data/Volunteer Coordinator - help to communicate, track and train volunteers for events as needed
- Formation & Ministry Liaison - assist with planning family masses alongside our FAM department
- Communications - help draft emails and WPP entries
- Teacher Appreciation Coordinator - coordinate and help execute monthly Teacher Appreciation activities



2. Class Liaisons

Each class has 1-3 liaisons who help circulate important messages on behalf of the school or the Parent Organization, as well as plan class-specific events for parents and students (Post Prom, class masses, class-specific parent socials, etc.).

Note: Senior Class Liaisons will begin working to plan the Senior Social this summer as the event happens within the first couple of weeks of school.

3. Event Volunteer

All parents are welcome to participate as a volunteer across various events throughout the year. [Click here to be added to our roster for the 26/27 school year.](#) Volunteer opportunities will be circulated for each individual event as needed. [Click here](#) for a list of current Board Members and Liaisons - feel free to reach out to anyone on the list for more info on the roles.

Any contribution of time, treasure or talent is appreciated. There is nothing more impressive than the Saint Ignatius community, which bands together to make things happen in a faith-filled and meaningful way.

The following edition of Wolfpack Post will be sent on **Thursday, April 16** to accommodate Holy Week and Easter Break. Have a great break, Wolfpack!

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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