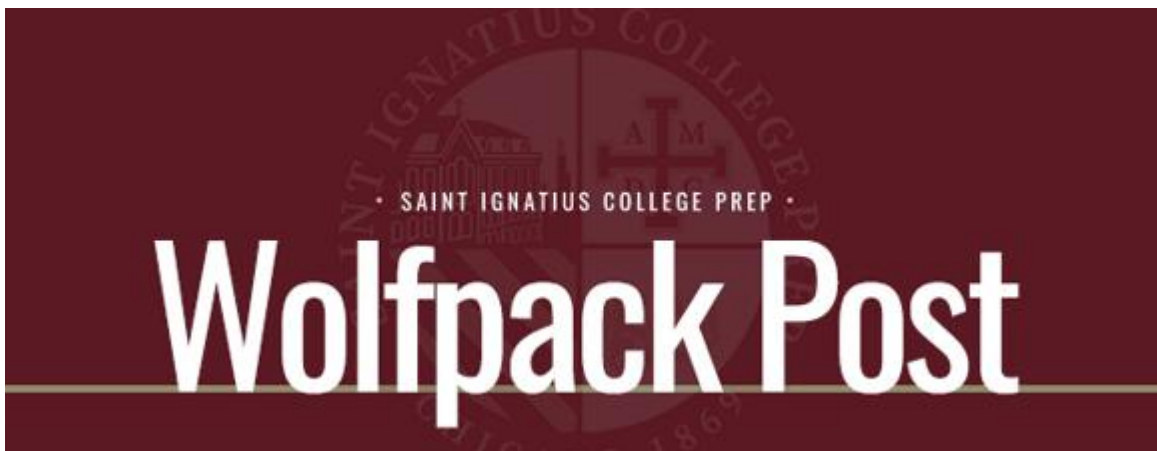




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LOOKING AHEAD

April 17

Spring Pep Rally

April 19

Junior Family Mass and
Ring Ceremony

April 21

Spring Band Concert

April 22

Senior Assembly
Tolton Society Spring Talk

April 25

Senior Prom and Post
Prom

April 28

Inside the Wolves Den

Juniors and seniors in the **Ignatian Entrepreneurship** class are gaining far more than classroom knowledge—they are stepping into the real world of business creation, innovation, and problem-solving. Designed to provide an authentic entrepreneurial experience, the course challenges students to ideate, develop, and continuously refine their own startup product or service from the ground up. Throughout the semester, student teams work through the full cycle of entrepreneurship: building hypotheses, testing concepts, learning from setbacks, and pivoting in response to market needs.

With the support of volunteer coaches, mentors, and business professionals, students engage in foundational disciplines such as marketing, finance, and strategic planning while experiencing the risks and rewards of launching a real venture. These are not simulated case studies; they are student-built businesses shaped by experimentation, resilience, and creativity.

Spring Cannon Ball Art
Showcase

Choir and Orchestra
Senior Night

*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**

The program culminates in the annual Wolves Den Final Pitch Event, a shark-tank-style competition sponsored by the Saint Ignatius Business Society. There, students present their ventures before a panel of judges that includes industry leaders—many of them Saint Ignatius alumni—and compete for investment funding and the opportunity to bring their ideas to life. This year's pitches included Wolfpack Shoepack, Flexlace, PJ Apparel, Made2Order, Time2Eat, Iggy Hats, and Gradeaid.

We can't wait to see where these small businesses go next!



ACADEMICS

Class of 2026 Graduation

Seniors, graduation is quickly approaching! **Caps and gowns will be distributed in Tully Hall during all lunch periods on Thursday, April 30.** Please reference [this document](#) for further details about graduation on May 21.

Global Programs

The Saint Ignatius community looks forward to welcoming two exchange students from two Jesuit high schools in Lithuania for the fall semester of the 2026-27 academic year. We are in need of host families for two rising juniors. If you are interested or open to learning more, please contact Assistant Prefect [Beth Carney](#).

ADMISSIONS

Announcing our New Director

We are pleased to announce that Matt Monroe has accepted the position of Director of Admissions at Saint Ignatius.

Matt brings a decade of experience as a member of our Social Studies faculty and currently serves as Head Coach of the Boys Basketball program. Over the past year, he has also contributed to the Admissions Office as a recruiter, building meaningful relationships with prospective students and families.



With his deep commitment to our Mission and his strong connections with elementary schools throughout the Chicago area, Matt is well-positioned to lead our admissions efforts and continue sharing the value of a Saint Ignatius education.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Nora Hynes for her ongoing support of the Admissions Office this past year, and to Maggie Nass for her dedicated service prior to returning to the business world. We are grateful for the impact both have made on our school community.

Please join us in congratulating Matt on his new role.

ATHLETICS



Spring sports are heating up at Saint Ignatius! The Wolfpack is seeing their dedication and leadership turn into strong on-field performances and meaningful victories in lacrosse, softball, soccer, track & field and more.

For more on the action, [read Mike Hurley's Athletic Newsletter](#).

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Spring Band Concert

The Spring Band Concert and Senior Night will be held on **Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m. in the McLaughlin Theater**. All of the music to be performed was selected by our students.

Tuesday's program will feature all of the band program ensembles: Percussion 1 & Percussion 2, Jazz Band and the Wind Symphony. **Admission is free for all!**



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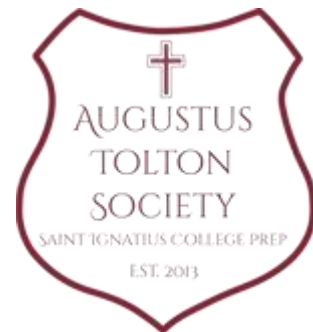
Early Dismissals

As a reminder, if a student needs to leave school early, they must submit an [Early Dismissal Form](#) to the Dean's Office when they arrive at school. Students may not leave the building without a parent signature on that page.

DEVELOPMENT

Tolton Society Spring Talk

Join us for an inspiring evening on **Wednesday, April 22** as we welcome distinguished alumna Tiffany Gholson '88, licensed clinical social worker.



Ms. Gholson will share her remarkable professional journey, reflecting on her purpose at work. Please [register here](#).

Día de las Madres

Join us on May 3 for *Día de las Madres* - a night to honor the incredible mothers of Saint Ignatius College Prep and celebrate a meaningful milestone for our graduating seniors.

This gathering includes the annual presentation of stoles to ALAS Program students. We celebrate their achievements and cultural pride, as well as the supportive community that has uplifted them throughout their journey. This event will also serve as a fundraiser for the San Ignacio Society to support continued opportunities and resources for future generations of Wolfpack students. Together, we celebrate family, heritage and the bright futures ahead with gratitude, joy and unity.

Día de las Madres will take place on **Sunday, May 3 from 5-8 p.m. at Pochos restaurant** in Pilsen (1727 W 18th St). Please click [here to register](#).

Women's Society Signature Dinner



The Women's Society is thrilled to honor former Saint Ignatius Board member [Cherryl Thomas](#) at the Women's Society Signature Dinner on **Thursday, May 7**.

- [Click here](#) to RSVP

- [Click here](#) to volunteer

Upcoming Dates

- **May 1** - Jubilee Reunion
- **May 2** - Spring Reunions (Classes of 2021, 2016, 2011, 2006 and 2001)
- **August 7** - San Ignacio Celebración
- **September 23** - 40th Annual Golf Classic
- **October 17** - Fall Reunions (Classes of 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981 and 1976)

FORMATION AND MINISTRY

Class of 2026 Baccalaureate Mass

The Class of 2026 will gather for their Baccalaureate Mass on **Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m.** in Church of the Holy Family. A detailed letter will be distributed to each senior in their Theology class explaining protocols for this special event. Each graduating senior will receive four seats for family members and guests.



Please email [Ms. Kate Trinley](#) if you have special circumstances requiring extra seats (includes providing accessible seating for students and guests with disabilities and mobility concerns).

Junior Family Mass and Ring Ceremony

We welcome all juniors and their families to worship as a community at the annual Junior Family Mass and Ring Ceremony this **Sunday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m.** Mass will be celebrated in Church of the Holy Family followed by a light reception in Damen Hall.



All juniors and their families are encouraged to attend even if a class ring was not ordered. 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.

Sophomore and Freshman Service Commitment

The sophomore service deadline was **March 24** and the freshman deadline is **April 28**. Students who fail to complete or log their hours must attend an after school service support meeting and, if the hours are not met, will receive an Incomplete (“I”) on their transcript preventing them from viewing their report card and registering for classes.

Students can use [this link](#) to see the schedule for some posted service opportunities. Please contact [Sr. Edelquine Shivachi](#) with any questions or concerns.

Juniors: Summer 2026 Immersion Trips

Mr. Nunez has been rostering students on the summer immersion trip program based on interest and availability. Students and parents should check their inboxes for additional details and message [Mr. Nunez](#) with any questions or concerns.

Mass of Mission and Thanksgiving



We will celebrate our last all-school mass on the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker **Friday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m.** This liturgy is celebrated with our Jubilarians, alumni who graduated before 1976. We will participate in the final vow ceremony of Fr. Brian Taber, S.J., and recognize the accomplishments of our student body with class awards. We will also honor all women who have been witnesses of faith and motherhood for our community. This recognition is part of the veneration of the Blessed Mother Mary during the month of May which is reserved for her special remembrance and thus extended to all mothers.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Class of 2026

All Students:

Please complete the Grad Survey 2026, which will be electronically distributed this week. Likewise, please update your Naviance and college counselor about the admissions decisions you've received. The information you provide is crucial to

maintaining our database and continuing to provide college counseling to future classes.

If You're on the Waitlist or Undecided:

Our office is available to help students navigate the waitlist process. Please complete all requested or optional items you receive and reach out to your counselor for consultation on communicating with waitlisted schools.

We are also available to speak with students and families as they go through the final discernment process. Students and families are encouraged to book a meeting with your college counselor to talk through their options.

Standardized Testing

Summer Session ACT/SAT Prep Classes

ACT and SAT test prep classes will be held from June 8-26 on campus. The schedule, registration link and financial aid information are available [here](#).



Free Consultation for March Practice ACT

The practice ACT taken on March 5 comes with a complimentary consultation with one of the expert directors at Academic Approach. During the consultation, they will go over your student's scores, highlight the skills your student needs to focus on to see the most improvement, provide guidance about which test (ACT or SAT) might be the best fit for them, and, in coordination with your College Counseling Department's recommendations and your child's goals, suggest official test dates to target. You can schedule your complimentary consultation [here](#).

Class of 2027

Summer Session Common Application Workshop

We will hold three sessions on campus: June 9-11, July 28-30 and August 4-6. Learn more and register [here](#).

End of School Year To-Do List

- If you have had your Junior Family Meeting, then there should be schools listed in your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" in Naviance.

- If you have yet to schedule a Junior Family Meeting, please arrange that appointment using our Calendly links:
 - [Mr. Gomez](#)
 - [Ms. Granholm](#)
 - [Mr. Jenkins](#)
 - [Ms. Miranda](#)
 - [Mr. Schmidt](#)
- All juniors should plan to register for future [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) dates.
- College Counseling will be distributing a Teacher Recommendation Google Document around May 2.
- We will be attending junior English classes from April 23-May 1 to discuss College Essays.

Class of 2028 and 2029

Freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to view our diverse catalog of [enrichment programs](#) as we approach summer break.

All underclassmen are encouraged to view our College Counseling videos on Blackbaud under the College icon. Videos include:

- Sophomore College Counseling and Course Planning Webinar
- Introduction to Naviance
- How to calculate a GPA and the Honors/AP Weighting System
- Coffee Talk -- an overview of College Counseling timeline

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Saint Ignatius Leadership Seminar



There is still room on the June 18-19 retreat for all current freshmen, sophomores and juniors to hone their leadership skills and grow as men and women for others. Please email [Mr. Michael McKeon](#) or [Dr. John Igwebuike](#) with any questions about SILS 2026.

Student Representatives for the Board of Trustees School Culture—DEIB Committee

The Board of Trustees School Culture—Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee is searching for a diverse candidate pool to serve as a student representative on the Board Committee. Student representatives advocate for the student body to promote diversity, equity and inclusion and further enhancing the safety and well-being of every student. If interested, please contact [Dr. John G. Igwebuike](#).

COUNSELING

April and May are some of the busiest times of the school year, but finding ways to decompress can help us get through these hectic weeks. Decompression doesn't have to be a major project; it can be found in simple "micro-breaks" throughout the day. Here are a few quick strategies to reset your nervous system:

- **The Doorframe Reset:** Every time you walk through a classroom or office door, take one deep breath and drop your shoulders, letting it be a physical cue to release the stress of your day.
- **The Temperature Shift:** Splash cold water on your face or hold a cold compress against your wrists for 30 seconds. This manually "restarts" your body's calm-down response.
- **The 5-4-3-2-1 Technique:** If your brain is spinning, pause and name 5 things you see, 4 you can touch, 3 you hear, 2 you smell, and 1 you can taste; it is an effective tool to remain grounded.
- **The "Done" List:** Spend one minute at the end of the day writing down three things you accomplished.
- **Digital Boundaries:** Set your phone to "Do Not Disturb" as soon as you enter your bedroom.

As always, your school counselors are here—so take a deep breath, try one of these strategies and stop by our office if you need us.

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](#). **This is our final push for every senior to win a prize!** The raffle is one of the highlights of the night—something our seniors hear rumors about for years. 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 Parent Org!

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 on deck” 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 Wolfpack Post 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 2026-27 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.

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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