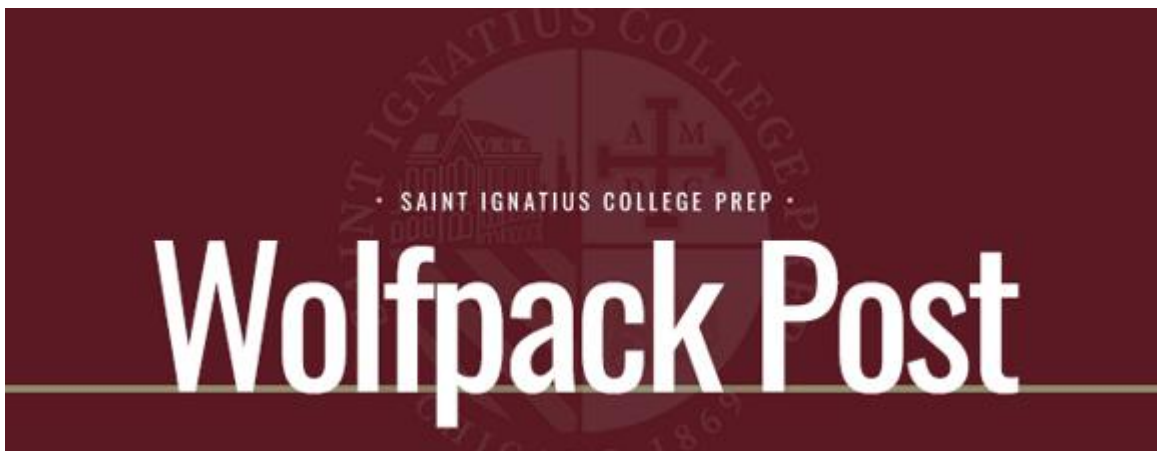




April 30, 2026

LOOKING AHEAD

May 1

Mass of Mission and
Thanksgiving

May 3

Día de las Madres

May 7

Women's Society
Signature Dinner

May 8

May Crowning

May 14

Senior Breakfast
Senior Bonfire

May 15

RETREATS: A PATH OF FORMATION

Retreats are a defining part of the Saint Ignatius academic experience, intentionally woven into each student's four-year formation. As students grow intellectually in the classroom, retreats offer dedicated space for reflection, prayer and community—helping them integrate what they are learning about the world with a deeper understanding of themselves and their purpose.

To strengthen this progression, the Student Formation and Ministry office has been gradually moving the Kairos Retreat to junior year, allowing students to encounter this pivotal experience earlier and carry its impact into their final year. In turn, the senior retreat program has evolved to focus on continued formation and reflection as students prepare to graduate.

Two senior experiences that will be available to those who have completed Kairos—the Manresa Retreat and the Living the 4th Day Retreat—build on the Kairos foundation. Manresa introduces students more deeply to Ignatian spirituality through adult witness talks,

Last Day of Classes

Senior Clap Out

May 18–20

Underclassmen Final
Exams

May 20

Baccalaureate Mass

*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**

small group conversation, prayer and reflection. Living the 4th Day invites seniors to revisit the graces of their Kairos experience, considering how those moments have shaped them and how they hope to carry them forward. Through student reflections, liturgy and time in community, seniors are given space to look back with gratitude and ahead with intention.

Together, these experiences reflect Saint Ignatius' commitment to forming the whole person. As we prepare to send our current seniors off to college, our hope is that they are leaving us not only academically prepared, but grounded in faith, self-awareness and a sense of vocation—ready to live as women and men for and with others.

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ACADEMICS

AP Exams

Advanced Placement Exams will run from Monday, May 4 through Friday, May 12. There is also late AP testing available the following week, May 15–22.

There is an AP icon on the resources page in Blackbaud that provides a simple test schedule and links to many resources available from the College Board to prepare for the test date.



All AP students received an initial email with instructions this Monday, April 27. There will be a more detailed email sent the day before the AP exams regarding test location and items to bring to the test.

Students must have their College Board password memorized. Bluebook will not allow autofill or access to a password manager on the test date.

Final Exams

All students will take their exams in their regularly scheduled classroom with their teacher as the proctor. The exam periods are 100 minutes in length. All students will have 90 minutes to complete an exam designed for 60 minutes. The exam schedule is:

Monday, May 18 - A, B, I

Tuesday, May 19 - C, D, E

Wednesday, May 20 - F, G, H

No classes are meeting on these days. Students are not required to attend the scheduled class meeting time unless they are taking an exam. Exams may only be rescheduled due to illness or a serious family situation with approval from Dr. Maloney.

All students will receive a personalized exam schedule the week of May 4.

Final course grades will be posted on Tuesday, May 26 at 5 p.m.

ATHLETICS



From the diamond to the track to the water, Wolfpack athletes are in the heart of their spring season. We've seen standout individual and team performances in baseball, softball, lacrosse, track & field and water polo.

For a full report, read [Mike Hurley's Athletics Newsletter](#).

MASS OF MISSION AND THANKSGIVING - TOMORROW



We invite all members of our community to Church of the Holy Family **tomorrow, May 1, at 9:30 a.m.** for our final all-school Mass of the academic year. During the ceremony, we will welcome our Jubilarians (Saint Ignatius alumni from the Class of 1976 and before), celebrate the Final Vows of Fr. Brian Taber, S.J., and distribute class awards to the Class of 2026.

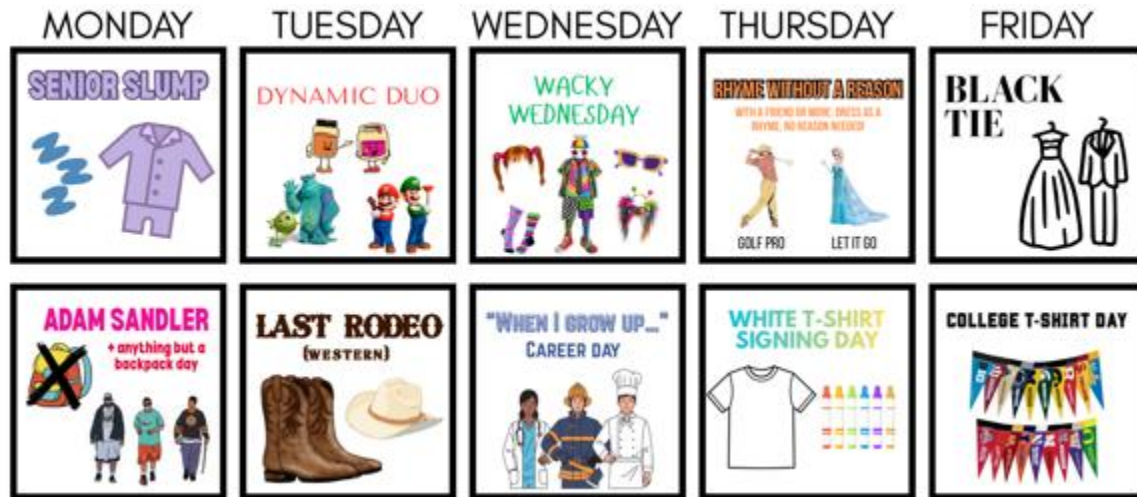
Students: Tomorrow is a Mass Attire day that will follow a special schedule. Please review your *My Day* schedule in advance.

Immediately following, all parents, alumni and friends are welcome to join us for a coffee reception in the Fr. Hasse Room, located behind the altar. Parking is available on May Street just west of the church. [Click here to register](#) for the Mass and coffee reception.

This ceremony will be livestreamed! [Click here](#) to watch the Mass and award ceremony.

SENIOR CEREMONIES

Senior Week Dress Themes



The Senior Events Planning Committee has been working with our Deans and Prefects Offices to plan two weeks of fun themes. As always, have fun, be creative, and make sure your choices are respectful of others and our school community. Please check your inbox for more details on themes and regulations for the weeks of May 4–8 and May 11–15.

Senior Clap Out

We will celebrate the Class of 2026 at our Senior Clap Out on **Friday, May 15, from 2:00-3:15 p.m.** with seniors going to the Quad for their final send-off.

Parents are invited to watch from the designated section on Fornelli '51 Field (please arrive by 1:45 p.m.). After the clap out, families are encouraged to take photos on the field.

Senior parents, check your email for more details.



Class of 2026 Baccalaureate Mass

The Class of 2026 Baccalaureate Mass will be on **Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m.** in Church of the Holy Family. A letter detailing procedures was handed out to each senior in their Theology class.

Please email [Ms. Kate Trinley](#) if you have special circumstances requiring more than the four allotted seats.

Graduation

The Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m.** at UIC Credit Union 1 Arena. See the [attached document](#) for additional details and procedures.

DEVELOPMENT

Día de las Madres

The San Ignacio Society is proud to host Día de las Madres on **Sunday, May 3 from 5–8 p.m. at Pochos restaurant.** We will celebrate the mothers of Saint Ignatius and present stoles to Latino seniors in the ALAS Program, in recognition of their achievements, cultural pride, and the community that lifts them up. Purchase tickets for [Día de las Madres here](#).

Women's Society Signature Dinner

There are still spots left for the Women's Society Signature Dinner to celebrate the women of the Saint Ignatius community and present of the Golden Rose Award to Cheryl Thomas.

Please [register here](#) for the dinner next **Thursday, May 7.**



Mom Prom

Please join us on **Friday, May 8 from 7–10 p.m.** at **Mrs. Murphy & Sons Irish Bistro** for Mom Prom 2026. Come to dance, mix and mingle and enjoy light bites and drinks.

This event is open to moms of all grades, including those with an incoming freshman. Festive attire is welcome but not required. Purchase tickets for [Mom Prom here](#).



Celebración

The Celebración Gala represents the San Ignacio Society's efforts to provide our talented young Latin American students with the necessary resources for them to excel at Saint Ignatius. This year's event is held on **August 7**. Please register [for Celebración here](#).

The San Ignacio Society will be on campus Wednesday, May 14, from 5–7 p.m. for a phone bank to invite friends, classmates, and fellow alumni to register for Celebración and contribute to sponsorship support. Bring your phone, your contacts, and your enthusiasm—every call gets us closer to another year of life-changing scholarships. Please email Alumni Relations Director [Colleen Carr](#) for more information.

40th Annual Golf Classic

Please join us for the Annual Golf Classic on **September 24**. This year, we are celebrating four decades of the Golf Classic in true style—we're throwing it back to the 1980s to mark this milestone in a way that's as memorable as the decade itself. Please [register here for the Golf Classic](#).



Reunions

Classes of 2021, 2016, 2011, 2006 & 2001 - May 2

Classes of 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981 & 1976 - Oct 17

FORMATION AND MINISTRY - STUDENT



May Crowning

We will gather to venerate our Blessed Mother Mary for our annual May Crowning event next **Friday, May 8 at 10 a.m.** in the Marian Garden.

In anticipation of Mother's Day, we will honor all women who have been witnesses of faith and motherhood within our community. We will have a light reception following the event. Please [register here](#) to join the celebration.

Juniors: Summer Immersion Trips

Mr. Nunez has rostered students on summer immersion trips. Students and parents, please check your email for a message from Mr. Nunez with additional details. Each immersion trip group will

have a meeting on Friday, May 8 during Activity Period in Damen Hall.

COUNSELING



SCHOOL COUNSELING
PRESENTS

Spring INTO CALM

ROOM 320	May 11- 14	LUNCH BLOCKS
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COME ON BY TO TAKE A BREAK DURING FINALS PREP
WEEK AND RELAX WITH THE SCHOOL COUNSELING TEAM!

MONDAY, MAY 11- CALM COLORING

TUESDAY, MAY 12- RUBIX CUBES & RELAX

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13- FIDGETS, PUTTY & MUSIC

THURSDAY, MAY 14- TEA & SNACKS

See you there!

The School Counseling Office is excited to offer ways to de-stress during exam season. All are welcome to join. Please email School Counselor [Ms. Honeycutt](#) with any questions.

PARENT ORGANIZATION

Post Prom - Thank You!

The Parent Organization extends our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the Post Prom Party, *Le Jardin de Nuit*, our Parisian garden inspired after-party. Whether you served on a planning committee, helped with setup, stayed late to assist with cleanup or donated items for the raffle, your efforts are truly appreciated by our Executive Board and certainly by all of the students who had a wonderful time at the party.



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 other parents and alumni. We will gather on Google Meet next on Wednesday, May 6 from 8–9 a.m. If you are interested, email [Gail Krema](#) for the Google Meet link.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

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 enhance the safety and well-being of every student. If interested, please contact [Dr. John G. Igwebuike](#).

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Class of 2026

Senior Survey

The Senior Survey distributed electronically last week is mandatory for all students. The information you provide is crucial to maintaining our database and continuing to provide college counseling to future classes.

Thank Your Teachers

Seniors, please thank your teachers for writing recommendation letters for you during the college application process. A hand-written note goes a long way...

Class of 2027

English Classroom Visits

College Counseling has visited junior English classes to discuss college essay writing. Please review the documents we distributed as you begin to think about your essay.

Teacher Recommendation Requests

Juniors are aware that they need to ask at least one teacher for a college recommendation by the end of the school year. The *Teacher Recommendation Google Document Form* has been distributed to the junior class.

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

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, 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](#).



Classes of 2028 and 2029

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

All underclassmen and their families 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

1076 TRIVIA

Have you ever noticed this painting in the Grand Gallery, above the door into the Brunswick Room? Do you know who is depicted in this painting?

The man wearing red and white papal vestments kneeling before an image of the Virgin Mary is Saint Pius V, Pope of the Catholic Church from 1566–72.

Today, April 30, we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Pius V on the liturgical calendar. Happy Feast Day, Saint Pius! Next time you're in the Grand Gallery, stop and look up at this beautiful painting.



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