

Dear Transfer Students:

All of us - myself included - have at least one thing in common:
We are preparing to begin our first year at Saint Ignatius College Prep.



My name is Mr. Paul Ickes and I am the new Athletics Director (AD – one of the many new names and Ignatius terms you and I will learn) at Saint Ignatius College Prep. You will soon experience some of the same things during your first year here that I am experiencing since arriving in June: excitement, looking forward to new opportunities and experiences, a little nervousness, getting used to a new environment/building, learning where to find things, meeting new people (and trying to remember their names), making new friends... and so on.

As you arrive on campus, there are other new things that await you and the rest of the student body this school year. For instance, you will have the opportunity to compete on and/or watch many athletic events on our new turf field and the renovated track and field. Also, for the first time since the program returned to SICP, you will experience a full season of varsity home football games right here on campus on Fridays.

My high school experience at Saint Laurence was similar to what some of you will experience here. Like me, some of you will be travelling long distances to attend SICP. And, like me, some of you are the only person from your grade school or junior high to attend SICP. Whether you live near or far or are coming to us by yourself or with other classmates, all of you will be greeted, taught, coached, and assisted by numerous faith-centered, caring, and professional adults. Please know that you can count me as one of those ready to help you in any way. My office is next to the Gentile Gym (lower gym), and the office of the Assistant AD's – Mr. Eastman and Mrs. McGovern – is also next to the Gentile Gym on the opposite side.

My primary role is the development and supervision of the entire athletic program at SICP. One way that I made new friends and overcame my shyness in high school was by participating in athletics. Some of you are already participating by attending summer camps and workouts here while many of you are preparing for tryouts or the start of your season. Further information on fall tryouts and starting dates are included in this mailing. Also, please go to the Athletics page of the SICP website throughout your four years for more information on all of our athletic offerings including tryout/start dates. NOTE: The school website – including the athletic pages – will be revamped and re-launched soon, but the main athletics page address stays the same: <http://www.ignatius.org/athletics.aspx>

I encourage you to participate in our amazing athletic program. Do not be afraid to try out – give it your best shot and see where it goes. Try something you have not done before. Help as a manager, statistician, or videographer. Visit and use the Fitness Center on the 2nd floor of the athletic complex after school. The possibilities are endless! My prayers and best wishes... welcome to the Wolfpack!

Sincerely,

Paul Ickes
Athletics Director