



# INSIDEIGNATIUS

THE "INSIDE SCOOP" FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF OF SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP.

## Upcoming Events

### April

- 17 Diversity Dialogue
- 22 Latino College Night for Parents
- 24 "A School That Does Justice"  
Presentation for Parents
- 26 Free Women's Finance Workshop  
*Hosted by the Estate and Tax  
Advisory Council in conjunction  
with the Women's Council.*
- 27 Freshman Class Family Mass
- 29 Club IDEA 2nd Semester Show

### May

- 1 National Spanish and French  
Honor Society Induction
- 1-3 Improv Club Performance
- 2 First Friday Liturgy
- 4 Spring Band Concert
- 7 Benefactors' Reception
- 8 Diversity Dialogue
- 9 Habitat for Humanity "Shantytown"
- 16 Student Council Elections
- 17 Senior Prom and Post-Prom
- 19 Independent Research Symposium
- 20-21 Senior Exams
- 21 Graduation Practice and Senior Picnic
- 22 Orchestra & Choir Ice Cream Social
- 26 NO CLASSES
- 28 Baccalaureate Mass
- 29 Spring Sports Awards Night
- 31 Graduation

### June

- 4-6 Underclassmen Exams Begin
- 7-8 SILS Workshop
- 13 Summer School Orientation
- 16 Summer School Begins  
and HAP Begins

## Scholarship Program Finalists Named



Congratulations to the following students who received top status in three very prominent scholarship programs!

### National Merit Finalists:

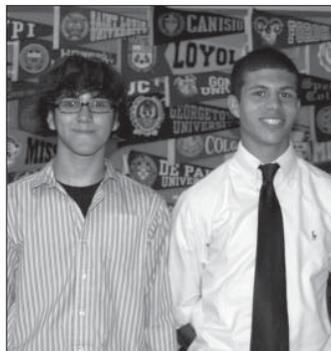
Grace Brennan, Helen Cronin, Gregory Leya, Patrick Nicholson, Joseph Pantoga, Clay Ramel, Thomas Respondi, Eastin Rossell, William Starshak, Matthew Welsh and Genevieve White.

### National Recognition Program Scholars:

Joseph Pantoga and Alex Vega-Byrnes.

### National Achievement Program Finalists:

Oluwatobi Abegunde, Genevieve Bates, Cary Ransone and Alison Smith.



## Freshman Class Service Trip

On March 20, Ms. Angela Swain (Freshman Class Chaplain) and Mr. Ed Julliard (Religious Studies instructor) chaperoned twelve freshmen during Saint Ignatius's first freshman class service trip. Students Rueben Blackwell and Jennifer Mendoza came up with the idea and worked hard to make it a reality, though Mendoza was not able to make the trip. Attendees were Blackwell, Noelle Bradley, Carla Celio, Azalea Garcia, Julie Govekarica, Brenda Gutierrez, Pablo Gutierrez, Kwadjo Henaku, Matt Houlihan, Miguel Munoz, Maxwell Shen and Tess Tucker. The students, who nicknamed themselves "The Twelve" after the twelve disciples at the Last Supper, went to the Chicago Christian Industrial League (CCIL). Since 1909, CCIL has been training men and women for work and is dedicated to supporting clients and giving them a sense of purpose. The students had a wonderful experience working in the food pantry and family room. They bagged canned goods for community residents and organized

children's books and videos. They were particularly moved by CCIL's adolescent population. Their experience helped them begin to demystify the stereotypes of who the homeless are and learn more about the causes of homelessness.



At the Freshman Class Family Mass on April 27, canned good donations will be accepted in support of CCIL. Special thanks is extended to the Department of Formation and Ministry for their guidance.

# FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that spring, now that it's finally arrived, is treating you and your families well. With Easter being so early this year and with winter being as tenacious as it was, we did more than enough shoveling during our Easter week sports activities!

As you know from your own Ignatian student, there is a great deal going on, but I'd like to share in particular news from three areas:

**Academics** - Faculty members have spent significant time this year during meetings and in-service addressing the curriculum of the next five years at Saint Ignatius. One of the areas that we know we want to address is that of "focusing" and making the connections between subject areas that will help our students have a more holistic experience. More discussion and planning will occur during the next year. Please stay tuned as we elicit input from you in the months to come. We are also looking at specific programs that will help our students achieve at even higher levels.

An example of such a program is our Math Lab, which was started three years ago in collaboration between our Math Department and Dr. Harry London of DePaul University.

Beginning with the class that are now juniors, we stopped having a lower level (for Saint Ignatius!) of math class and instead put all of our students into the regular or advanced classes. Students whose incoming test scores indicated that they might struggle a bit more than usual were pre-taught upcoming math topics in Algebra Math Lab. This program was so successful that we added a Geometry Lab the following year. This year those students are juniors in Algebra II/Trig; half have signed up (with teacher recommendation) for Pre-calculus as seniors, and two will take AP Statistics! We are also pleased that no student failed Algebra I this year.

I offer this example to illustrate that a truly excellent school addresses all of its students. While we surely celebrate our National Merit and Achievement accomplishments, we also look at what all of our students need for success.

**Graduation** - Seniors and senior parents and guardians know that our graduation venue this year will be the new UIC Forum, just opened in February. As you may know, the neighborhood has been excited about the new venue that has a more intimate ambience than the Pavilion that we have used for the past several years. We will be able to have a beautiful ceremony in a place more suited to graduation than an adapted sports venue such as the Pavilion.

As the Forum has just been completed, we wanted to see and experience it before we made the final decision, and we were pleased with the space for size, appearance, and sound quality. We will also be able to use drop down screens for projection so that those in the back will be able to see each student receive the diploma. We anticipate that this venue will work well for our Class of 2008 and for those to come, and we are pleased to have such a space in our own neighborhood!

**Parent Collaboration** - Lastly, I want to thank all of the parents who have attended the variety of programs that we have offered throughout the year from our freshman and sophomore parent nights to our evenings sponsored by the Department of Formation and Ministry and regular Parent Organization meetings. The challenges of parenting teenagers are many, and it's great when the teens, the parents, and the school are working together. Our students are very much people of their culture and, in many ways, we offer them alternatives to that culture that help them become "Men and Women for Others." During the upcoming season of Proms, dances, and parties, we at Saint Ignatius join the other Catholic high schools in Chicago in asking our parents to keep teen parties alcohol-free and to ask other families to do so as well. As you are dealing with this and other issues with your teens, please know that you are not alone.

Have a wonderful end of the school year with the grace of the Easter season offering the assurance of new life.

God bless you,

*Catherine A. Kohl, Ph.D.*

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# CLUBCULTURE

**Club Erin Celebrates St. Patrick's Day:** Club Erin and friends marched in Chicago's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15. About 25 students joined moderators Ms. Maureen Quane and Ms. Karen Coleman and represented "the Irish" of Saint Ignatius well. (See parade photo at right.)

**Club IDEA Show Coming Up:** Club IDEA will host its end-of-year show after school at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29. Students will perform music, read poetry, and display their artwork in a separate display which will remain in the McLaughlin Room until Friday, May 2. Parents are invited to attend. Special thanks is extended to the Executive Board: Estela Del Toral '09, President; Ausrine Plioplys '10, Vice President; Kayla Ico '09, Secretary for Art and Visual Display; and Jorge Avelar '10, Secretary of Music and Poetry.

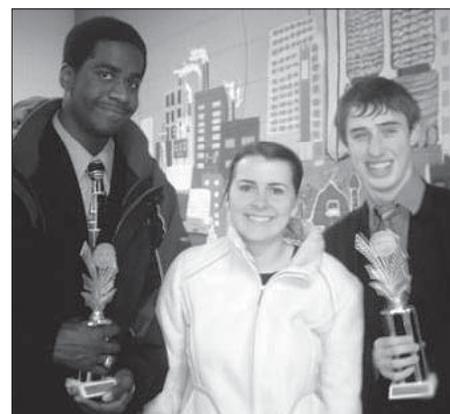
**Harlequins:** The Harlequins spring production, "The Diviners," was a hit! Congratulations to Fr. Ross Pribyl, S.J., moderator, and the cast and crew.

**Speech Team News:** The Saint Ignatius College Prep Speech teams experienced a winning season. Three individuals qualified to compete in the National Catholic Forensics League tournament this Memorial Day weekend in Appleton, WI. Senior Reggie Williams-Rolle qualified in Extemporaneous Speaking and also qualified to participate in Student Congress at nationals. Junior Joe McGing qualified in Original Oratory with a speech entitled "American Crisis: Illegal Immigration," and Christine Pawlowski qualified in Oral Interpretation of Literature category. Christine's program includes an excerpt from David Sedaris' *Me Talk Pretty One Day* and a collection of poems by Taylor Mali. (Reggie, Christine and Joe are pictured at right.)

**Club ISIS Hosts Girls' Night In:** This winter, Club ISIS (Ignatian Students in Sisterhood) had their now-annual event, "Girl's Night In." It was a wonderful evening of laughter, honesty, and wisdom about the issues facing young women in our culture today. This knowledge was passed down to female students by wonderful faculty and staff role models, who facilitated some eye-opening and insightful discussions. Ms. Rosemary Palicki and Ms. Heather DeJonker organized the event while Ms. Christen Shorrock, Ms. Beth Shannon and Ms. Jenn Fieldman were resident counselors who helped to plan the activities. Ms. Sarah Sobczak '02, Ms. Laura Majercyk, Ms. Danielle Pierce '95 and Ms. Holly Kennedy spoke about "body image," while Ms. Kitty Hooper '87, Ms. Lynne Ruozzi and Ms. Fieldman spoke about "the party scene." (See event photo at right.) Junior and senior male students are invited to join a similar activity on Saturday, May 3 from 3-10:00 p.m., when Mr. Tim Wesley, Mr. Greg Mellor and Mr. Terry Tyrrell host **the first-ever "Guys' Night In."** The event will focus on the many dimensions of being a man – in recreation, decision-making around relevant issues, fellowship and spirituality.

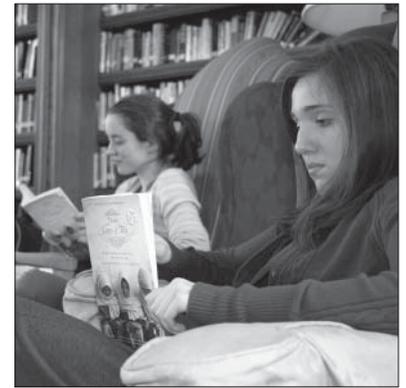
**Ethnic Week & Festival of Nations:** A collaboration of clubs including the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS), Alliance for Saint Ignatius Asians (ASIA), Club Erin (Gaelic and Irish), French Club, Club Italia, Middle Passage (African Americans), and Ukraine Club—under the Ignatians Serving to Expand and Embrace Diversity Club (ISEED) hosted Ethnic Week and Festival of Nations during the week of April 7. This year's theme was "Where in the World is Saint Ignatius?" Ethnic Week was filled with activities that highlighted countries and ethnic groups from around the world. Students enjoyed daily quizzes and prizes and a taste of food from around the world... all leading up to the Festival of Nations, a one-hour global festival of dance and music with a rich tapestry of performances including bagpipe music, songs in Italian, and dances from around the world. (See Club ASIA, just before their performance, at right.)

**Opera Workshop and "George M!"** The annual "opera workshop" for students in orchestra and choir was a wonderful success. Congratulations to Ms. Mary Ellen Schneider and all students who participated this year.



# SCHOOLNEWS

■ The “One Book One Ignatius” program has been catching fire in the school community and many students and faculty alike have read or are currently reading the inaugural book selection, *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Some freshman English classes have even read the book as part of their World Literature classroom curriculum. On February 14, Ms. Megan Doherty and Mr. Brian Drumm accompanied their freshman classes on a field trip to see Mortenson speak at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. The event was hosted by The Universal School—an Islamic school located in Bridgeview. Over 1,000 students gathered to listen to Mortenson tell the inspirational story of his mission to build schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Ms. Carla Hickey, Director of Library Services and Chairwoman of the One Book One Ignatius program, helped to organize the field trip and said, “It was a pleasure to see the students of Saint Ignatius respond so favorably to Mortenson and his mission. It provided a wonderful venue to understand and discuss more fully the themes presented in the book.” In addition, the last Ignatian Values Day on April 4 focused on the values of being religious, loving, and committed to doing justice. Some class levels integrated themes from *Three Cups of Tea*.

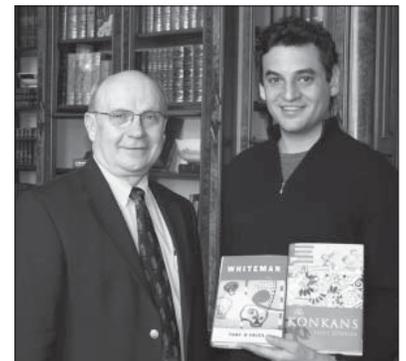


■ At lunchtime on February 21, over 100 Saint Ignatius students participated in a Diversity Dialogue in the McLaughlin Theater. These bimonthly, open microphone discussions are hosted by ISEED (Ignatians Serving to Embrace and Experience Diversity) to help students learn about and understand important diversity issues. The February 21 dialogue focused on the labels and words teenagers and adults use that can be insensitive and hurtful to others. Students discussed the negative effects of phrases such as “how retarded”, “that’s gay”, “you’re so blonde” and describing something or someone as “ghetto.” Overall, the student reactions to the honest and thought-provoking topic were positive. Many of the attendees remarked that they plan to stop using these derogatory terms in their everyday conversations and they hope to stop others from using negative terms as well. The next Diversity Dialogue will be April 17. The topic will be: In America, can anyone be whatever or whoever they want to be?

■ Alumnus Jeff Zimmerman '88 (at right), who has earned world-wide recognition for his work as a painter and muralist, spoke to Saint Ignatius students in late February. The event was sponsored by A.L.A.S. and the Saint Ignatius Spanish Department. Zimmerman’s murals have become a beloved part of the landscape in Chicago’s Hispanic and African-American neighborhoods. He has been commissioned to paint installations in Chicago’s Museum of Contemporary Art as well as in faraway cities like Peru, Kenya, Berlin and Honduras. While at Ignatius, Zimmerman discussed the importance of murals in Chicago’s Hispanic culture, and also gave insights about his own amazing work. The Spanish 4 A.P. students explored his web site and wrote interpretations of some of his murals in Chicago and Honduras before he came to speak. Visit [www.jazim.com](http://www.jazim.com) for more about Jeff and his involvement in the NEXT exhibition at the Merchandise Mart from April 25-28-- a part of Art Chicago 2008.



In addition, alumnus Tony D'Souza '92 (at right with Mr. Ray Kizelevicus) also visited Saint Ignatius in March to talk about his second novel, *The Konkans*, released in February. D'Souza is an accomplished author who has also contributed to *The New Yorker*, *Playboy*, *Salon*, *Esquire*, *Outside*, the O.Henry Awards, Best American Fantasy, McSweeney's, Tin House, Amazon and elsewhere, and has appeared on Dateline, The Today Show, the BBC, NPR and other venues. Visit [www.tonydsouza.com](http://www.tonydsouza.com) for more.



■ The excitement of Mardi Gras will greet students who attend the 4th annual Saint Ignatius Post-Prom celebration, to be held following the Senior Prom on Saturday, May 17. The school campus will be transformed into a Mardi Gras festival with Black Jack tables, arcade games, movies, karaoke and dodge ball—even a dunk tank to splash favorite teachers! Students will begin their evening by taking prom photos on the beautiful and blooming Saint Ignatius campus prior to the dance. They will then be transported by luxury motor coach to and from Senior Prom—returning back on campus to hang out and enjoy their friends for the rest of the evening. Pizza, breakfast, and other goodies will be abundant—this year, students will enjoy both make-your-own-sundaes and a cereal bar. Another evening highlight will be a prize raffle—a treasure trove of must-have items for the college student, including an Xbox/Wii, flat-screen TV, a mini-refrigerator, tickets to sporting events, gift certificates and even an iPhone! Post-Prom was instituted four years ago as a safe and fun alternative on what is often a high-risk night for seniors. Last year, over 85% of the students who attended Senior Prom also attended Post-Prom. If you'd like to help us continue this great Ignatian tradition with a donation to the prize raffle or a gift of your time, please contact Erin Luby at [erin.luby@ignatius.org](mailto:erin.luby@ignatius.org).

# SCHOOL NEWS

■ The following students were inducted into the Arnold Damen Chapter of the National Latin Honor Society on March 10: James Bertucci, Nora Bosco, Paul Cozzi, Mary Catherine Devitt, Kevin Dollear, Michael Donnelly, Richard Duffey, Ashley Edwards, Yekaterina Fishchuk, Keely Galgano, Maximo Gonzalez, Miranda Hernandez, Megan Hogan, David Kostelansky, Brigid Lenahan, Brendan Lynch, Kevin Lynch, Kelli McCormick, Joseph McGing, Daniel Miller, Helen Nguyen, Colin O'Neill, Vincent Pham, Michael Piccato, David Raminski, Alexandra Savoia, Sarah Scodel, Zachary Segel, Elisabeth Sonta, Brendan Sweeney, Michael Thompson, Katie Williams, Ryan Williams, Nathaniel Wootton, Amanda Worthington. (In photo at right, Kevin Dollear, Dan Miller and Zach Segel show off their induction certificates.)



■ Junior Katie Goldhagen (at right) won a pro-life speaking contest sponsored by the Lake County Right to Life organization in Indiana. She learned about the contest through her parish bulletin and thinking it would be a good experience and a chance to win the first prize award of \$200, she entered and asked Mr. Tim Wesley, her freshman and sophomore Religious Studies instructor, to be her "coach." Goldhagen and Wesley practiced diligently during lunch periods and her talk, about infanticide (the practice of killing an infant with severe birth defects, suggested as an extension of abortion) was well-received at the contest since it was the only talk on the topic. Most of the other 14 senior competitors talked about abortion. "We were allowed to use one notecard, but I had my speech completely memorized. I was pretty confident but it was a little nerve-racking to speak in front of 30-40 people," said Goldhagen. Things obviously went well considering she walked away with \$200 in her pocket. Rumor has it Mr. Wesley also got a monetary prize for being her coach, but gave it to his mentee for all her hard work.



■ Junior Kelly Corcoran, who tied for first place in the 2007 Walsh Construction/Saint Ignatius Bridge Contest, took second place in the Chicago Regional Bridge Contest. She had an efficiency of 2303 which means her bridge held 2303 times its own weight. She was invited to the International Contest, which will be held in Chicago at IIT on April 26. Three other Ignatius students placed in the Chicago Regional Contest, including Michael Khuans (5th), Alejandra Fabian (12th) and Juliana Burgess (17th).



■ Snowball was held on February 18 at Saint Ignatius. It was a tremendous day, filled with deep talks and lots of laughter. Moderated by Ms. Jenn Fieldman, an Ignatius guidance counselor, the retreat was student-directed by Kim Cesafsky, Destiny Ortega, and Gaby Pedroza. Juan Munoz, Caroline Rodriguez, Isamar Villasenor, Steven Piccione, Pat Nicholson, Mollie Knapp were group leaders. (See photo at right.)



■ Twenty-nine Saint Ignatius students and three teachers traveled to Spain over Easter break. The group visited Barcelona, Zaragoza, San Sebastian, Bilbao, Segovia and Madrid. Before the trip, students were prepped for the architectural aspect of their travels by guest speaker Lindsey Feola, a Chicago architect who studied in architecture in Barcelona. While in Spain, students visited Parc Güell in Barcelona, where they learned about Antoni Gaudí, the architect who designed the park (see photo at left). They sketched other buildings they saw along the way and even went on a scavenger hunt in San Sebastian, where they had to learn a Basque dance, ask the locals questions about Basque culture, and take photos of themselves with various people and places around town. All had a wonderful time.

## Athletics Highlights

- Next time you're in the gymnasium, check out the new state banners that have been put on display to recognize our state finishers through the years! The banners were hung in late February and they look fantastic.
- Varsity girls' soccer coach, Mr. Aaron Carpenter, achieved his 150th career win with his team's victory over Maria on St. Patrick's Day. Congratulations!
- Boys' tennis athlete, senior Greg Leya, has been selected to the 2008 IHSA All Academic Team. This places Greg as one of the top 26 boys in the state. Greg was 2007 Chicago Catholic League champion in #1 Singles last season and is currently a member of the Scholastic Bowl Team. He will be honored on April 21 in Bloomington for this honor.
- Senior Grace Brennan, a girls' basketball and track athlete, was named to the 2008 IHSA All-Academic Team with an Honorable Mention. This places Grace as one of the top 35 girls in the state. Grace received All-Girls Catholic Athletic Conference honors for the first time this season and was named the Comcast Sports Net Player of the Month in January for her 4.18 G.P.A. at the time, as well as her contributions to the girls' basketball team.
- "Donate to Renovate." Some of you may have noticed the banner hanging on the east gym wall with this slogan on it. Our gym needs some renovations and we're asking parents to help us make it a more up-to-date, safe place for our students to play sports and enjoy school life. To find out more, contact Tom Ramsden at 312-432-8346.



## Winter and Spring Sports Summaries (as of March 17, 2008)

**Boys' Basketball** - The Wolfpack varsity basketball team ended their fantastic season with an overall record of 21-6 and a 6-1 record in the Chicago Catholic League North division. Led by All-CCL 1st Team selections Keith Smith and Joe Mezyk, and Honorable Mention selection Zach Watkins, the Pack put together one of the most successful seasons in the programs history. Smith also received All Daily Southtown/Star 1st team honors for his 11.24 points, 5.67 assists and 2.67 steals per game averages. Mario Knezovic and Peter Doerer rounded out the five man balanced attack that posted wins over Br. Rice, Hales, Loyola and St. Rita. The sophomore Pack finished off their great season with a 17-5 overall record led by Jack Fischer and Joe Bulliner. The freshman A and B teams led by Eric Jacobson and Dan Reardon ended the season 15-10 and 16-5, respectively.

**Girls' Basketball** - The girls basketball varsity team placed 5th in the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference, won their 5th straight IHSA Regional title and 15th title overall in the program's history. The Pack has been led by All-GCAC members Eileen O'Donoghue, who led the team in scoring and rebounds averaging 10.8 points and 6.4 rebounds a game, Tara Lucas averaging 7.2 points per game, and Grace Brennan. Brennan was also named Comcast Sports Player of the Month for her outstanding efforts on and off the court. Grace currently maintains a 4.18 G.P.A and is second in scoring with an average of 9.2 points per game. The sophomore girls finished off their season with a 15-9 record and a 5th place finish in the GCAC tournament. Danielle Lewandowski led the Pack, averaging 11.7 points per game, hitting 33% from behind the 3-point arc and grabbing 61 steals. The freshman teams went a combined 23-16 this season, placing 4th in the GCAC tournament led by the scoring leaders Lauren Logan with 8.4 points per game and Emily Hickey with 4.4 points per game.

**Girls' Bowling** - The Wolfpack varsity girls bowling team finished 3rd in the IHSA Sectional tournament this year, ending their three year run as sectional champions. Sara Riestere qualified for the IHSA State competition for the first time in her career while Virginia Murray received an at-large bid to represent the Wolfpack. The Pack also placed 5th in the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference championships as Kristina Mossman was named to the All-GCAC team with a 140 pin average.

**Boys' Bowling** - The Wolfpack varsity continued their strong season by finishing in 2nd place in the Saint Ignatius IHSA Sectional held at Town Hall Lanes in Cicero which qualified them for the IHSA State team tournament. The Pack rolled a 5,568 series and missed the title by 38 pins. Junior Sam Peterlin led the way, rolling a 1,225 series to place him 2nd in the section as an individual. Although the team outcome was not what the Wolfpack hoped for down state, Alberto Murillo placed 51st in the state with a 205 average over the tournament to end the weekend on a high note.

# WOLFPACK PRIDE

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**Boys' Swimming** - The boys swimming and diving team capped off their season with their best state showing in 43 years. The 200 medley relay team of Chris Tracz, Michael Charysh, Garrett Mulchrone and Jack Abernethy became the first relay team in school history to return to state finals on Saturday as they grabbed 12th place and attained All-American status for the Wolfpack. Junior, Garrett Mulchrone had the highest individual state finish for an Ignatius swimmer in 40 years as he grabbed 8th place in the 100 butterfly, picking up All-American status and his first Junior National time. Senior captain Chris Tracz also got a second swim in the 100 backstroke as he took 11th place for the Wolfpack. Saint Ignatius had six All-State performances turned in by the team which is the most in school history. The five All-American performances are also a school record. It was a successful day all around for the Wolfpack as all three relays improved their times and ranks. Four new varsity records were established at the state meet as well.

**Wrestling** - The Wolfpack varsity wrestlers placed 2nd in the IHSA Regional team competition hosted by Saint Ignatius and advanced seven wrestlers for the IHSA Sectional at De La Salle. Four Wolfpack grapplers won their weight class. Miguel Roa at 140, John Fenton at 125, Ray Dunker at 185 and Mike Haggerty at 130 pounds claimed titles. Roa then moved his record to 38-6 this season with three straight pins to win the IHSA Sectional at 140 pounds and advance to the IHSA State tournament. Once at state, Miguel went 1-2 on the weekend advancing as far as the quarter-finals.

**Hockey** - Success early in the season led the hockey team to the play-offs. Varsity won its first playoff game ever against St. Charles North and stayed until late in the third in their next round game against a combined Guerin/Nazareth squad. The JV team, having won so many regular season games, was seeded third in the first round to take on Marist in the best of three series. SICP won the series 2-0 and advanced to the championship against Mount Carmel. The brothers Javorski played with a vengeance. The "fab four" on defense led by Ayala and including Tony Iuliano, Nick Collins (also one of the League's leading scorers) and Alex Layng, stymied the Caravan fast shooters. On offense, T.J. Boulger, Schuck, John Fitzgerald, Michael Heldak, Frankie DiSilvio, Max McDonald and Nick Donata, passed extremely well and exceeded the Caravan's shots on goal for the tournament. But for the simply incredible goal-tending of Carmel, SICP would have brought home the J.V. Jr. Kennedy Cup. Instead, they came up just short, losing the series 2-1 but ending with a very strong 2nd place finish in the League. As Coach Weber aptly described the season, "This team lived Saint Ignatius's mission all season. They worked together-- every man for each other. We had a team winning season but [more importantly], each of these men was victorious in his own effort, heart and commitment to be the best. I am proud to be their coach."



**Girls' Track** - The girls' track team has started its season in record-breaking fashion. As of March 12, the 2008 squad carries a 30-1 team record through eight meets. The Wolfpack won its third consecutive indoor GCAC Championship on Sunday, March 9, by winning ten of fifteen total events and setting three new meet records; Saint Ignatius now holds nine of fifteen total Indoor GCAC meet records. The following athletes were indoor GCAC event champions: Alec Brumfield (3200 Run), Kasi Onyejekwe (55 Hurdles), Kristina Black (50 Dash), Mary McKenna (1600 Run), Rachel Salemme (200 Dash), Grace Lusk (Pole Vault), Madison Allen (Long Jump), Nora Turek (High Jump and Triple Jump), and the 4x800 Relay team of Gabriella Lock, Grace Perry, Lauren Lambe, and Claire Sexton. Brumfield, Turek, and Allen set new GCAC records en route to their victories. In earlier indoor-season action, the team also won the six-team Maine East Invitational, the ten-team Argo Invitational, and the five-team Niles West meet. The upcoming outdoor season looks bright!

**Boys' Track** - Boys' varsity track completed its indoor season with a solid performance at the Chicago Catholic League Indoor Track Championships, placing fifth with 50 points, trailing winner Loyola (85 points). Junior Sal Salvato emerged as the team's outstanding performer, placing second in the 400 meters (51.58 seconds) and sixth in the 55 meter high hurdles (8.37). Running with senior co-captains Neil Kelleher, Tom Kelleher and Michael Kuntz, Salvato also started the race for the 4x400 relay which placed second with the fastest indoor time for Ignatius in many years, 3 minutes 34.60 seconds. Senior co-captain Reid Powell placed second with his best pole vault of the year (12 feet). Senior co-captain Tom Respondi was fourth in the 55 hurdles (8.24). Other individual scorers at the meet included junior Rahul Noronha (4th pole vault), junior Everett Mumford (6th 3200 meters), Neil Kelleher (6th 800 meters), Kuntz (7th 1600 meters), and junior Zach Moore (5th long jump). The frosh/soph team placed second with 94 points, ten behind champion Loyola. Sophomore Jeremiah Sheehy won the pole vault (10 feet) and high jump (5 feet and 8 inches), and sophomore Alcaeos Bolaris won the 400 meters (54.86 seconds). "We're moving outdoors with a really positive attitude," said head Coach Ed Ernst. "We had some very good results this winter that suggest we will have an even better spring than last year." The team hopes to improve on its second place finish at last year's Chicago Sectional championships—a meet that Ignatius has never won. "That's our goal for the season ahead, very simply," said Ernst. "We want to do something that has never been done."

# PARENTS' ORGANIZATION

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Best wishes from the Parents' Organization Officers and Board to all students and their families for a successful conclusion to the 2007-08 school year. The Parents' Organization helps plan and host several events at school each year, and carries on service projects for parents. Updates on recent and upcoming events follow.

## **Recent Events:**

- Junior Class Mass (Sunday, March 2). Freshman Class Reps host this event, and there was a strong turnout of junior class members and their families for the Mass at Holy Family Church. Fr. Ross Pribyl, SJ, shared a thoughtful and inspiring homily and blessed the class rings, which class members claimed at the reception that followed. Food, beverages, and decorations were first rate, and many families lingered in the Dining Hall to enjoy each others' company. Congratulations and thank you to Event Chairs Karen & Patrick Layng and Mary McGrath, and to all Freshmen Class Reps who helped plan and host this memorable event for junior class families.

- Auction (Saturday, March 8). The theme was "Puttin' on the Ritz in the Valley of the Kings." Attendance was strong and the event was a financial success that will help support the school's mission. Congratulations and thank you to the Auction Chairs, the many parents who helped with planning, procurement of auction items, set-up, and during the event, and to the school staff and faculty who worked on registration and check-out. For more information, see the school website at [http://www.ignatius.org/parents\\_auction\\_about.aspx](http://www.ignatius.org/parents_auction_about.aspx).

- General Meetings (Tuesday, March 18 and Tuesday, April 8). The final General Meetings this school year featured Kurt Schmidt, Director of College Counseling, who presented the March program on "The State of College Admissions." Kurt provided important information on national trends, where Saint Ignatius students are enrolling, and how parents and students can work to map out a successful high school career. The April meeting featured Fr. Brian Paulson, President, and Dr. Catherine Karl, Principal, who provided the annual State-of-the-School Address. For meeting minutes that summarize the main points of each program, visit the Parents' Organization's minutes page on the school web site at [http://www.ignatius.org/parents\\_org\\_minutes.aspx](http://www.ignatius.org/parents_org_minutes.aspx).

## **Next Up:**

- Post-Prom (Saturday, May 17). Nearly 90 percent of students who attended senior prom in May 2007 traveled by bus from school to the dance and returned by bus afterwards for a night of camaraderie, games, and raffle prizes at school. The Parents' Organization works with the Post-Prom Planning Committee, which is finalizing plans for what is certain to be another successful Post-Prom event. Parents and students of the Class of 2008 are encouraged to support this safe and fun tradition. Parents who wish to help should contact the Chairs of the Post-Prom Planning Committee, Tom Williams and Kelly Quinn ([trw225@comcast.net](mailto:trw225@comcast.net)), or Erin Luby, Director of Student Activities ([erin.luby@ignatius.org](mailto:erin.luby@ignatius.org)).

## **Looking Ahead:**

- Parents' Fall Service Day (August of 2008). Plans for this program (for Ignatius parents and guardians only) are being finalized now, as an annual service and social event for school parents to work together at the beginning of the school year, at a service site selected each year by the board. The first service day is tentatively scheduled for August 2008 at Christ the King Jesuit College Prep (CTKJ), the newest member of our Jesuit-sponsored school community just six miles north and west of Saint Ignatius. Plans call for parent volunteers to work on a Saturday in August at CTKJ's temporary site, to help the school open and welcome its first class of students this fall. We will provide more information as soon as the date and remaining details are finalized with CTKJ staff. We encourage all parents who are able to volunteer to be part of the inaugural Parents' Fall Service Day. For more information, check the school web site in coming weeks, and watch for e-mail and other communications with details and information on how to volunteer.

- Used Book Sale (August of 2008). Plans will start soon for the Parents' Organization annual used book sale, which takes place at the Holy Family Church community center on two dates in August when students come in for locker assignments. Much of the work on this event occurs just prior to the sales, but we need help now on new strategies to procure used books from seniors. Parents who wish to help should contact any Officer.

- Mini-Class Night (September of 2008). Sophomore Class Reps will begin planning for this event over the summer, and alumni parents are needed each year to help while current school parents attend classes. Parents who are able to help should contact any Officer.

- Holy Family Food Pantry (ongoing). The Parents' Organization continues its principal service project of supporting the Holy

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Family Food Pantry with nonperishable food and cash donations. Due to recent and drastic city-wide cutbacks in food deliveries from the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Food Pantry needs our help more than ever. Sr. Marion Murphy, who oversees the Food Pantry, conveys her sincere appreciation for our donations and support. Although there are no other Parents' Organization events or meetings this school year, the Food Pantry's needs and service mission continue year-round. Parents who are able to help with donations in coming weeks should contact Kathy Bliss, [kbliss2455@aol.com](mailto:kbliss2455@aol.com), or any officer.

## Contact Us:

We are here to serve as your representatives. Please contact any of us if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, or to volunteer to help with events. We look forward to meeting and visiting with many of you at upcoming meetings and events. The outgoing Co-Presidents extend our sincere thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who helped with Parents' Organization events this year. We truly are a community of men and women for others, and it has been our distinct privilege to help guide our work and support for the mission of Saint Ignatius over the past two years. Ann McAloon succeeds as President in a short time, and will begin planning for the 2008-09 school year with the other officers selected at the April General Meeting. We know parents will give the same unwavering support to the new Executive Board, and we look forward to another great year together.



Best regards,

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## Other Events of Interest to Parents

**College Counseling and ALAS will host Latino College Night on April 22.** Alumni, current students and their families will discuss college choices in the context of the Latino experience. From first generation college attendees to college educated families we will be discussing the unique experiences of being a Latino applying for and attending college. Please join us with your families. The discussion will be conducted in English and Spanish.

**"A School that Does Justice," the second of two talks in the Formation and Ministry Department's parent presentation series, will be held April 24.** Mr. Tim Mitchell, a veteran teacher of religious studies at Saint Ignatius and his former student and present religious studies colleague, Ms. Becky Frett, build on the first talk in the series, "A Faith That Does Justice" presented by Ignatius parent Dr. Mike Schuck, Ph.D., on April 1. Mitchell and Frett will help us understand what the Catholic tradition of service and justice work means for Ignatius students, and what it can mean for you! Tim is a veteran of over thirty service trips and is one of the founding teachers of the Urban Studies service learning class. He has seen countless students transformed by Jesus' gospel message of love and service-- including Becky. Becky is a true product of forming students for justice, as she recently returned as a teacher to Saint Ignatius to share with her students what she learned here. Special thanks to Mike Schuck, a popular professor of theology at Loyola University, who shared the foundations of why service and justice work are the pillars of the Catholic tradition.

# SPECIAL NOTES

## Puttin' on the Ritz in the Valley of the Kings Auction A Success

The March 8 auction, "Puttin' on the Ritz in the Valley of the Kings," grossed more than \$650,000 to benefit the students of Saint Ignatius, according to members of the auction staff. Nearly 950 people were in attendance to bid on an incredible array of items donated by generous supporters of the school. The highlight of the evening came when bidders participated in the live auction, emceed by past parent Kevin Moore, and the raffle winners were announced. Mr. and Mrs. Fran Guiffre will be driving a new 2008 Volvo C30 and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lenti and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Parker will receive free tuition for their students during the 2008-09 school year.

Special thanks to all who donated auction items, all who made generous bids, and especially the people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event a reality. Co-Chairs: Melissa Alderton, Kathy and George Bliss, Karen and Bob Jones and Marcia and Joe Spingola. Table Chairs: Mary Ellen Brabec, Carol Wootton, Pam Cullerton, Kathy Eslinger, Mara Devitt, Colleen Lock, Polly and Harry Dietz, Ginny and Bill Logan, Carla Hickey, Ferne and Jim Sweany, Beth and Steve Welsh, Mary Lou Vainisi, Sara Welch. Bar and Food Coordinators: Sue and Carl Salvato and Teri and Frank DiLeo. Committee Members: Maura Abernethy, Cathy Bedell, Kathy Boyle, Mary Ellen Brabec, Beth Brace, Arlene Carlucci, Rose Carlucci, Beth Anne Christopher, Beth Coolidge, Pamela Cullerton, Victoria Denenberg, Mara Devitt, Polly and Harry Dietz, Joanie Domanico, Mary Doyle, Adriana Guzman, Anne and Steve Hasselbeck, Nancy Healy, Carla Hickey, Colleen Lock, Bill and Ginny Logan, Barbara Lynch, Wendy McNulty, Susann Oakum, Mimsie and Andy O'Hara, Annelies Panagoulis, Judy Petrosino, Gretchen Rubin, Sue Salvato, Rose Snyder, Whitney Susoreny, Jim and Fern Sweany, Beth Tesmond, Sofia Troy, Mary Lou Vainisi, Sara Welch, Beth and Steve Welsh and Carol and Bob Wootton.



## Seniors Enjoy Gentile Day at Wrigley Field

Thanks to generous benefactors Joe '42 and Carol Gentile, the entire senior class rooted for the Chicago Cubs on April 4. "Gentile Day" at Wrigley Field featured not only members of the Saint Ignatius band performing the Star Spangled Banner, but also, Assistant Principal Brianna Latko throwing out the first pitch. Several faculty and staff members, alumni, and friends were in attendance to celebrate the graduating Class of 2008, as well as Joe and Carol, who give this unique gift to our senior students on an annual basis.

Band performers included seniors Mary Baker, Jimmy Bliss, Allison Boyaris, Jordan Cordero, Joe Domanico, Kevin Egan, Christina Gussie and Matt Welsh; juniors Aidan Fowler, Joe Kent, Cara Lewellyn, Kevin Lynch, Toyin Mustapha and Nathaniel Wootton; and sophomores Baul Brzyski and Jack Turek.



## Donate to Renovate the Gentile Gym!

*Some inspired families of current Ignatius athletes are helping the school reach out to alumni who were involved in gym sports so they might contribute to the "Donate to Renovate" campaign to improve the Gentile Gymnasium. \$5,000 pledges are encouraged, which can be paid off over three years and which will be recognized prominently on a plaque to be displayed in the gym.*

*Other naming opportunities include the court (\$100,000), the east and west bleachers (\$100,000 each) and the painting of the gym (\$50,000). A pledge for the scoreboards has already been made. Construction is set to begin immediately after school ends in June so it will be ready for use in the 2008-09 school year, though the painting will occur later. Please contact Tom Ramsden if you are interested in supporting this endeavor: (312) 432-8346 or [tom.ramsden@ignatius.org](mailto:tom.ramsden@ignatius.org). Go Wolfpack!*



# PLEASE REMEMBER

## Estate & Tax Advisory Council and Women's Council to Host Workshop

Saint Ignatius's own Estate and Tax Advisory Council, in collaboration with the Saint Ignatius Women's Council, will present a free, informational workshop on Saturday, April 26, 2008. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program will end at noon, followed by a light lunch. The workshop has been designed to help married and single women address those issues which affect their financial well-being both now and in the future. Statistics have shown that most women are or will be alone at some time in their lives. It is critical for their long-term well-being that they understand the financial issues which affect them. This workshop will help you in your own personal planning. It will give you the opportunity to ask questions during the workshop or at a later time in private. To reserve a place for yourself and a friend or family member and to help us plan for the luncheon, please contact Ed Evert '57, (312) 432-8314 or [ed.evert@ignatius.org](mailto:ed.evert@ignatius.org) by **Friday, April 18.**

## Parent Pledge Reminder

The Saint Ignatius Parent Pledge Program is a very important part of the school's efforts to help keep tuition affordable for as many families as possible. Generous parental support—over and above the cost of tuition—allows the school to pay for normal, educational operating expenses. The gap between tuition charged and the actual cost of tuition will be \$2,000 in 2008-09 and we ask current parents to help us fill that gap since their children are the major beneficiaries of all the school's programs. As a reminder, if you haven't received your 2008-2009 Parent Pledge Form, please contact Alice Luzzi at [alice.luzzi@ignatius.org](mailto:alice.luzzi@ignatius.org) or 312-432-8404. Thank you in advance for participating in this very successful program!

## Gentile Golf Classic for Saint Ignatius College Prep in "Full Swing!"

The annual Gentile Golf Classic for Saint Ignatius College Prep will take place on Wednesday, July 9 at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont, Illinois. The event will once again benefit students who are part of the Tuition Assistance Program at Ignatius. The day will include a continental breakfast, complimentary use of the driving range, lunch and beverages on the course, dinner with live auction and raffle, greens fees and motorized carts, locker and shower facilities. A hole-in-one contest will give one lucky golfer the chance to win a 2008 Cadillac CTS!

### Prices:

- Online registrations ONLY between April 1-April 30: \$225 per person, register today at [www.ignatius.org](http://www.ignatius.org) and SAVE!
- Mailed RSVPs from April 1-May 31 and online registrations from May 1-May 31: \$250 per person
- All RSVPs, mailed or online, from June 1-July 9: \$275 per person

Many sponsorships are also available. Visit [www.ignatius.org](http://www.ignatius.org) to get all the details or to register your foursome!

## WOMEN'S FINANCE WORKSHOP: PLANNING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

1. Sooner or later, I will be responsible for handling money matters and planning my future.
2. What is the difference between saving and investing? (I have never had to think about investments.)
3. What if I get sick or have a serious accident?
  - a. How would I pay the bills?
  - b. Will my income be adequate?
  - c. Will I run out of money?
  - d. Can I still meet the cost of education for the kids?
4. All this planning seems overwhelming. Where do I begin?
5. When should we create our legal documents?
6. How can I get my affairs organized?
7. Who can help me?

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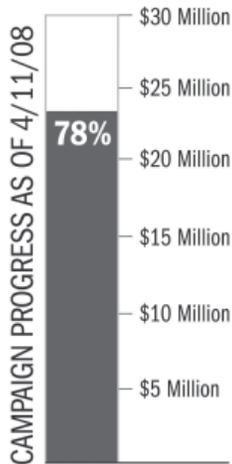
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