



SAINT IGNATIUS

COLLEGE PREP

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WOLFPACK POST

Principal's Office - December 15, 2016

GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

Open to Growth
Intellectually Competent
Religious
Loving
Committed to Doing Justice

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, 12/16

Exams - Math and Religious
Studies

Monday, 12/19

First Day of Christmas Break

Sunday, 12/25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday, 1/3

Classes Resume
(W Day)

Friday, 1/6

First Friday Mass
(7:15 a.m., Holy Family)
Semester 1 Grades Posted by
5:00 p.m.

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

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope that you are staying warm during this particularly cold December. I have two important items to share with you before we break for the Christmas holiday.

First, in an effort to encourage good table fellowship as well as allow for a break from "screen time" during the day, Tully Hall will become a "technology free zone" during lunch time beginning on the day of our return to school--Tuesday, January 3, 2017. This means that all technology should be turned off and out of sight from 10:50 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. daily in Tully Hall. During the first week back, warnings will be issued to students who have iPads out in Tully Hall any time from 10:50 a.m. - 1:10 p.m., and beginning the week of January 9, 2017, regular disciplinary consequences will apply. Students, thank you in advance for your adherence to this new policy.

The iPad is an essential educational tool at Saint Ignatius College Prep, and we understand that students may have homework they would like to complete during the day. To that end, all other gathering spaces for students during free periods (McLaughlin Room, Foglia Library, Beigel Room, and Brunswick Room) will continue to operate as they have in the past and allow for the use of iPads all day long.

As with any new program or policy, we will pay close attention to how things are proceeding to see if we need to make any adjustments. It is our hope that this change will be a positive one for our school community.

Secondly, as has been our practice in the last couple of years, we will not typically cancel school for cold/sub-zero weather days. Students, it is important that you dress accordingly for your commutes to and from school. For those of you who drive to school, we recommend keeping a cold weather safety kit in your cars, so that you are prepared should you experience any car problems.

That being noted, if we have snow or other weather that causes dangerous or impassable road conditions, school may still be cancelled. Please see the last page of the Parent-Student Handbook for information on how you will be notified in such cases.

Parents, as your child's primary educators, should you ever believe that conditions are not safe for your child to travel to school, you can always choose to keep her or him home. If you make the decision to keep your child home, we ask that you follow the normal procedures for reporting your child absent, letting the Deans' Office know that she or he will be out due to inclement weather. On days when there is a National Weather Advisory in place for our area, the Deans' Office will count those absences as excused.

Please feel free to reach out to my office or the Deans' Office should you have any questions regarding information in this letter.

Merry Christmas!

Brianna K. Latko
Principal

Academics

Semester 1 grades and itemized grade reports will be posted to Edline on Friday, January 6.

Semester 2 schedules are currently available to view on Edline.

Admissions

Entrance Exam

The Entrance Exam for the Class of 2021 will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017. The date reflected in the student handbook was printed in error. Our apologies for any confusion.

Athletics

2017 grade school and incoming freshman Summer Athletic Camp dates announced. Schedule announced for 1st Annual National Jesuit Cup Hockey Tournament in Chicago on Martin Luther King, Jr., Weekend. Two alumni collegiate volleyball players honored. Two alumni collegiate football players in bowl games. These and many more updates on winter sports, winter IHSA activities, and upcoming events are included in the [athletic update](#).

College Counseling

Class of 2017

College Counselors will be checking email over the break. If you decide to apply to some more colleges before January application deadlines, we can submit your information electronically from remote locations. Please email your College Counselor these requests and also let them know the results you have received from Early Decision and Early Action applications.

Colleges may be requesting mid-year grades. You do NOT need to email your College counselor these requests. We will automatically send those to all your colleges when they are available in early January.

The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and the [CSS Profile](#) are still open.

There is no need to purchase services for completion of the FAFSA. If you need any assistance, there are numerous free workshops throughout the state where families can go to fill out the FAFSA. A calendar of such workshops, including financial aid presentations and other outreach events, is available on the [ISAC website](#).

Seniors are responsible for sending Official ACT or SAT scores directly to the colleges. The College Counseling office does not list these scores on the transcript or send the scores separately.

Class of 2018

PSAT results will be returned to you the first week in January. You can see your raw scores on your Naviance website under the "Colleges" tab. Select "Resources" and then "Test Scores."

Please remember to register in Naviance/Family Connection using the codes given to you at the College Planning Workshops.

Students should continue to work on the Junior Questionnaire. It is due no later than January 18, 2017. It is located in the Document Library on your Naviance/Family Connection site.

For Parents Only: College Counseling will host two morning Coffee Talk workshops for junior parents only. These will be full Q & A sessions for you to ask follow-up inquiries to the College Planning Nights. Space is limited to 40 parents per session. *You may also contact your student's College Counselor directly with inquiries. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.*

An ACT test prep class flyer for the spring is attached [here](#). Financial aid is available if necessary. Please contact [Mr. Schmidt](#), Director of College Counseling, with any questions you may have.

Class of 2019

Practice PSAT results will be returned to you the first week in January. You can see your raw scores on your Naviance website under the "Colleges" tab. Select "Resources" and then "Test Scores."

Classes of 2019 and 2020

For Parents Only: College Counseling will host six morning Coffee Talk workshops throughout the year. Space is limited to 40 parents per session. We will cover the basics of the college search and selection process, timelines, standardized testing and much more.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP.

Classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020

We are excited to offer another college tour in June 2017. We are going to partner with EF College Visit Tours again to tour schools in the Northeast. This is a students-only tour which gives students an opportunity to get independently engaged in the college admissions process. Students will be on tour with at least one college counselor from our school. They will have an opportunity to visit many different archetypes of schools, figure out the "right fit," learn the college admissions language and understand the admissions process. It doesn't replace the family college tour experience but rather supplements it and gives students an opportunity to see more schools.

To view information regarding the college tour and/or to enroll, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Dance Forms

[Out-of-school guest forms](#) for the Winter Formal Dance are now available in the Deans' Office. Forms must be filled out completely and returned by the SICP student to the Deans' Office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18. Please refer to page 38 in the handbook for dance policies.

Fine Arts

Performance Date Changes

The Winter Ensembles, rescheduled from December 11, will be Sunday, January 8, at 3:00 p.m.

The Treble Choir will present *Hansel and Gretel* on Friday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the McLaughlin Theater. Please note that the performances will no longer occur on January 7 and 8, as originally scheduled.

The 24-hour Plays have been moved from January 13 and 14 to February 24 and 25.

Formation and Ministry

Service Immersion Trips - Save the Date!

Formation and Ministry (FAM) has many opportunities for members of the Class of 2018 over the upcoming summer to engage in service, live justly, and deepen their faith.

Application instructions and materials for all these opportunities will be discussed at the mandatory Junior Family Nights. All junior students and a parent are expected to attend one of the nights on January 24 or January 25 at 7:00 p.m. The same information will be covered on both evenings.

Summer Immersion trips will occur each week throughout the month of June, July 16-19, the last week of July, and during the first week of August.

Parent Organization

Next Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the first Parent Organization meeting of 2017. We will meet on January 10, at 6:30 p.m. Assistant Principal Maura Maloney will be the featured speaker.

Trivia Night

The Parent Organization cordially invites you to join other St. Ignatius parents and friends for a casual, fun-filled evening of Trivia on Saturday, February 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:00 p.m.). Tickets are \$40/person and include heavy appetizers, beer, wine and soda. Tickets soon to be available on the SICP website. If you have any questions, please contact Maura Barron, mkbarron6@gmail.com.

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 social justice for the greater glory of God.