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WOLFPACK POST

Principal's Office - August 17, 2017

GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

Open to Growth
Intellectually Competent
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LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, August 18

W Day - First full
day of school

Monday, August 21

O Day with Special Schedule
for Solar Eclipse Viewing

Wednesday, August 23

College Application Planning
Night for Seniors
(7:00 p.m., Tully Hall)

Thursday, August 24

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Thursday, August 31

Mini-Class Night
(7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 1

Mass of the Holy Spirit
IVD #1 (Church Attire)
(Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.)

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope the new school year is off to a great start for all!

Many of you are already familiar with the *Wolfpack Post*. For our new families, and as a reminder to all, this bi-weekly newsletter contains important action items and communications for families throughout the year and will serve as your main information resource. Should your email contact information change at any time, please be sure to update the Principal's Office, so you can continue to receive important information from us.

I invite you to share in the experience of your sons and daughters by joining us for **Mini-Class Night on Thursday, August 31, 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.** You will have the opportunity to meet your children's teachers and become acquainted with the expectations they have for each of their courses as well as with the challenges and opportunities that will be presented by their curriculum.

You will each follow your child's schedule in abbreviated form beginning with his/her homeroom at 7:00 p.m. We will welcome you over the public address system, share a prayer and a few brief announcements, and invite you to enjoy the rest of your evening. Some of our experienced parents strongly recommend that you wear comfortable shoes since you will be moving around every ten minutes, and stairs are very much a part of life at Saint Ignatius.

Please note that **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held October 12 and October 13.** Information regarding online registration will be shared in the *Wolfpack Post* in late September.

Thank you for all of your support and prayers as we move through these very important parts of the beginning of the school year. I look forward to seeing you at Mini-Class Night and to working with your children throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Brianna K. Latko
Principal

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

QUICK LINKS

[Ignatius.org](#)
[School News](#)
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[Edline](#)
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[Quest Food Services](#)
[The Wolves' Den](#)
[Ventra Card](#)

P.s. Don't forget: during regular school weeks, student progress reports are posted to PlusPortals weekly on Thursdays by 5:00 p.m.

Academics

Solar Eclipse

On Monday, August 21, 2017, Saint Ignatius will follow a special schedule in order to provide community members an opportunity to witness the solar eclipse. Although the total phase of the eclipse is not visible in Chicago, we will observe about 87% of the total eclipse. The path of this coast-to-coast eclipse has not crossed Illinois since 1918! The school plans to provide ISO and CE certified solar eclipse viewing glasses for everyone. The special schedule makes it possible to witness the eclipse in its most dramatic phase without loss of instructional time.

Mini Class Night

Please mark your calendars for this year's Mini-Class Night on Thursday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m.

A word about parking: Please do not park on the streets. There is limited parking in our student parking lot on the north side of Roosevelt Road located west of Holy Family Church. Additional parking will also be available at the University of Illinois campus, Lot 5C, located on the east side of Morgan just north of Roosevelt. It is a brief walk from there to the front of Saint Ignatius.

Your student's schedule is available in the parent PlusPortals account. To find the schedule, select the E-Locker from the top menu bar, then select the file titled "Mini Class Night 2017-18."

Administrators will be available in their offices and throughout the building. Guidance, College Counseling, Student Activities, and Formation and Ministry personnel will be available should you care to meet with them during a free period. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening in Tully Hall. ***If you would like to contribute to refreshments for the evening, please see the Parent Organization section of this newsletter for details.***

The following individuals will be available throughout the evening in the rooms listed below:

Guidance Counselors

Ms. Sharon Byrne, Director	Room 314
Mr. André Bouey	Room 313
Mr. Roy Carney	Room 312
Ms. Ann McNellis (Mr. Medland)	Room 311
Ms. Eileen Novak	Room 315
Ms. Elizabeth Shannon	Room 316

College Counselors - Room 140

Mr. Kurt Schmidt, Director
Mr. René Gomez
Ms. Margaret Miranda
Ms. Susan Weiss

Formation and Ministry - Room 334

Mr. Peter Corrigan, Director
Ms. Katie Davis, Senior Chaplain
Mr. Adam Gonzalez, Junior Chaplain
Ms. Sara Spittler, First Years Chaplain

Student Activities

Ms. Emily Valencia, Director Tully Hall

PlusPortals Accounts

In July, families received emails containing login credentials to set up the PlusPortals accounts. PlusPortals is our new web portal for students, parents/guardians and teachers which provides access to resources for classes, schedules, grades and other specific information for students and parents.

In addition to the students' individual details, parents/guardians will also find important documents and resources in the "School Links and Files" box towards the bottom of the account home page and in the "School Announcements" and "E-Locker" tabs.

If you are having trouble logging into your account, please contact our Registrar, Mr. Kevin Bellie, at 312-432-8307 or kevin.bellie@ignatius.org.

Admissions

Information for Prospective Families

The 2017 Campus Visit Program runs from September 6 - November 17, 2017. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register for a visit.

The Admissions Office is offering two Admissions Coffee events this fall for parents of prospective students. The events are scheduled on September 7 and October 5, 2017. [Registration for the events is now available.](#)

The 2017 Saint Ignatius Open House is Sunday, November 12, 2017. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to find more information.

The Entrance Exam for the Class of 2022 is Saturday, December 2, 2017. Information regarding the application process is available [HERE](#).

Athletics

The fall sports season is underway! Which award did all Saint Ignatius varsity IHSA teams capture again for the third consecutive school year? Which two Jesuit schools are playing an historic first game at Saint Ignatius next Friday night? We are looking for a number of assistant coaches this school year- especially for field hockey right now... know anyone that could help us? These items and more are included in this year's first [athletic update](#).

College Counseling

Class of 2018

Welcome back! Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Welcome Letter and important information regarding your senior year.

College Application Workshops will be held August 23 and 24, 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. in Tully Hall. Attendance is **MANDATORY**. You can choose either night to attend. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the invitation.

Senior Autobiographies are due Thursday, August 31. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for instructions.

Senior Family Meetings: Please set up a family meeting with your College Counselor. Please see Welcome Letter above for details.

We look forward to working with you this year!

Class of 2019

ACT Test Prep: Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the fall test dates and [CLICK HERE](#) for the spring test dates. Financial aid is available for these classes. Contact College Counseling for more information.

Junior Family College Planning Workshops: The College Planning Workshops will be held in November. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view an invitation.

College Representative Visits: Over 225 colleges will be visiting throughout the fall semester to meet with students during the lunch periods. A master list of those visitors is available on your Family Connection website and the College Counseling website.

Class of 2020

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Class of 2021

Students have been given registration codes to access Family Connection and x2VOL. These sites allow students to do research on colleges and careers and to log their service hours.

Deans

To report a student absence, please call the Deans' Office between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at 312-421-6435.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to call and report the absence each day that my child is ill?

Yes. You will need to call each day that your child is out sick.

My child told his/her teachers that he/she will miss school for a specific reason. Do I still need to notify the Deans' Office?

Yes. For anticipated absences, students should bring a note to the Deans' Office two (2) days in advance of the absence.

My student is going to the doctor/dentist in the morning and will be late to school. What should I do?

A parent should call the Attendance Line at 312-421-6435 and state the reason why your child will be late to school. A note from the doctor, dentist, physical therapist, psychologist, etc., is required to verify the appointment. Upon arrival, the student will give the note to Mrs. Pagels in the Deans' Office and sign in to receive a pass to class. Parents do not need to accompany their child into the school.

What if my child feels ill and wants to come home?

If your child feels ill, he or she should report to the school nurse for an assessment. If your child is determined to be too ill to finish the day,

you will be contacted by our school nurse, Margie Balogh, to pick up your son or daughter. Your child should not contact you asking to come home. They must see the school nurse and, after being assessed, she will be the person to contact you.

I need to get my student out of school early. What should I do?

A request for an early dismissal must be accompanied by a note from the parent or guardian with the full name, date, and reason for the request. Students must turn this note in to the Deans' Office before 8:00 a.m. on the requested date. Parents are to come to the Deans' Office to pick up students, unless the note specifically states that the students can sign themselves out on their own. If other arrangements have been made, these should be stated clearly in the note.

Students who have an early dismissal should ALWAYS sign out in the Dean's Office before leaving the building. Students are NOT permitted to leave without advance notification from a parent or guardian.

What if my child has 2 or 3 consecutive free periods at the end of the day?

Students may leave the building at 2:05 if they have last period free. If a student has consecutive free periods to end the day, the student must present a note to the Deans' Office (before school) signed by one parent or guardian indicating that the student has permission to leave after his / her last class of the day.

Formation and Ministry

Mass of the Holy Spirit and IVD #1- Friday, September 1

On Friday, September 1, 2017 Saint Ignatius will invoke the blessing of the Holy Spirit on our new academic year. We will gather for Mass to celebrate our Catholic, Jesuit tradition and open up the values of the Grad at Grad.

For this first Ignatian Values Day (IVD), we will dive into the themes of the Spiritual Exercises. The Spiritual Exercises are a retreat program written by Saint Ignatius that emphasize following Jesus in closer discipleship. During IVD, student leaders will introduce four key themes of the Exercises through personal reflection and prayers. We are glad to welcome several notable public figures from the city of Chicago, including Tony Ortiz (President of Cristo Rey), officer Joshua Shelton (an Englewood police officer), Sr. Bridget Zanin, and MSC (Director of the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini).

Daily Mass at SICP

All parents are welcome to join our community for daily Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the Cuneo Chapel of the North American Martyrs. Please check in at the main entrance on Roosevelt Road and then proceed up to the 5th floor for Mass.

Freshman and Sophomore Class Family Mass

Saint Ignatius College Prep cordially invites your family to attend the Freshman-Sophomore Class Mass on Sunday, September 10, at 12:00 p.m. in Holy Family Church. A reception hosted by the Parent Organization will follow Mass in Tully Hall. All students and their families are invited and welcome!

Service Commitments

Philosophy of Service: It is our hope that students feel empowered

and supported as they discern their required service hours during their Freshman and Sophomore Years. To support that goal, we ask all students to come into Formation and Ministry to discuss their ideas and hopes for service in person with a member of Formation and Ministry. During each period of the school day, a member of Formation and Ministry will be available to discuss possibilities for service. All service must be pre-approved in person with a member of the Formation and Ministry staff. Thus, we will not accept email requests from students or parents regarding service.

Freshman Service: All freshmen received an email regarding the website used to log their service commitment, x2VOL. This website can be found through Naviance Family Connection. Students will earn 3 of their 10 hours during their Freshman Retreat on Wednesday, October 11. We ask that students wait until after that date to complete their remaining 2 hours that are due on Tuesday, November 28. The students will then need to complete 5 additional hours (for a total of 10) by Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

Sophomore Service: Sophomore students will be given all the requirements for their Sophomore Service commitment during their assembly on Friday, August 18. If students have any questions or wish to get their site approved, they should come in to discuss this directly with a member of Formation and Ministry.

Parent Organization

Mini-Class Night Refreshments

As Ignatius hosts all parents on August 31 for Mini-Class Night, the Parent Organization is assisting with providing a variety of refreshments to enjoy throughout the evening. We would be grateful if you could contribute to this effort in any way. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for instructions on preferred refreshments based on last name and drop-off at the school.

Student Activities

Student Activities Fair

The annual Student Activities Fair will be Thursday, September 7, during Activity Period in the Gentile Gym. All students interested in learning about the 70+ clubs and co-curricular activities we offer should plan on attending. There will be info regarding all active clubs as well as signup sheets, food, music, and fun!

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.