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COLLEGE PREP

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WOLFPACK POST

Principal's Office - September 28, 2017

GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

Open to Growth
Intellectually Competent
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Loving
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LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, September 29

Junior Class Ring Assembly
(10:00 a.m., Theater)

Tuesday, October 3

Sophomore Parent and
Student Night (mandatory)
(7:00 p.m., Tully Hall)

Thursday, October 5

Sophomore Parent and
Student Night (mandatory)
(7:00 p.m., Tully Hall)

Friday, October 6

First Friday Mass
(7:15 a.m., Holy Family)

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day - NO
CLASSES

Wednesday, October 11

NO CLASSES - Seniors;
PSAT - Sophomores and
Juniors;

Students, Parents, and Guardians,

I hope this note finds you all well and comfortable in the rhythm of the new school year. Thank you for reading the *Wolfpack Post*.

Early in the year, I had some conversations with individuals about our new grading scale. The reactions they shared regarding the new scale were overwhelmingly positive, but there were questions and some concerns expressed to me about how we are implementing it. Specifically, individuals wanted to know why we made the decision to not make the scale retroactive, which would positively impact cumulative GPAs for our sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The topic came up again recently, so I thought it might be useful to share with everyone why we made that decision.

Beginning in the summer of 2016 and continuing into the 2016-17 school year, we gathered much data from other schools and internally regarding grading practices and policies. That data helped guide our discussions and, ultimately, the decision to make the change. We also reached out to some of the colleges and universities where our students matriculate, and they, too, shared good information that assisted our process and decision-making.

One of the things we learned is that schools do not implement new scales retroactively. In fact, in our research, we did not find any schools that had done so. The most important reason that this does not happen is that it has the potential to corrupt data. Teachers make decisions about grades that are inherently tied to the current grading scale. They also sometimes override a semester grade to bump the student up a level as a result of efforts like classroom participation. We are unable to understand all of the nuances that informed each grading decision from the previous year, and we do not want to compromise the integrity of the grades.

Colleges know how to handle changes like this that are implemented over time, and the *College Profile* we send them to help them understand our academic program will clearly explain how we are phasing in the new scale.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to reach out to me.

Freshman Class Retreat and
Day of Service
(7:30 a.m.)

Thursday, October 12

Student Early Dismissal
(1:25 p.m.)

Parent-Teacher Conferences
by Appointment
(3:30 p.m., Tully Hall)

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

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Sincerely,

Brianna K. Latko
Principal

Academics

Calendar Update

Please note the following changes to our school year calendar:

- Wednesday, November 1, will be IVD #2 with a noon dismissal for students.
- Thursday, November 2, is a W day with I period class meeting.
- Friday, November 3, is an O day with Mass schedule/All Saints Mass; regular 3:00 p.m. dismissal for students

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 12, from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Conferences on Friday, October 13, are also available from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All conferences are by appointment only. While conferences are not mandatory, they can provide insight into your student's academic performance.

Reservations for the October 12 and 13 Parent-Teacher Conferences should be made through the Virtual Paragon Parent- Teacher Conference Scheduler. The online service allows flexibility to schedule appointments tailored to your needs. Time limitations limit parents to only one appointment per teacher for each of their students.

**The Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler opens this
Monday, October 2, at 8:00 a.m. and remains open
through Tuesday, October 10, at 3:00 p.m.**

A link to the conference scheduler will be accessible from the "In the Spotlight" section on the [Saint Ignatius home page](#) starting on October 2.

Please check your [PlusPortals account](#) for detailed reservation instructions and information, **including the conference scheduler password**. You may find this information in your PlusPortals account under:

- School Announcements
- Fall Parent Teacher Conference Information

If you have questions regarding conferences, please call Maura Maloney at 312-432-8305 or Michele Girgis at 312-432-8448. For PlusPortals access issues, please contact Kevin Bellie at 312-432-8307 or kevin.bellie@ignatius.org.

Athletics

Which Ignatius coaching duo notched career varsity victory #300 last week against an arch-rival? How many Ignatius teams are still undefeated? Which Ignatius students attended the IHSA Student Leadership Conference earlier this week? More Senior Nights are coming up - which ones? Answers to these questions and more information on Ignatius teams are contained in [this week's athletic update](#).

All Class Years

[Chicago Performing and Visual Arts College Fair - October 3, 2017](#)

[Chicago National College Fair - October 14, 2017](#)

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. These visits are for students only.

Class of 2018

Columbia University Information Session: Thursday, September 28, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the McLaughlin Theater.

Fordham University Information Session: Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Brunswick Room (fourth floor). [Reserve a seat here.](#)

Welcome Back! Please see the [Welcome Back Letter](#) for important information regarding your student's senior year.

Class of 2019

PSAT: All Sophomore and Junior students will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT exam on October 11, 2017 during the school day. In preparation for the exam, students will receive an information booklet and practice test in their Religion classes by Friday, September 15. More information regarding the PSAT/NMSQT can be found on the [College Board website.](#)

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ACT Test Prep: Test dates for the ACT are available in the [fall](#) and [spring](#). 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.

Class of 2020

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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 basic of the college search and selection process, timelines, standardized testing, and much more.

Class of 2021

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[Talk workshops](#) throughout the year. Space is limited to 40 parents per session. We will cover the basic of the college search and selection process, timelines, standardized testing, and much more.

[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

Dance Forms

[Out-of-school guest forms](#) for the Homecoming Dance (October 21) are now available in the Deans' Office. Forms must be filled out completely and should be returned by the Ignatius student to the Deans' Office by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17. Please refer to page 38 in the Parent-Student Handbook for dance policies.

Fall Dress Code Reminder

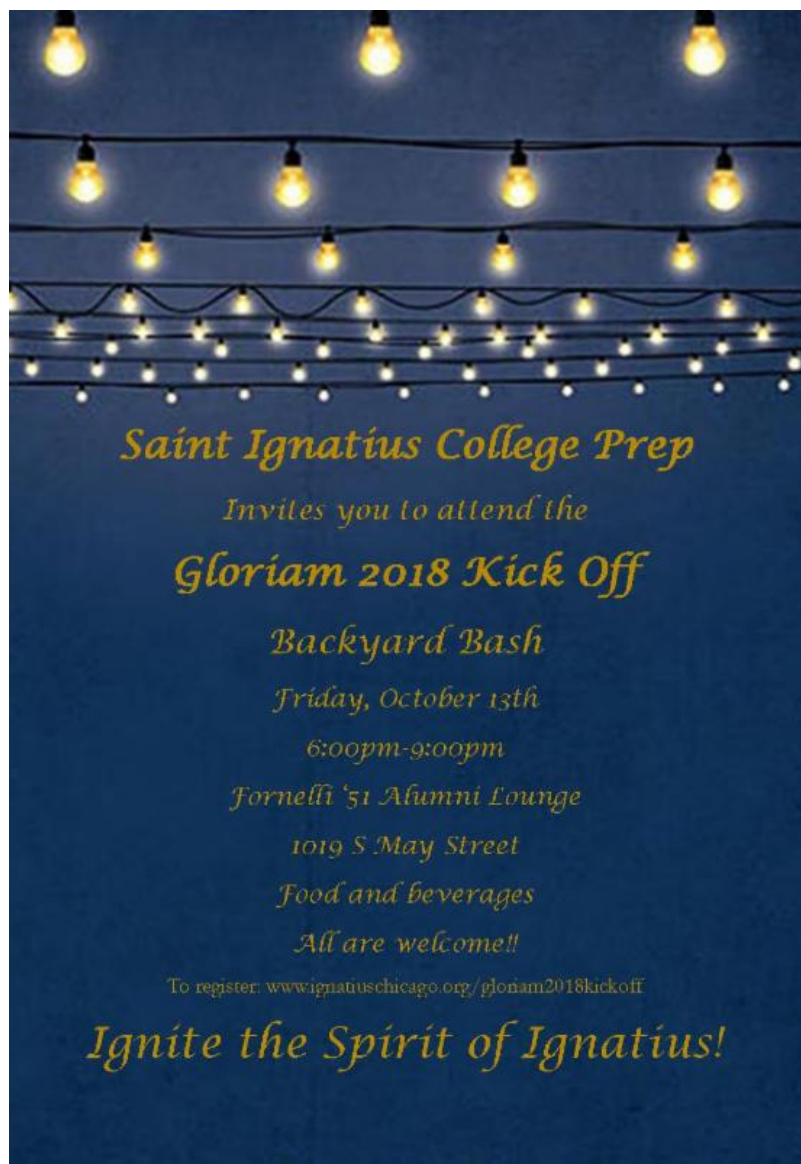
All outerwear (jackets, fleeces, athletic pullovers) must be placed in the student's locker or backpack upon arrival to school. Sweaters and Saint Ignatius half-zips and crew neck sweatshirts may be worn throughout the school day.

Class of 2018 Vaccination Requirements

All seniors are required to submit proof of having received two doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV). The first dose should have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose should have been received on or after the 16th birthday. If you have not submitted this information to the Nurse's Office, please do so by September 30.

Development

Gloriam 2018 Kick Off



[Please click here to RSVP for the Gloriam 2018 Kick Off!](#)

Fine Arts

Orchestra and Choir Fall Concert: American Patchwork

Please join us this Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m. in Tully Hall for the fall Orchestra and Choir performance. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

This concert will feature traditional American folk music including: "Down to The River To Pray," "The Water Is Wide," "The House of the Rising Sun," "Polly Wolly Doodle" and "Erie Canal." The concert runs approximately 90 minutes, and refreshments will follow the performance.

Guidance Counseling

Sophomore Parent and Student Night (*mandatory*)

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register *by this Saturday, September 30!*

At Saint Ignatius, we are concerned with the education of the whole person. We are committed to partnering with parents in the holistic formation of their sons and daughters. To that end, the Guidance Department would like to invite you to our Sophomore Parent and

Student Night, which is a mandatory event designed to address issues surrounding teenage drug and alcohol use.

Sophomore Parent and Student Nights will be held on Tuesday, October 3, and Thursday, October 5. It is only necessary to attend one night. This is a mandatory program for students, and it is very important that one or both parents also attend.

The program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. Student sign-in begins at 6:30 p.m. The program consists of a panel presentation coordinated by The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) that students and parents will experience together.

Parent Organization

Back-To-School BBQ Gratitude

A *big* thank you to all who attended the Back-To-School BBQ last Friday, September 22. Meeting new friends, reuniting with old ones, enjoying delicious food from Smoque, and lively conversations - what an evening!

A *bigger* thanks to everyone who volunteered to make this a successful event. We hope to see you all at the next event. [Check out the photos here.](#)

PlusPortals Screencast

The Parent Organization meeting on September 12 featured an overview on PlusPortals by Tony Rosinia from the school's technology department. For those who missed the meeting and would like to know how to find key information in PlusPortals, you can view a screencast of the presentation.



Save the Date - November 15, 2017 - Parent Talk

Join us for our next Parent Talk series with guest speaker, Fr. Caruso, S.J., on November 15, 2017. The meeting will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the McLaughlin Room. We hope to see you there!

Please [click here](#) to view the October calendar of events.

Seniors

Senior Portraits

The schedule for senior portraits is available on PlusPortals under School Resources folder. The schedule is 3 pages so please scroll through to find your student's name.

We schedule seniors in alphabetical order by last name. If your student's name is not on the attached list (approx. 12 seniors) it is

because we ran out of time slots once we got to the end of the alphabet. These seniors will have their portraits taken on the November 13-14 or January 10 photo dates.

If your student had their portrait taken over the summer, their name will not appear on the attached list. The attached schedule is for seniors who have not yet had their portrait taken. These next photos days in October are NOT for retakes. We will start retakes on the November photo dates and will send more information soon.

You can pre-order photos online at www.shop.hrimaging.com or order after your portrait session.

Student Activities

Homecoming

SICP Homecoming is right around the corner! Spirit Week starts on Monday, October 16, and goes all through the week, (theme days TBA). The Fall Pep Rally will be Friday, October 20, in the Gentile Gym from 2:15 - 3:00 p.m. The Homecoming football game against St. Laurence begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Homecoming Dance is Saturday, October 21, in the Gentile Gym from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Students must arrive by 8:30 p.m. and cannot leave until 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be sold at the Spirit Store during all lunch periods Wednesday through Friday of Spirit Week.

No limos or party buses allowed. For dance attire guidelines, please see pages 38-39 in the Parent-Student Handbook.

Please email Emily Valencia, Director of Student Activities, with any questions (emily.valencia@ignatius.org).

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.