

Corpus: The Freshman Retreat

March 2018

Dear Freshman Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Welcome to you and your student! I am Sara Spittler, the First Years Chaplain in the Department of Formation and Ministry. It is my job to provide spiritual formation, programming, and support for our freshman and sophomore students at Saint Ignatius. Whether your incoming freshman is your first or fifth Ignatius student, I want to take this moment to extend my welcome, and share with you details of our freshman retreat and service program. Attached is the permission form for the freshman retreat. **Please print and fill out this double-sided form, and submit it at your interview so that your student is ready to go in the fall.**

Our freshman retreat is called *Corpus*. This Latin word for “body” is meant to call to mind our participation in the Body of Christ, as well as the community at Saint Ignatius, our student body. The retreat focuses on what it means to be a good member of the body—to live our faith, serve others, and be our best selves. To this end, the day is a mix of **prayer, service, reflection, and inspiration**. Members of our community, including the senior Arrupe Mentors and various faculty and staff members, assist in facilitating the activities of the day.

While more details will be shared in the fall, here are a few advance notes regarding Freshman Retreat:

- Retreat is **Wednesday, October 10, 2018** (the same day as sophomore and junior class testing).
- The retreat day is approximately **7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**, beyond the usual hours students are here. Fall athletes are excused from after school athletic commitments that day.
- Students of all faiths are required to make the retreat; as with the Sophomore and Junior Retreats, the Freshman Retreat is a **graduation requirement**.

With its focus on community and service, this retreat is a great introduction to the service expectations of an Ignatius student. All Ignatius freshmen complete 10 hours of service during their first year here. These hours must be completed at pre-approved service sites. To receive approval students must personally visit their chaplain, in person during the school year and via email when the office is closed in summer, to receive verification for their service site. Each student must do this for him/herself for each site. This allows us to ensure that their work meets the criteria for their freshman expectation; it allows students to take active ownership of their service; and it allows our office to track the over 350 freshman students’ work. Once the student finishes working at the site, she/he submits the hours into our online system, x2VOL.com.

Through our retreat and service programs we hope that this first year is a great introduction to your students about what it means to be women and men of faith, for and with others. In the fall I will be in further touch via email. In the meantime, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Miss Sara Spittler
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AUTHORIZATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN
Corpus: The Freshman Retreat

Student Name: _____

PART 1: To be completed by sponsoring school organization/department:

Saint Ignatius College Prep, 1076 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL will sponsor a day of service and retreat:

Sponsor is: Formation and Ministry

Date of the retreat is: Wednesday, October 10

Supervisors of this retreat/outing are: Miss Sara Spittler and the Formation and Ministry Staff.

Destination(s): On-campus

Charges to be paid by the student for this outing are: \$55.00 (Will be billed to your account)

PART II. To be signed by the student:

Statement of Agreement and Confirmation of Attendance

I hereby agree to abide by all rules and regulations as set forth in the Saint Ignatius Parent-Student Handbook. I understand that I will be under the direction of faculty moderators and student leaders.

***I FURTHERMORE UNDERSTAND THAT ATTENDANCE AT and
PARTICIPATION IN FRESHMAN RETREAT IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.***

Date: _____ Student Signature: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RECEPTION DESK BEFORE YOU
DEPART THIS EVENING**

PART III. To be completed and signed by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).

The undersigned grants permission to the designated representative of Saint Ignatius College Prep to authorize that emergency medical treatment considered necessary by qualified medical personnel for the student whose name appears below. This authorization is for school days and at school sponsored events as stated in the school insurance policy while the student is in attendance at Saint Ignatius College Prep. It is understood that every effort will be made to contact the parents/guardians immediately when an emergency occurs.

Student **Name:** _____

Student Home **Address:** _____

Parent/Guardian **Home Phone:** _____

Parent/Guardian **Cell Phone:** _____

Student **Date of Birth:** _____

Student **Allergies:** _____

Student Current **Medications:** _____

Name of Relative/Friend for **Emergency Contact:** _____

Above-Named **Emergency Contact Phone:** _____

_____ is hereby given my permission to participate in the outing described. I further authorize Saint Ignatius College Prep to change this outing, or even cancel it, if such change or cancellation appears necessary or desirable in the judgment of an appropriate official of the school, provided such change or cancellation does not materially increase the expenses of the student or his/her parents or guardians set forth above, and provided also that any changes do not notably affect the character of the outing. My permission is given with the additional understanding that the school's accident insurance is applicable. I have read and understand all three parts of this form and the accompanying letter. **ADDITIONALLY:**

_____ I / we understand that attendance at the Freshman Retreat is a ***graduation requirement***.

_____ I / we understand that **Charges to be paid by the student for this outing are: \$55.00**
(Will be billed to your account)

_____ I / we have read the ***accompanying letter*** from Sara Spittler.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

All families are eligible to apply for assistance for Formation and Ministry programming such as retreats and service projects. When doing so, the following must be strictly adhered to:

A parent or guardian must submit in writing the amount of aid being requested and the purpose for the aid. All requests must be directed to Mr. James Luzzi. **Only** written requests from parents/guardians will be considered. Additional information may be requested after preliminary review.