



# SAINT IGNATIUS

COLLEGE PREP

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## WOLFPACK POST

*Principal's Office - November 30, 2017*

### GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

Open to Growth  
Intellectually Competent  
Religious  
Loving  
Committed to Doing Justice

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Friday, December 1

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

#### Saturday, December 2

Entrance Exam  
Class of 2022  
(8:00 a.m., Tully Hall)

#### Monday, December 4

Christopher Christmas  
(Christopher School)

#### Friday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception  
Church Attire Day

#### Tuesday December 12

Meet the Religious  
at Saint Ignatius  
(7:00 p.m., Brunswick Room)

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

### Admissions

#### Entrance Exam *Saturday, December 2, 2017*

Saint Ignatius College Prep looks forward to welcoming the future members of the Class of 2022 at the entrance exam on Saturday, December 2, 2017!

Preregistration for the entrance exam is encouraged and accessible by [clicking here](#).

Students are to arrive by 8:00 a.m. using the Walsh Garden entrance and are assigned testing rooms upon arrival. There is no dress code for testing students. Students are to bring #2 pencils and a \$25 test fee; cash or check (made payable to Saint Ignatius College Prep). Identification is not required. Students are welcome to bring a snack and/or water.

Saint Ignatius utilizes the STS High School Placement test. A brief student writing prompt will be administered following the entrance exam.

The exam ends at approximately 12:30 p.m. Parents picking up their students should coordinate pickup locations in advance.

Following the entrance exam, students will submit an online application to Saint Ignatius which is due Friday, December 15, 2017.

### Athletics

Saint Ignatius has captured a fall academic award from the IHSA for the fourth year in a row - which award? What is an "Ignatius clap-out?" Our hockey program is now playing at the Chicago Blackhawks Community Rink - what is the official name for this new facility, and when does our varsity team play its first game there? The answers to these questions as well as pictures from recent athletic events are all included in this edition of the [athletic newsletter](#).

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## Class Level Notes

### All Students

Semester 1 Exams: The updated Semester Exam schedule for December 20, 21, 22 is posted on the Announcement page of Plus Portals. The week prior to exams, students will receive a personalized detailed exam schedule including room numbers.

Trip to Ireland: Send your student on a week-long interdisciplinary learning experience in Ireland with Blueprint Tours! Educators from Saint Ignatius, Benet Academy, and Riverside-Brookfield High School will lead immersive learning opportunities in different disciplines (science, art, history, literature) in and around Dublin, Ireland. Please [click here](#) for more information or contact Maureen Lonergan at [maureen.lonergan@ignatius.org](mailto:maureen.lonergan@ignatius.org).

### Seniors

The last day for senior portraits and retakes is Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Photos will take place at school from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Brunswick Room. No appointments are necessary. Portrait sessions are first come, first served.

## College Counseling

### Class of 2018

Seniors: Mandatory check-ins will be held December 4 - December 15. These are brief, 15-minute meetings between students and College Counselors to make sure the college search, application, and selection processes are on target. Sign-ups are located in College Counseling; please come to Room 140 and secure a time to meet. Please note, students in Mr. Gomez's caseload may meet with any of the other College Counselors for this brief meeting while he is on paternity leave.

The University of California system has a November 30 (today) Regular Decision application deadline.

University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign has a December 1 (tomorrow) Regular Decision application deadline.

College Counseling does not send ACT or SAT scores to the colleges. As long as you have sent your application in on time, all the other parts will connect in the Admissions Offices; please be patient.

Parents: Outside scholarships can be researched [HERE](#).

Many of you will be filing for financial aid. To do so, all colleges need you to submit the [FAFSA](#). Some of the more selective colleges will also require the [CSS Profile](#). A list of participating schools is available in the CSS link above.

### Class of 2019

Coffee Talks: These optional, parent-only events will run from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on December 5 and January 17. We will try to answer any questions you may have after digesting the information delivered at the Junior Family College Planning Workshops in November. Space will be limited. Please sign up [HERE](#).

PSAT: Results from the PSAT will be returned to students in

December. More information regarding the PSAT/NMSQT can be found on the [College Board website](#).

ACT Test Prep: Test dates for the ACT are available in the [spring](#). Financial aid is available for this class. Contact College Counseling for more information.

EF Tours: Please [see this flyer](#) for information on a tour of colleges from Washington, D.C., to the Research Triangle in North Carolina. Contact EF Tours directly or Mr. Kurt Schmidt, Director of College Counseling, with questions ([kurt.schmidt@ignatius.org](mailto:kurt.schmidt@ignatius.org)). This tour will be chaperoned by at least one College Counselor from Saint Ignatius and will be run in conjunction with students from Saint Xavier High School in Cincinnati and Loyola Academy in Wilmette.

COGLIO: Use this free App to help you prepare for standardized tests. COGLIO is a beta-test site for the application and was created by a Saint Ignatius College Prep alumnus. [Click here for more information](#).

### **Class of 2020**

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### **Class of 2021**

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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**

### **Vaping and E-Cigarettes**

Over the past couple of years, there has been a significant increase in high school students experimenting with vaping. Vaping is the act of inhaling vapor produced by any kind of e-cigarette or similar device. These devices are often battery charged in order to heat the device and typically have a USB in order to recharge.

The devices that resemble USB drives and pens have become

increasingly popular among teenagers. According to the Saint Ignatius Parent-Student Handbook, students found with these devices or using these devices in school or at school functions will be subject to discipline under our alcohol and drug policy.

The Surgeon General has posted facts and resources [here](#) and the USA Today also posted an [article](#) recently as well.



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## Development

### Upcoming Events

7th Annual Business Society Luncheon  
Wednesday, December 6, at 11:00 a.m.  
[Register Here](#)

## Fine Arts

### 2017 Christmas CD Release

The SICP Choirs and Orchestra proudly announce *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year 2017 Christmas CD!*

Start the Holiday season by joining us at the CD release concert on Sunday, December 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Holy Family Church. Christmas CD's may be purchased at the concert and in the Music Department until Christmas Break begins on December 22. CD's are \$15; to order a CD, please email [maryellen.schneider@ignatius.org](mailto:maryellen.schneider@ignatius.org)

### Winter Band Concert

Please join us for the Winter Band Concert on December 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the McLaughlin Theater. This concert will feature the Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony. There will be a variety of music played including some Christmas music. Students in the Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony have a mandatory concert rehearsal after school on December 8.

### **Winter Ensembles Concert**

Please join us for the Winter Ensembles Concert on December 17, at 3:00 p.m. in the McLaughlin Theater. This concert will feature the Chamber group, Percussion Ensembles & Jazz Band. There will be a variety of music played from around the world as well as Christmas music.

## **Guidance Counseling**

### **Final Exams**

With first semester exams fast approaching, the Guidance Department is providing some study tips for students. Please [click here](#) to view their exam preparation guide.

## **Math**

### **Algebra 2 Self-Study Course: Two-Year Algebra 2 Program**

The invitations to enroll in the Algebra 2/Trig Self-Study Course will go out via email to selected geometry students and their parents the second week in January 2018, right after Semester 1 final grades are posted. The eligibility requirements we will use to decide who should receive an invitation will be attached to the email. Note the deadline to enroll is Friday, January 26, 2018.

The invitations for freshman Algebra 1 students to enroll in the Two-Year Algebra 2/Trig Program will go out in early March 2018. The eligibility requirements for that course are also [included here](#). We are sending this information now so that students who want to be invited to take these courses can focus now on maximizing their Semester 1 final grade so as to meet those requirements. If you have any questions concerning either course you can contact Cheryl Colyer at [cheryl.colyer@ignatius.org](mailto:cheryl.colyer@ignatius.org).

## **Mission**

## MEET THE RELIGIOUS AT SICP

**Tuesday,  
December 12th**

**Brunswick Room**  
(4th floor at Saint Ignatius)

**7:00pm to  
8:30pm**

Fathers Caruso, SJ and Laniauskas, SJ cordially invite all St. Ignatius Parents to an informal wine and cheese Christmas reception to get to know our Clergy and Religious. Meet our Jesuit Priests and Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Learn about their vocation stories, their lives of service, and the role of consecrated life here on campus at St. Ignatius College Prep.

### No RSVP needed.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Fr. Laniauskas' Office at (312) 432-8336.



## Parent Organization

### Thank You

A *huge* thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped with Open House on November 12. Through rain and cold, busy hallways, and hungry mouths, you helped Saint Ignatius put its best foot forward. We could not have done it without you. Thank you!

### Save the date: Parent Organization Holiday Gathering *Thursday, December 7, 2017*

We would like to invite you to celebrate the holidays with the Parent Organization and fellow parents in the Brunswick Room (located on the fourth floor) on Thursday, December 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We hope you will join us! [Click here for more information.](#)

Please [click here](#) to view the November and December calendar of events.

## Student Activities

### ***Spirit* - Student Newspaper**

The first edition of *Spirit*, the Saint Ignatius student newspaper, has been published! A link to [Spirit](#) is always available in the left sidebar of this newsletter for your convenience. Enjoy!

### **Christopher Christmas - Thursday, December 7**

Christopher Christmas, the annual Student Council day of service, is right around the corner! On Thursday, December 7, students and chaperones will visit the Christopher School to hand out presents, sign cards, make winter-themed crafts, and spread holiday cheer!

We will need students to not only attend the event but to also sponsor a student in need from the Christopher School by purchasing a gift from the wish list. Please see Ms. Weiss and Ms. Valencia for more details, and please consider helping us make this special day memorable for all involved!

## **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.