



SAINT IGNATIUS

COLLEGE PREP

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WOLFPACK POST

Principal's Office - December 7, 2017

GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

Open to Growth
Intellectually Competent
Religious
Loving
Committed to Doing Justice

LOOKING AHEAD

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)

Tuesday, December 19

All Classes Meet

Wednesday, December 20

Semester Exams in
English and Social Studies

Thursday, December 21

Semester Exams in
Math and Religious Studies

Athletics

Important Dates for 2018 and 2019

Please [click here](#) for the grade school and incoming freshman athletic summer camp schedule.

Next fall, 2018, sports will begin a few days prior to the start of school. Football and boys' and girls' golf will start on Monday, August 6, and the rest of the fall sport tryouts will begin on Wednesday, August 8. Please keep these dates in mind for vacation planning if your son or daughter is looking to try out for a fall sport next year.

In fall, 2019, the IHSA calendar backs up one week. In 2019, football and boys' and girls' golf will start on Monday, August 12, and all other sports in 2019 will begin on Wednesday, August 14.

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 8: Sophomore and Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. St. Francis de Sales at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 9:

- Boys' Basketball: JV and Sophomore B vs. Providence Catholic at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.; Sophomore and Varsity vs. Sandburg at 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.
- Girls' Basketball: Varsity and Sophomore vs. Resurrection at 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.
- Hockey: JV vs. Notre Dame at 6:20 p.m. and Varsity vs. St. Rita at 7:40 PM at the new MB Ice Arena

Jesuit Cups

Friday, December 22

Semester Exams in
Language and Science

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

QUICK LINKS

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[Jesuit Schools Network](#)
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[Spirit](#)
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[The Wolves' Den](#)
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National Jesuit Hockey Tournament: Saturday - Monday, January 13-15, at MB Ice Arena

Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Loyola Academy at Wintrust Arena on Friday, January 19

Winter Senior Nights

Wrestling: Tuesday, January 16

Hockey: Saturday, January 20

Boys' Swimming and Diving: Thursday, January 25

Girls' Basketball: Monday, February 5

Boys' Basketball, Co-Ed Cheer, and Dance: Friday, February 9

Class Level Notes

All Students

Walsh Bridge Building Contest: Encourage your student to be an engineer! The annual Walsh Bridge Building Contest is after school on Thursday, December 14. Students are invited to design and build a bridge meeting this year's regulations. Their bridge will be checked in by a science teacher during the school day on Thursday, December 14, and broken at the contest after school in the McLaughlin Room, supervised by engineers from Walsh Construction. Students received an email with bridge contest rules and prize information for the most efficient bridges. Students may ask their science teachers for more information or email Maureen.lonergan@ignatius.org

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.

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 must be completed by 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.

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 Talk: This optional, parent-only event will run from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on 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). 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

Dress Code Reminder and Finals Week Update

- All jackets and outerwear should be put away in backpacks or lockers during the school day.
- Please note that all items (many jackets) other than electronic devices that are currently in our Lost and Found will be donated to charity on Friday, December 15.
- Final Exam Dress Code: During final exams (12/20-12/22), we will have a relaxed dress code in effect. Students may wear sweatpants, jeans (no ripped / torn jeans), and spirit wear tops and sweatshirts.

Fine Arts

2017 Christmas CD Release

The SICP Choirs and Orchestra proudly announce *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year 2017 Christmas CD!* Christmas CD's may be purchased by students in the link during the lunch periods or in the Music Center until Christmas Break begins on December 22. CD's are \$15 (1-3), \$13 (4-8), or \$12 (9+); to order a CD, please email maryellen.schneider@ignatius.org

This Sunday: Winter Band Concert

Please join us for the Winter Band Concert this Sunday, 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 tomorrow, Friday, December 8.

Winter Ensembles Concert

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

Formation and Ministry

Freshmen Service Hours Commitment

Freshmen who, at this point, did not complete their first semester service commitment requirement of five hours will receive an "Incomplete" on their first semester report cards. The Incomplete will be removed in a timely manner in second semester following confirmation of newly logged service hours. All questions and concerns should be brought to FAM by the student.

Sophomore Service Hours Commitment

Sophomores who, at this point, did not complete their first semester service commitment requirement of ten hours will receive an "Incomplete" on their first semester report cards. The Incomplete will be removed in a timely manner in second semester following confirmation of newly logged service hours. All questions and concerns should be brought to FAM by the student.

Junior Formation and Service Night

January 23rd or 24th, 2018

We look forward to seeing all junior students and parents at our annual Formation and Service Night on either January 23 or 24, 2018 (7:00-8:00 p.m.). This is a **mandatory** event that outlines the many exciting faith and service programs that occur during Senior year. This includes Kairos and Oramus (Senior retreats), summer immersion trips (during June and August 2018), leadership in our Gonzaga Society (student leadership team), and much more! We look forward to seeing all of you then!

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

Pre-Calculus Survey Program

The invitations to enroll in the **Pre-Calculus Survey Class** will go out via email to selected Algebra II/Trigonometry students and their parents in January 2018. The eligibility requirements for this course are [included here](#). We are sending this information now so that students who want to be invited to take this course can focus now on maximizing their overall Semester 1 grades so as to meet those requirements. The Pre-Calculus Survey Class will run for six weeks during the summer of 2018. If you have any questions concerning this course, you can contact Todd Strobel at todd.strobel@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.

RSVP to Natalie Recker at 312-432-8336
or natalie.recker@ignatius.org

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Parent Organization

Tonight: Parent Organization Holiday Gathering 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) **tonight**, 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

In case you missed it last week, 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!

Treasury

Tuition Assistance

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be used to determine tuition assistance eligibility.

The window for applications for returning families (classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021) is January 1 to April 13, 2018. Further information can be found on the Saint Ignatius website under "Quick Links" at the bottom of the home page. Parents should be sure to open the Tuition Assistance Explanation and Tuition Assistance FACTS Grant & Aid document, also [available here](#).

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.



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