



SAINT IGNATIUS

COLLEGE PREP

Founded in 1869 as Chicago's first Jesuit school.



WOLFPACK POST

Principal's Office - December 20, 2018

GRAD-AT-GRAD VALUES

Open to Growth
Intellectually Competent
Religious
Loving
Committed to Doing Justice

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, December 21

Final Exams: English and
Social Studies

**Shuttle Bus Departs at
12:30 p.m.*

Monday, December 24

Christmas Break Begins
Christmas Eve
Building Closed

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day
Building Closed

Monday, December 31

New Year's Eve
Building Closed

Tuesday, January 1

New Year's Day
Building Closed

Monday, January 7

Class Resume
W Day Schedule

The next newsletter will run on January 17, 2019.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Academics

PSAT Score Reports

Sophomores and juniors received their PSAT scores and test booklets last week.

Information about interpreting these results can be found at collegeboard.org or by visiting [Understanding PSAT Results](#).

Further questions may be directed to college or guidance counselors.

End of Semester Grades and Eligibility

Eligibility for athletics and co-curricular activities was determined by the final first semester progress report which posted yesterday, Wednesday, December 19. Students who are ineligible at this time, will remain ineligible through Sunday, January 27, 2019.

First semester final grades and itemized grade reports will be posted by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10.

Second semester weekly grade reports begin on January 17. The first eligibility check of the second semester will be Thursday, January 24.

Student schedules for second semester are posted on PlusPortals in the eLocker section.

Registration for 2019-2020

Student registration assemblies for 2019-2020 courses will begin in late January 2019. Each class level will gather to learn about the registration procedures and course offerings.

Thursday, January 10

Semester 1 Grades Posted

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

QUICK LINKS

[Ignatius.org](#)
[School News](#)
[Parent Student Handbook](#)
[PlusPortals](#)
[Jesuit Schools Network](#)
[Pray](#)
[Spirit](#)
[Tuition Payment](#)
[Quest Food Services](#)
[The Wolves' Den](#)
[Ventra Card](#)

Athletics

The Wolfpack are headed into Christmas Break with great showings by Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Boys' Hockey, Boys' Swimming and Diving, Boys' and Girls' Bowling, Wrestling, Cheerleading and Dance. See a detailed athletic update [here](#). The Saint Ignatius College Prep Athletics Department wishes all of the Wolfpack a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

College Counseling

Class of 2019

USA Gap Year Fair: The Gap Year Fair takes place on January 26, 2019, at New Trier Township High School and begins with a presentation at 12:00 p.m. [Click here to register](#).

Applications: Please continue to work on your Early Decision II, Regular Decision, and Rolling Decision applications. Do not forget to "Match" your Common Application to Naviance Student if you have not done so already. Also, make sure that all your application schools are listed in Naviance Student under "Colleges I'm Applying to." Please contact your College Counselor with any questions.

Financial Aid: As of October 1, the [FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#) has been available online. Some colleges also ask for the [CSS Profile](#) to be completed. A complete list of schools that require the CSS Profile to be completed is [available here](#).

Transcript Requests: Applications to colleges must have transcript requests entered into Naviance "Student." Visit your "Colleges" tab and move the colleges from "Colleges I'm Thinking About" to "Colleges I'm Applying To." This must be completed on the student link, not the parent link.

Class of 2020

Save the Date: The 28th Annual Saint Ignatius College Fair will be held on March 11, 2019, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. All junior students and their parents/guardians should plan on attending this top-notch program.

Junior Family College Planning Workshops: Thank you for attending our programs last month in early November. Students that did not attend the program have been called down to College Counseling during their lunch periods for an abbreviated program. Parents that were not able to attend can view the PowerPoint presentation [here](#).

ACT Test Prep: Ignatius will offer a [spring session](#) of after-school ACT test prep for students through Academic Approach. The registration link for the spring class is now open; please see the flyer above to access the link. Financial aid is available for this class. Contact Mr. Kurt Schmidt, Director of College Counseling, with inquiries. kurt.schmidt@ignatius.org

Junior Questionnaire: These will be due by January 17, 2019, but you may submit them earlier. Please take your time answering the questions; this is an important discernment exercise. The questionnaire is available electronically in the "Document Resources" section on your Naviance Student website.

Coffee Talk: This optional, parents/guardians-only event will run from 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. on January 11. We will address any questions you may have after digesting the information delivered at the Junior Family College Planning Workshops last month. Space will be

limited. Please sign up [HERE](#). You may also [print a flyer for the program](#).

Class of 2021

Save the Date: The 28th Annual Saint Ignatius College Fair will be held on March 11, 2019, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. All sophomore students and their parents/guardians should plan on attending this top-notch program.

For Parents Only: College Counseling will host six (6) morning [Coffee Talk](#) workshops throughout the year. Space is limited to 40 parents per session. We will cover the basics of the college search and selection process, timelines, standardized testing and much more.

Class of 2022

Platform Access: At the beginning of the year, students received registration codes to access Naviance Student and x2VOL. These websites allow students to do research on colleges and careers and to log their required service hours.

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Development

Tax Credit Scholarship Updates

The Tax Credit Scholarship program for the 2019-2020 school year for Empower Illinois and Big Shoulders will open in just a few weeks. Saint Ignatius participates in both programs, and the deadline to set up an account is December 31, 2018. These programs have assisted 75 Saint Ignatius families this year!

The application start dates for the 2019-2020 school year have been announced by both Empower Illinois and Big Shoulders. They are:

[Empower Illinois SGO](#): January 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

[Big Shoulders SGO](#): January 22, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

As required by the Invest in Kids Act that established Tax Credit Scholarships, awards are considered on a first come, first served basis, with priority consideration given to students who are applying from an Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) identified "Focus" school district, whose household incomes do not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level, are renewing previous year awards, or students who are siblings of awardees. These priorities apply both within school-designated funds and general funds.

Because over 95 percent of the funds raised in Year 1 were designated to specific schools, it is extremely important that students apply as soon as the Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) begin to accept applications in order to secure a place in line.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY](#)

Saint Ignatius students who receive financial aid depend upon your generosity. As 2018 comes to a close, you still have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our students. Every gift enables

young men and women from marginalized economic circumstances to benefit from academic, spiritual, and formation programs.

Donate in the 2018 tax year...

- MAIL A CHECK postmarked by December 31, 2018, to:
Saint Ignatius College Prep
Fr. Michael Caruso, SJ, President
1076 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608.
- GIVE OVER THE PHONE and have your questions answered, or inquire about a stock transfer by calling David Stephens or John Chandler at 312-432-8321. The office will be open until 6:00 p.m. on December 31, 2018.
- MAKE A STOCK GIFT via the broker for Saint Ignatius:
Sue Ingraffia, Northern Trust Securities
Northern Trust's DTC # 0226
Saint Ignatius Account # NT2-056464
Phone: 312-557-2912
Saint Ignatius Tax I.D. # 36-2167867

Thank you for your continued support of our students!

Formation and Ministry

Freshman and Sophomore Students

Students who did not meet the first semester deadline for their Service Commitments will receive an "Incomplete" on their report cards. Once students have resolved their outstanding service hours, the "Incomplete" will be removed in the second semester. All students are welcome to visit Formation and Ministry with questions or concerns.

A Morning of Reflection: Ignatius 101

January 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more information on this opportunity, please see a printable invitation [here](#).

Parent Organization

Trivia Night!

February 9, 2019

With the New Year around the corner, it is time to save the date and register for the upcoming Trivia Night held by the Parent Organization on Saturday, February 9, from 7:00 - 10:30 p.m.

This is a casual, social event for all St. Ignatius parents to challenge themselves and test their trivia knowledge! Whether you bring a team or join a table, it is a lovely opportunity to share fellowship and fun with other parents. For further details, see the [event flyer](#).

[Register online](#) and join in the fun!

Save the Date(s)

March 2, 2019	5:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Gloriam
March 7, 2019	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Spring Parent Talk

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.