



Ignatian Information

We, the community of St. Ignatius School, in the tradition of Mother Marie Rose and St. Ignatius of Loyola, provide a faith-centered Catholic education guiding God's children toward building a just and compassionate world.

September 15, 2023

Upcoming Important Dates

- **September 6-19** - Renaissance STAR Testing
- **September 20** - Family Groups, 1:10PM
- **September 26** - Picture Day

Greetings St. Ignatius Families

Our 8th graders led us in a beautiful Mass celebrating the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday. During this first Mass of the school year, we commission our 8th graders into their role as our school leaders bestowing each of them with a dove pin they will wear when they are leading Family Group activities and during other leadership opportunities. We are blessed to have amazing young people to positively impact our school community and assist in building a welcoming school culture for all.

- **September 27 -**
School Mass,
1:10PM
- **September 29 -**
Jog-A-Thon,
1:30PM

Important Links:

[St. Ignatius Parish](#)
[Middle School Site](#)
[Archdiocese of](#)
[Portland in Oregon](#)

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Today, we officially kicked off fundraising for this year's Jog-a-thon. Thank you for spreading the word to your friends and family in helping us ***Groove Our Way to \$50K!***

Students were sent home with a paper packet for the event to answer some frequently asked questions. You should have received an email for your student's shareable 'page' through the same platform we used last year- ***99 Pledges***. Please encourage your friends and family to make a donation and leave a small 'tip'. The 'tip' covers the fees that we are charged by 99 Pledges to process the credit card donations. The following are some highlights of our ***Groove Our Way to \$50K Jog-a-thon***.

- Our ***Groove Our Way to \$50K Jog-a-thon*** is on ***Friday, September 29th*** at the end of the school day. Spectators are welcome to attend and watch behind the class groups.
- Students will ***wear their new class color shirts*** which will arrive a day or two before our ***Groove Our Way to \$50K Jog-a-thon***. Students may wear other athletic attire with their class color shirts to school that day for this event. Please have your student wear ***shorts over running leggings***.
- Donations are primarily collected through the 99 Pledges platform.
- ***Each student has a goal of collecting \$200*** in donations to meet our whole school goal.
- ***All students that reach \$100 of their goal by next Friday will receive a Special Dress Pass.***
- ***All classes with 100% participation will receive a Special Dress Day.***

- If you wish to volunteer for this event, please sign up through this [Google form.](#)

Thank you for making this first fundraising event fun and successful.



We are in full swing with learning this week. Our 7th grade science class took part in frog dissection which they missed last spring due to a backorder on the frogs. Hands-on, active learning takes place in all of our grade levels throughout the school year.



Our School Advisory Council (SAC) met this past week. The School Advisory Council is an important service for our school. The purpose of the School Advisory Council is to provide input and recommendations to the principal for achieving goals set forth in the school's master plan. The SAC members participate in one of three committees- Finance, Marketing, or Facilities. Our SAC team has been instrumental in attaining large school goals such as our playground renovation. This year's SAC

members are: Biblina Marterous (chair), Sarah Maher (co-chair), Melody Fisher (secretary), Mike Pettinger, Michael Miller, Amanda Williams, Karen Ortiz, Margaret Hoecker-Gaynor, Adam Kelly, Sarah Trester, Miranda Hacherl, and Maura Carpenello. During a SAC meeting, members receive school and parish updates and work in committees. I am thankful for their efforts and assistance. We are blessed by the many gifts and talents our members share as we work together to continue the legacy of St. Ignatius School as a welcoming community building a just and compassionate world.

There's still time to volunteer to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 AM Sunday Masses. The materials for teaching the Gospel to the children during the twenty minute homily at the Mass are fully prepared for the volunteers. Please email [Sarah Cunningham](#) if you are able to assist in this ministry.

Students in 5th-8th grade interested in being altar servers this year may reach out to Karen Ortiz, one of our parents, at ajkaortiz@yahoo.com. Karen will be coordinating the training and scheduling. If your student has already been trained as an altar server, you may reach out to Karen to let her know dates your student is available to altar serve.

Our hot lunch program returns next week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The menu link for placing orders is found in its own section below this letter. **Lunch orders** for the following weeks **must be placed by noon on Friday**. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with serving hot lunch on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12-1 PM. Contact Leia's Café to volunteer for lunch serving. We need parent volunteers for assistance in [monitoring our lunch recesses](#) daily from 12-1 PM. Many of our volunteers select two or three dates per month to assist. More eyes during our recesses allows for staff members to give their full attention to assisting students in problem solving disagreements.

We welcomed Nurse Daniel and Nurse Abigail to our school on Tuesday. Through a partnership with the University of Portland's School of Nursing, our two nurses will spend Tuesdays at our school site during their fall semester. While they are here with us, they will conduct a vision screening for our students in October, teach students lessons on handwashing, nutrition, and other health topics, and teach our staff more

in-depth lessons on health related content. We are blessed to have this wonderful opportunity to work with future nurses.

Each week, we will highlight information found in our [Parent-Student Handbook](#). All families need to *submit the Handbook form* electronically or printed by Tuesday, October 3, 2023. These first few weeks of school, we will review **uniform expectations** for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. **Polo shirts** may be worn in white or royal blue with any style of collar. **Shoes** must have closed toes and full backs with a flat or low heel height. Shoes may not have flashing lights or wheels. Boots are discouraged. Athletic shoes for running around at recess are encouraged. If your child cannot yet tie their own shoe, consider a Velcro closure. Only uniform **sweatshirts** or sweaters can be worn in classes. Thank you for helping your students to be in uniform, so we can focus on teaching.

Please **supervise your child before school until 8:10** when staff are on duty. Please remind your child of the **before school expectations**: *No running, chasing, or playing on play structures before school*. Thank you for assisting your children to be ready to enter school calmly and allowing our preschool families to take their children to their doorway without having to look out for running children. Please wait in the parent waiting area when picking up students at dismissal. The students will be released to come to you. Thank you!

May we reflect in gratitude for our time together this week, “*Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.*” John 16:24.

Peace be with you always.

Carol Pausz

Principal

Schoolwide Service - Transition Projects Sack Lunch Program, many spots still available!!!

- For the last 33 years St. Ignatius School has partnered with Transition Projects to serve meals to their residents. We want to keep this community partnership alive and we need your support!!!

- Beginning September 21st, our school community will provide weekly sack lunches to approximately 80 residents at the Southeast Laurelwood Center.
- Each week, five families will have the opportunity to make (at home) and individually wrap 20 sandwiches to be included in the sack lunches. These sandwiches will need to be delivered to the school office Thursday mornings at student drop off. Rotating classes will decorate the bags with inspirational notes and pictures and then, assembly line style, pack the lunches. A parent will pick the packed lunches up at school between 10:00 and 10:30 and deliver them to Transition Projects Laurelwood (61st and Foster).

Many hands are needed to make this service project a success and continue this long standing tradition. You can help in one of the following ways:

- Sign up to make 20 sandwiches: <https://tinyurl.com/schoolwideservice>
- Sign up to deliver sandwiches to the Laurelwood Center: <https://tinyurl.com/schoolwideservice>
- Our pantry is empty (**NEW ITEMS ADDED**)! Check our our Amazon Wish list and have items sent directly to school <https://tinyurl.com/TRANSPROWISHLIST>, Or drop off needed items to the school office: lunch size bags of chips (any kind), granola bars, nutri-grain bars, etc.

Thank you so much for continuing to support this important service project!


Beginning of the year forms

Thank you to the families that have completed all forms for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have not submitted forms please do so. Required forms for the 2023-2024 school year:

Forms for electronic submission:

Handbook agreement form:  [Handbook Agreement Form](#)

Google suite permission form (grades 3-8): <https://tally.so/r/wobxQ1>

Walk or bike permission form:  [Office Forms](#)

Media release form: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Udt37hg5GOrl4EmJ4LQq-rRcAT_Gbc6h/view?usp=sharing

Forms to fill, print, and turn in to the school office or classroom teacher:

Technology use in school (grades 3-8, parent and student must sign):  [Office Forms](#)

COVID19 permission to test: <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3560e.pdf>

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 26th. Order packets were sent home on Back to School Night. You can also visit the Bell Imaging site to order:

<https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001050934>

Picture day is a Dress Up day. Please see the School Handbook for details:

<https://tinyurl.com/dressupMassevent>

Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch will be available for purchase every Tuesday and Wednesday beginning Tuesday, September 19th. Please follow the link to place your child's order:

<https://tinyurl.com/SIHOTLUNCH>

Questions? Contact Biblina Marterous: bibiamarts@gmail.com

SchoolSpeak Profile

Please remember to check your contact information (address, email, phone number) in SchoolSpeak to ensure that you are receiving important updates and announcements from St. Ignatius School. Parent accounts have the ability to make changes to their profiles. Thank you!

High School Open Houses

- October 1 - Central Catholic High School
- October 8 - De La Salle North Catholic High School/Valley Catholic
- October 15 - St. Mary's Academy
- October 22 - La Salle Catholic College Preparatory
- October 29 - Jesuit High School

All open houses are 1:00pm-4:00pm. Additional information can be found on each individual high schools website.

After School Programs

M.U.S.E. Band Registration Flyer:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aWDcDFJWCKpFJFCqJl8acUwB9YKcKpkV/view?usp=drive_web

M.U.S.E. Band Registration Form:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1g88lPA04eBuwGP7wnS0zMHSOKOwN3oCM/view?usp=drive_web

Portland Drama Club, Finding Nemo:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CXZtBARx1NMVEYhTe8oSfWvLTl4GT00f/view?usp=drive_web

Chess Club: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l73s4rZY_PbJa0rVpARSkXwPBjy_Ke_/view?usp=drive_web

Yoga Playground:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l35Y1flovyM9m04D3pyti5AK00waVQTm/view?usp=drive_web

Play Fit Fun: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hJunMMo9GffOgrd2X9NLqTh3J7s82Mh7/view?usp=drive_web

St. Ignatius School Choir:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JHfJsoIbgAXXpGtPc6HTC9zPVGRNTT0qp2pbCezf0Wo/edit?usp=sharing>

Ways to support St. Ignatius School

We want your empty cans and bottles!

Supporting the school is easy!



- Let the school office know and we will send a bag home with your child, school@sispdx.org
- Fill the bluebag with refundable plastic, aluminum, and glass
- Return your blue bag to any BottleDrop location, the label on the blue bag will open the secure door



You can help St. Ignatius School earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card! Fred Meyer donates over \$2.5 million per year to non-profits.

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your card to St. Ignatius: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/>. You

can search for St. Ignatius School or use our numbr”87137”. Every time you shop and use your reward card you will be helping St. Ignatius school, you will still earn your rewards points, fuel points, and rebates. Thank you for supporting St. Ignatius School!

Extra-Curricular Activities

Future Falcons Night: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1siQ2nHk-DRfZhDr03DyLWUFHLRZF0z4u/view?usp=sharing>

Jesuit High School Autumn Math Courses: <https://www.jesuitportland.org/academics/math-community>
