

Ignatian Information

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18
End of the
2nd Quarter

January 21
NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther
King Jr.
Holiday

January 22
NOON DISMISSAL

January 23
School Mass
8:30AM

January 25
Report Cards
go Home

**January 27-
February 1**
Catholic Schools
Week

January 27
Catholic School
Celebration
10:30AM Mass
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Open House
12:00-2:30PM

Greetings St. Ignatius School Families:

BELONGING: I've been thinking a lot about belonging and what makes St. Ignatius School such a powerful experience for children as we get ready to share our story with prospective families. In most schools, time for play and discovery has diminished dramatically since the 1980s, leading to increased rates of depression as well as lost opportunities for critical learning, according to an article in the Atlantic, <https://bit.ly/2ICLGRb>. That trend is showing signs of reversal and the latest future forecast from Knowledge Works calls for human-centered learning, "characterized by meeting core needs such as creative expression, self-discovery, social belonging and meaningful purpose." <https://bit.ly/2sdXr1K>

These ideas reflect the practices that have been well in place at St. Ignatius since its founding by the Jesuits and the Sisters of the Holy Names. Both orders share an emphasis on what the Jesuits call "persona curialis", or care for the entire person. The Sisters emphasize "full development of the human person." This alignment made for a powerful partnership in founding the school over 110 years ago. This spirit lives powerfully in our program today.

GEOGRAPHY BEE: A shout out to all of our class champions who competed in the school-wide Geography Bee last Wednesday. A hearty congratulations to Andrew Keller, grade 7, for his success as the school champion – for the third year in a row! We wish Andrew all the best as he moves on to the next level of competition.

INTENT TO RETURN: Please notice the attached intent to return letter, due **January 25**. As we prepare for Open House, we hope you are planning on returning next year. **Due to increasing demand and waitlist in some classes**, it will be very important to submit your intent to return letter by the end of January to secure your child's seat for next year.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: The FACTS financial aid window for next year is open. I encourage you to apply as soon as possible as we want to ensure financial need is not an obstacle for any family.

PRE-K EXPANSION: It's really happening! We are adding 10 seats to our pre-kindergarten next year by expanding the space, and creating separate classes for 3 and 4 year-olds. Please join us at Open House if you are interested in learning more. Last year we filled the class early!

OPEN HOUSE: **Sunday January 27th, 12-2:30 and Thursday, January 31, 9-10:30.** Thank you for the incredible job you did last year in getting the word out about our great community and dynamic program. As we move to Catholic Schools week, the last week of the month, we hope to include more children in the special blessing that is a St. Ignatius School education. Please help us get the word out through your social networks: the ad is attached for your convenience. We hope to fill kindergarten (25 seats) and grow enrollment overall by 20 students in the 2019-20 school year.

Blessings!
Kelli Clark, Principal

JAN 27TH & JAN 31ST!

PRE-K 8TH GRADE

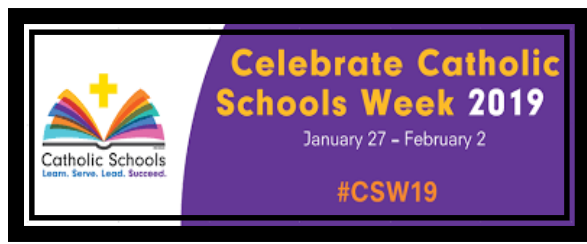
OPEN HOUSE  **CHECK US OUT!**

A JESUIT, HOLY NAMES CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

LOCATED AT SE 43RD AND POWELL BLVD.
503-774-5533 | WWW.SISPDX.ORG

Help us spread the word about St. Ignatius School! Yard signs are still available. Stop by the school office and pickup one up! One fair share hour for every family that displays a yard sign!

Safety Reminder
Please use caution during the school day when pulling into the driveway closest to Dillon Hall. Students are often crossing between Dillon Hall and the school building.
Thank you!



Intent to Return forms are due to the office January 25th. Don't forget to turn yours in!



Congratulations to Geography Bee winner Andrew. He will now be competing at the state level. Congratulations to all of the participants: Lexie, TJ, Ruby, Quinn, Rene, Carlos, Gary, Andrew, Buddy, and Finbar. We are so proud of all of you! Good luck to Andrew in the next phase!

Save the Date!
Pizzicato Night—April 2nd!
Remember to check
SchoolSpeak for changes to
the school calendar.



Join CYO Track & Field at The Shamrock Run!!

You are invited to join our team, St. Ignatius Track and Field, for the 2019 Shamrock Run. Even more fun this year is expected as the event is happening on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17th, at Waterfront Park. Team registration is now open but closes on January 31st.

This is a great way to start your New Year's Resolution and have a fun event/ finish line to train for. That said this is a no pressure team all abilities and ages are encouraged to join. Also, please feel free to share with friends and family outside the school/ parish. You can also select any race. Last year most on our team ran the 5k, but a few ran the 8k and we also had a couple in the Leprechaun Lap (1k).

If you haven't registered yet, you can register and join the team here:
<https://endurancecui.active.com/new/events/52537553/select-race?regnow=awe-regnow&p=6502899650111791>

A couple benefits of joining the team include:

1. **Save Time:** I will receive all the t-shirts and race numbers and will bring them to school, which means you don't have to go to the convention center to pick them up.
2. **Potential Fundraiser:** If we reach 75 members the team will receive a \$375 donation + 5 per additional team member from the race organizer. Normally team members have to be 13 or older, but I received an exception for our team so that all ages count toward our fundraising goal.

It's Fun: Last year we had about 50 team members and had a great time.

You can also find more information at the event website:
<https://www.active.com/portland-or/running/distance-running-races/shamrock-run-portland-2019?int>
Looking forward to having you join us!