



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 8, 2023

Upcoming Important Dates

- **September 6-19** - Renaissance STAR Testing
- **September 10** - St. Ignatius Foundation Golf Tournament
- **September 13** - School Mass, 1:10PM
- **September 13** - C.A.S.E. Training, 6:30PM-8:30PM
- **September 20** - Family Groups, 1:10PM
- **September 26** - Picture Day

Important Links:

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

Greetings St. Ignatius Families

What a joy this week has been as we welcomed students and families back to school! Our 8th grade leaders heeded the call to serve by leading our school in the morning announcements all week and assisting with our Welcome Back student assembly on Wednesday of this week. During our Welcome Back assembly, we heard about our school year theme and reviewed expectations for uniforms, recess, and the cafeteria.



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A big thank you to all of our families for attending our Back-to-School Night last night. The teachers appreciate the opportunity to partner with you in educating your children.

We are tremendously grateful for our St. Ignatius School Foundation's annual distribution. We are able to provide tuition assistance to many families in need because of their support. We are looking forward to a great turnout for the [St. Ignatius School Foundation's golf tournament on Sunday!](#) It's not too late to register to golf on Sunday! Sign up today.



Next week, we will continue Renaissance Star Testing for reading and math for our students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Our kindergarteners and first graders take a combined Star test called Early Literacy. Students in second through fifth grade take a reading test on one day and a math test on a different day. Please be sure your student is getting enough sleep and eating a healthy breakfast. Teachers use the Star testing data to determine the learning needs of each student, including possible placements in learning groups.

As we head into this new school year, we are looking for parent volunteers 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.

Another parent volunteer need is assistance with [monitoring our lunch recesses](#) from 12-1 PM daily. 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.

Maybe you are interested in being a Room Parent? Room parents are needed to support our school, classroom teachers and families for our combined Preschool class, Kindergarten and sixth grade. Thank you for considering this wonderful opportunity.

Our **hot lunch** service on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will resume on **Tuesday, September 19th**. You may place orders through this [menu link](#):
<https://formfacade.com/public/106779822180772891720/home/form/1FAIpQLSfV2yhIWqsLS4nZF8J2uqVnsI>

We are excited to share that we are partnering with the University of Portland's School of Nursing. During this fall trimester, we will have two nursing students on our campus two days a week. During their time 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 look forward to welcoming Nurse Daniel and Nurse Abigail beginning next Tuesday.

We are once again taking up the call to provide 80 sack lunches for Transition Projects. Please consider signing up to make a batch of twenty sandwiches or to drive the lunches up the street on Thursday mornings. We need donations of granola bars, chips, and fruit cups too. Thank you for supporting this whole school service learning opportunity.

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. One distinction between our elementary grades and our middle school grades is the uniform color of pants, skirts, shorts, and skorts. Students in *kindergarten through fifth grade wear blue pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts while our middle school students have the option to wear either blue or khaki pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts*. We expect all pants, skirts, shorts, and skorts to be *hemmed* and not cut-off to the *appropriate length*. Pants should cover the ankles but not drag on the ground. Shorts, skirts, and skorts should nearly reach the top of the knee. Thank you for helping your students to be in uniform, so we can focus on teaching.

Stay tuned for Jog-a-thon information to come home next week! Our school's jog-a-thon is Friday, September 29th. Volunteers must have C.A.S.E. training and a current background check. We will host an in person initial **C.A.S.E. training** next **Wednesday, September 13** from 6:30-8:30 PM. [Sign up here](#) if you are a new volunteer in need of this child protection training.

Many of our afterschool activities are actively registering participants. Flyers with more information are listed below.

As we reflect in gratitude for this first week of school, "*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit.*" Romans 15:13.

Peace be with you always.

Carol Pausz

Principal

Schoolwide Service - Transition Projects Sack Lunch Program

- 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 then to Transition Projects Laurelwood (61st and Foster).

Many hands are needed to make this a success and continue this long standing tradition. You can help in one of the follow 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! 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!

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>

C.A.S.E. Training

Interested in volunteering this school year? All **FIRST TIME** volunteers **MUST** attend an in person C.A.S.E. (Creating a Safe Environment) Training. We are offering an opportunity on our campus to complete this volunteering requirement:

Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30PM-8:30PM, please sign up in advance: <https://forms.gle/ujhm9M17TRZKhL3X6>

Additional dates and times can be found on the Archdiocese of Portland website: <https://tinyurl.com/ARCHCASE>

If you attend a class on another campus you will need to submit your certificate of completion to the St. Ignatius School Office.

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS

If you have previously taken the in person C.A.S.E. training you will only need to complete the yearly online update:

Thank you!

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/1g88IPA04eBuwGP7wnS0zMHSOKOwN3oCM/view?usp=drive_web

Portland Drama Club, Finding Nemo: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CXZtBARx1NMVEYhTe8oSfWvITl4GT00f/view?usp=drive_web

Chess Club: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1173s4rZY_PbJa0rVpARSkXwPBjy_Ke_/view?usp=drive_web

Yoga Playground: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1135Y1flovYm9m04D3pvti5AK00waVQTm/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@sispx.org](mailto:sispx.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!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back!

Children ages 3-8 are invited to participate in a kid-friendly activity during the Gospel and Homily at every 10:30am Mass. The Children will be called to the front of church and two C.A.S.E trained adult volunteers will lead them to the Bradley Room in the Parish Office where materials will be provided for a lesson paralleling the Gospel message. Children will be walked back over to church after the activity to rejoin Mass for the Eucharist. We can't wait to have your children join us!

Interested parent volunteers can get fair share hours.

Click the link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4AD2DA2F5CF8-childrens%2F68458924#/>

Extra-Curricular Activities

Future Falcons Night: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1siQ2nHk-DRfZhDr03DyLWUFHLRZFOz4u/view?usp=sharing>

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