



Saint Ignatius Loyola School

THE WILDCAT WIRE

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MR. VANCE'S NEWS VIRTUE OF THE MONTH IS GENEROSITY

Dear parents and guardians,
As you will see at Mass this weekend, we are entering the third week of Advent. The priest will light the pink candle in the advent wreath which symbolizes joy. Did you know that this candle is also referred to as the "*Shepherd's Candle*." Like the shepherds, we also experience joy at the coming of the birth of Jesus.

This week, we were fortunate to experience the hard work and dedication of our choirs and bands and, as you may know, our 7th and 8th grade Praise Band won first place in the Jeff and Jenn's Q102 Christmas Choir Contest! St. Ignatius is one of the few schools where every student will learn to play at least one instrument which helps to make our music education program and participation exceptional! Research shows some of the benefits of music education include increased development in reasoning and language, coordination, self-confidence, and better SAT scores. This is a remarkable gift that all students at St. Ignatius have the opportunity to enhance their personal development, and we are very blessed to have this extensive and encompassing music program here at St. I's.

Thank you to everyone picking up their children at the end of the day with their patience and understanding with the added safety precautions. Your assistance and support are much appreciated!

May you have a blessed weekend!
In Christ's Peace,
Kevin Vance, Principal

Please read the following important information from the Catholic Schools Office:

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is again accepting applications for needs-based elementary school tuition grants for the 2019-2020 school year. Grant awards range from \$250 to \$1,000 per student and can be used at any Catholic elementary school within the Archdiocese. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2019.

Flyers that include details on the CEF grants can be downloaded in English and Spanish by clicking the links below:

[English Version](#)

[Spanish Version](#)

The Catholic Education Foundation tuition grant program became a reality in 2017-18 through the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign. Due to the generosity of your parish, the Catholic Education Foundation will again be able to offer over \$2,000,000 in financial aid! For more details and to apply, please visit: www.catholicbestchoice.org.

Peace in Christ,
The Catholic Schools Office

GEOGRAPHY AND SPELLING BEES

Please check out next week's *Wire* for the winners of the Geography and Spelling Bees!

Email articles to: wildcatwire@saintschool.org

School website: www.saintschool.org

REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The parish community subsidizes the cost of tuition for families whose active participation in the liturgical life of the parish can be documented by regular use of your church envelope. No dollar amount is required, even an empty envelope is okay. We are doing this to comply with the directive from the Archbishop. **If you have not been using your envelopes regularly, we will not be able to accept priority registration in January and we will be forced to charge you private tuition. Also, registration for next year will not be accepted unless one-third of your tuition is paid by Thursday, January 10.** Please contact Mrs. Barb Campbell in the church office at 661-6565 with any questions regarding envelope usage or tuition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 19	4th Grade Christmas Pageant, 6:30pm, church
Dec. 20	Kindergarten Grandparent Christmas Concert, 10:15am, church Spirit Shop open 10:15-11:30am
Dec. 21- Jan. 2	Christmas Holiday
Jan. 3	School Resumes
Jan.9	After School Enrichment
Jan. 10	Bible Bowl
Jan. 14	PTO Meeting, 7:00pm, library
Jan. 16	After School Enrichment
Jan. 18	NO SCHOOL/ School of Faith
Jan. 21	NO SCHOOL/ Martin Luther King Day

UPCOMING LITURGIES

Dec. 18	Miss Cassaro, Rm. 118	9:15am
Dec. 19	Mrs. Burgan, Rm. 309	9:15am
Jan. 8	Miss Schoenfeld, Rm. 114	9:15am
Jan. 9	Mr. Gemperline, Rm. 312	9:15am

NOTES FROM THE NURSE



PERTUSSIS UPDATE

Parents, we are still monitoring the pertussis cases at school. ***If your child is given antibiotics for pertussis but is not actually tested for pertussis, they are assumed to be positive and have to follow exclusion rules as if they were tested and positive. Please ask for testing to confirm diagnosis.*** Please call our school nurse, Mrs. Kathy Reder if you have any questions.

SCHOOL NEWS

WILDCATS ON THE MOVE



Only one Wildcat to recognize this week! Congrats to Teague M. for reaching 10 miles and earning his first "foot"! Bundle up and keep moving Wildcats!

SERVERS STILL NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Christmas Eve Mass times are:

***3:00pm in gym
Midnight Mass***

Christmas Day Mass times are:

***10:00am
Noon***



Please contact Mrs. Ryland Koppenhoefer at rkoppenhoefer@sainti.org or 661-6565 if you are able to serve. Thank you in advance for your help!



ANNA KROGER SOCK DRIVE

Anna Kroger was a graduate from St. Ignatius. She was fun-loving, kind-hearted, and full of life. She passed away unexpectedly during her Freshman year at Mercy. Her friends are keeping her memory alive through the Anna Kroger Sock Drive.



Since Anna enjoyed wearing crazy socks, we will be collecting any style of new socks to be donated to Cincinnati Children's. Collection boxes are located throughout the school. Socks may be donated through Wednesday, December 19th.

DAD'S WEEK IN CAFE



Hey dads, come hang out in the cafe for dads week! We still need **VIRTUS-trained** dads for Tuesday, December 18, Wednesday December 19, and Thursday, December 20. Please arrive at 11:30am, and you will be finished by

1:45pm. Please call Beth Reynolds at 389-3242 ext. 5 to sign up!

****Also, remember if you are a regularly scheduled volunteer during dads week, you get the day off!**

LUNCH MENU

Week of December 17

Hot Lunch-\$2.25

Double Entree (grades 4-8) \$1.25

Salad Entree-\$3.00

Milk-\$0.30

Every meal includes a choice of fruit and milk

Salad of the Week - BLT Salad

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer

MONDAY: Waffles, sausage, juice, hash brown or salad

TUESDAY: Steak hoagie, green beans or salad

WEDNESDAY: Dough pretzels with hummus or cheese, yogurt, vegetable soup or salad

THURSDAY: Hot dog, carrots with dip or hummus or salad

FRIDAY: NO SCHOOL/ CHRISTMAS BREAK!

EVERYBODY COUNTS! FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 1

Please consider joining us in presenting *Everybody Counts!* to our students. This basic course is designed to help them understand disabilities and grow in their empathy for those who have them. You can volunteer as one



of a team of classroom presenters, and curriculums and supplies will be provided. This is a short-term commitment in school, but it does require some preparation. One planning meeting on Tuesday, February 5 is a great opportunity to meet with fellow volunteers and coordinate your presentations. If you cannot make this meeting everything you need will be available for review at your convenience. For your planning purposes, the schedule is attached to this *Wire*. Look for the Sign Up Genius email coming soon!

HANDBELL AND CHIME MEMBERS

All available handbell and chime members will have an optional meeting on Friday December 21 at 1:00 pm at the church office to move the bells over to the gym for Christmas Eve Mass. We will set up for Mass and do a dress rehearsal of the music. This is not required but anyone who is available is welcome to come and rehearse.



ENRICHMENT NEWS

ELDER PANTHERS LACROSSE

Sign-ups are open and accepting boys from kindergarten through 8th grade. The program focuses on teaching fundamentals and developing skills. For more information, please visit www.cincypantherslacrosse.com for more information.

LASALLE MUSICIAN'S ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

LaSalle MAP is an instrumental ensemble designed for musicians in grades 5-8 who are looking for an additional musical challenge in a concert band setting.

To register, please visit www.lasallehs.net/maptosuccess.

MERCY HEALTHPLEX PROGRAMS

Swim Lessons are offered for all ages 6 months through adults beginning January 12. Private and semi-private lessons are also available by appointment.

Sea Cubs are for the experienced swimmer wanting to learn more about swimming. The focus will be on the four competitive strokes, starts, turns, conditioning and safe diving technique.

For more information and registration, please contact Annie at 389-5498 or asmacke@mercy.com.



CONGRATS 7TH GRADE C BOYS BASKETBALL!

Congratulations to the Boys 7th grade C basketball team for being the tournament champs in the St. Jude and St. James basketball tournament last weekend. Players include A.j. M., Zach M., Gavin D., Max B., Clay S. Joe B., Jake S., and Oliver W. The team is proudly coached by Tony Lee.



2019 TRACK AND FIELD SIGN UPS

Sign ups for boys and girls in kindergarten through 8th grade will run from Tuesday, January 1 through Thursday, February 28. Please go to <http://saintiaa.org> to log into your account or to register a new account. Please contact Jerry Paul at 598-5616, 238-1132 or drjerry@cinci.rr.com for more information.

2018-2019 ST. IGNATIUS BOYS VOLLEYBALL GRADES 3-8

St. Ignatius boys volleyball will offer online registrations beginning Friday, December 14 through Friday, January 18. Don't miss out; late sign-ups will only be accepted if additional players are needed to round out rosters. For more information and to begin the registration process, please visit the home page of the Athletic Association web site at <http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=841463>. There you will be able to log in to your existing account or establish a new account.

Cost to Participate: \$55

*An additional \$60 fee may be assessed to those families who have not yet joined the St. Ignatius Athletic Association for the current school year. For more information, please contact: Valerie Bender at 218-0271 or valeriebender4@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

"ENDS WITH US HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHALLENGE"

This challenge is a 10 week "competition" to help you make healthier choices, and hopefully lose weight! It is open to everyone in the St. Ignatius parish and involves keeping track of points for healthy choices and weight loss. **It will run January 11, through March 22, and costs \$10 to join in, with a chance to win much more! Deadline to join is January 7.** If you would like more information, please email us at endswithus@gmail.com, and we can send you a copy of the "rules"!

FLYERS ONLINE

2019 St. Ignatius Track and Field Sign-ups
Western Tennis & Fitness Jr. Clinics



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT~~JOY

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season.

May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives.

We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas.

Amen.

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Kindergarten: An Overview			
104	Riestenberg	Thurs., 2/28	12:30 - 1:40
105	Cassiere	Wed., 2/27	12:40 - 1:50
107	Ray	Wed., 2/27	9:10-10:20
108	Schmidt - am	Thurs., 2/28	9:10-10:20
108	Schmidt - pm	Thurs., 2/28	2:00- 3:10
1st Grade: Visual Impairment			
203	Colina	Mon., 2/25	9:10- 10:40
204	Vondenbrink	Tues., 2/26	12:15- 1:45
205	Menzer	Wed., 2/27	12:15-1:45
206	Tierney	Thurs., 2/28	9:10- 10:40
207	Wiesman	Mon., 2/25	12:15- 1:45
2nd Grade: Hearing Impairments			
109	Eichhold	Fri., 3/1	10:20 - 11:40
111	Crowley	Wed., 2/27	10:20 - 11:40
113	Rischmann	Thurs., 2/28	10:20 - 11:40
114	Schoenfeld	Thurs., 2/28	12:40 - 2:00
118	Cassaro	Fri., 3/1	12:40 - 2:00
3rd Grade: Intellectual Disabilities			
208	Burkhart	Tues., 2/26	12:30 - 1:50
209	Criswell	Thurs., 2/28	9:45 – 11:15
213	Dauer	Mon., 2/25	9:10 – 10:40
214	Hein	Wed., 2/27	12:30 - 1:50
215	Bien	Mon., 2/25	12:30 – 1:50
4th Grade: Motor and Orthopedic Impairments			
302	Siemer	Wed., 2/27	10:45 - 12:00 in rm 301
301	Engel	Wed., 2/27	1:50 – 3:15 in rm 301
303	Koch	Tues., 2/26	10:45 - 12:00
304	Schinkal	Tues., 2/26	1:45 – 3:05
5th Grade: Autism			
305	Zimmerman	Mon., 2/25	2:05 – 3:20
306	Foley	Thurs., 2/28	2:05 – 3:20
307	Hudepohl	Fri., 3/1	2:05 – 3:20
312	Gemperline	Tues., 2/26	2:05 – 3:20
6th Grade: Learning Disabilities & ADD/ADHD (during LA period)			
Lang Arts	Meyer 1	Mon., 2/25	9:05 – 10:20 in tbd
Lang Arts	McGowan 1	Mon., 2/25	9:05 – 10:20 in tbd
Lang Arts	Meyer 7	Mon., 2/25	2:00 – 3:15 in tbd
Lang Arts	McGowan 7	Mon., 2/25	2:00 – 3:15 in tbd
7th Grade: Health Impairments (during LA period)			
Lang Arts	Conneighton 1/Donoghue1	Thurs., 2/28	9:05 - 10:25 in HC
Lang Arts	McGowan 3/Meyer 3	Tues., 2/26	10:35 - 11:50 in HC
8th Grade: Serious Illness (during LA period) NO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED			
Lang Arts	Conneighton 3	Wed., 2/27	11:35 - 12:35 in rm 217
Lang Arts	Conneighton 7	Wed., 2/27	2:00 – 3:00 in rm 217
Lang Arts	Donoghue 3	Thurs., 2/28	10:35 – 11:35 in rm 216
Lang Arts	Donoghue 7	Thurs., 2/28	2:00 – 3:00 in rm 216