



**MR. VANCE'S NEWS  
VIRTUE OF THE MONTH IS  
ZEAL**

Dear parents and guardians,

As you are probably aware, the students are very knowledgeable about how many days of school are left. At the beginning of each day, the children remind me, "Mr. Vance, do you know we only have 7 days of school left?" I must admit, the year has flown by for me as I was the "rookie" in the building. My year was similar to the students as I was experiencing all the new events and traditions of the school. It has been a wonderful time of learning and prayer.

I would like to thank Jen Gold, who was the chair of the School Committee, and Greg Gavin and Kevin Abele who also served on the committee this year. These individuals have served their term of three years, and I appreciate their input and support for all our students and families. On behalf of the committee, I want to welcome three new members: Connie Hubert, Abby Matthews, and Peggy Sullivan. Also, congratulations to Jen Daly, who will be the next chair. The School Committee serves as an advisory committee to the administration on policies and procedures for the school.

At this time of the year, I like to take a quick minute and encourage all parents and students to read, read, read over the summer. One of the most important activities for students to do over the summer should be reading. Studies are showing that if students continue to read consistently over the summer, the "summer slide," a decline in reading ability and other academic abilities due to summer vacation, is diminished or eliminated altogether. Please join the staff and me in encouraging or mandating reading for all students over the summer.

Have a blessed Memorial Day weekend!  
In Christ's Peace,  
Kevin Vance, Principal

4 Facts to Know About Summer Reading:

1. *All it Takes is Four*. By reading four or more books over the summer, kids can avoid the infamous "summer slide" or what we know as the gap in academic skills when returning to school in the fall.

2. *Let Them Choose*. Research indicates that young people are 91% more likely to finish books they choose themselves. Sometimes, the latest Newberry award winner may move them, or they may be more interested in the classics from a generation or two ago.

3. *Top of the Tests*: Kids who read a million words a year score in the top 2% on standardized tests. A million words may sound like an overwhelming amount, but it's only about 25 average-length novels.

4. *Big Vocabularies*. Kids learn 4,000-12,000 new words every year by reading books, which means that 3 months without books can make a huge difference in test scores and vocabularies.

5. *Take the Accelerated Reader Quiz* over the books read at our school AR website. This provides the staff with information that can be used in the fall. <https://hosted304.renlearn.com/113046/>

(Source: Instructor Magazine, Scholastic)

Please join me in praying for the Class of 2019! We are very grateful for their service to the school community and sharing their God-given talents with others.

**Due the shortened week, there will not be a Wire next week. The last issue will be sent out on Wednesday, June 5.**

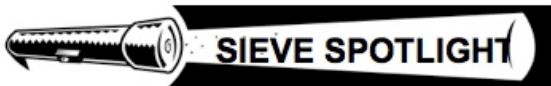
## END OF SCHOOL MASS

**Our all school End of the Year Mass will be held on the last day of school, Thursday, June 6, at 9:15am.** This year we will be celebrating Mass outside on the playground behind school. There will be no parking beyond the yellow barriers. Parents are welcome to pray with us; however, in the case of rain, we will be inside church and we will not be able to accommodate many parents. Please check the weather forecast as you make your plans.

After Mass, students will return to homerooms, and they will be dismissed about 10:45am. We could use some helpers after mass to carry the altar, ambo, etc. back into the building so if you are strong and are going to be sticking around for pick up, we would appreciate your help.

We strongly encourage your child to ride the bus that day. If children need to be car riders, they will be dismissed according to grade level and will wait on the sidewalk next to the school until you come to the sidewalk to pick them up. Please wait on the blacktop

Homeroom assignments for next year will be listed on the electronic report card, which will be sent out later that day. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



## EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Perhaps you have been wondering when news of next year's exchange was going to be shared. Typically, I am looking for host families for next fall by now, however, our program has hit a stumbling block. The connections in Nancy, France who we have worked with for 8 years, are retiring and the new teachers in charge are planning to visit Canada instead. We have several leads on other exchange opportunities in other countries, so please bear with us as we search for a new experience. We will let you know as soon as we have a firm plan.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20-30	Loose change War!
May 27	NO SCHOOL/ MEMORIAL DAY
May 28	NO SCHOOL/ SCHOOL OF FAITH
May 31	iWalk Spirit Day/ Tuition Assistance Graduation Mass, 7:00pm, church
June 2	Joyful Noise Choir at Dayton Dragons game, 2:00pm
June 3 and 4	Health and Safety Fair
June 5	Olympic Day
June 6	Last Day of School!
June 10-14	Shine Your Light Service Camps Spanish Enrichment Camps
June 17-21	Shine Your Light Service Camps Art Camps
Jn. 18-20	Lego Fun Camp
Jn. 23-28	Totus Tuus
Jul. 15-19	Camp Laffalot
Jul. 29- Aug. 2	Vacation Bible School
Aug. 5-9	History Camp
Aug 12-16	History Camp SuperKids Boot Camps

## UPCOMING LITURGIES

May 29	Mr. Gemperline, Rm. 312	9:15am
June 6	All School Closing Mass	9:15am

## **iWALK IS FRIDAY, MAY 31**

Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in a walkathon on the St. I's school grounds, which will include a one-mile loop and nine fun-filled stations. Pledges collected for **iWalk** benefit St. Ignatius School. Students will wear their iWalk t-shirts with athletic shorts. Sunscreen and water bottles are encouraged!

Pledges can be made via cash, check, or online at <https://sainti.weshareonline.org>. Please scroll down to **School**, click **Make a Donation**, then click **One Time Donation** and insert the amount you are donating.

**In the Comment section, please add:**  
**iWalk, student's name, grade and homeroom.**

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **LOOSE CHANGE WAR IS BACK!**

Please check under couch cushions, in coat pockets, and empty your piggy bank, because the **Loose Change War** will continue in the cafeteria through Thursday, May 30 to help us reach our iWalk goal. Grade levels will compete to see which grade can bring in the most loose change.



### **CINCINNATI RIGHT TO LIFE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS!**

*Submitted by Mr. Darren Renner*

Mr. Renner would like to thank all the St. I students who participated in the annual Right to Life Poster Contest. We had some amazingly talented students who entered this year's contest. Each year, this is an awesome chance for students to express their creative talents, while also promoting an excellent value, the sanctity of human life. This year's theme was "Every Person is a Miracle". The good folks over at Cincinnati Right to Life indicated that they had close to 1,000 students who entered the contest. Our school had 40 participants. First grader Chip K. placed first in the K-2 category. He won a \$100 prize! All students who participated in the contest also received participation certificates. We are very proud of all our student artists who entered the contest.

## **STILL LOOKING FOR YEARBOOK SUBMISSIONS!**

Thank you for your yearbook submission for the 2018-19 yearbook! We are still looking for photos from boys volleyball, baseball and softball, 8th grade events including carnival and graduation, class photos from Mrs. Riestenberg, Mrs. Menzer, Mrs. Criswell, Mrs. Hein, Mrs. Bien, Mr. Gemperline, Mr. Foley, Ms. Zimmerman, Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. McGowan, Miss McLaughlin, Mr. Donoghue, and Mr. Meyer. *Please be sure you sent the highest possible resolution by selecting ACTUAL SIZE from your phone!* Please send photos to [saintiyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:saintiyearbook@gmail.com).

## **LUNCH MENU**

**Week of May 27**

**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 - Fried Chicken Salad**

**MONDAY: NO SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY: NO SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAY:** Chicken Patty w/ lettuce and tomato, potato wedges or salad

**THURSDAY:** French Toast Sticks, juice, hash brown or salad

**FRIDAY:** Shrimp Poppers, corn or salad

**Week of June 3**

**Salad of the Week- Garden Salad**

**MONDAY:** Mini corn dogs, carrots w/ dip or humus or salad

**TUESDAY:** PBJ, Bagel or Cheese and Crackers, misc. vegetable or salad

## **ENRICHMENT NEWS**

### **UPDATE ON ST. I'S SUMMER CAMPS**



As always, our camps have become very popular, and several are completely full! **We still have room in Spanish camp, History Camp #2,, and Band Camp.** Please find information about our Summer Camps on our website under *For Parents, Summer Program Opportunities*. Camps

*are only for St. Ignatius students registered for the 2019-2020 school year. [Click here](#) to register, and be sure to send your check, made out to St. Ignatius, to Patty Thomas in the school office with the camp and your child's name clearly marked. Registration deadline will be extended for the above camps.\*\*Please send separate checks per child/per camp, as this helps with bookkeeping records.*

Email articles to: [wildcatwire@saintischool.org](mailto:wildcatwire@saintischool.org)

School website: [www.saintischool.org](http://www.saintischool.org)

## ST. I'S DAY AT ORCHARD HILL

Please join us at Orchard Hill Swim Club on the last day of school, Thursday June 6 from 11:00am-3:00pm for some fun and sun to celebrate the end of the year! Please note



these hours are different from previous years. Pack your lunch, snacks, and drinks and plan to head right over! It is \$5 per person entry fee for non-members. Please email [ohscorcas@gmail.com](mailto:ohscorcas@gmail.com) with any questions! (Papa John's and LaRosas will deliver to the pool.)

## CALLING ALL BABYSITTERS!

PTO would like to put together a St. Ignatius babysitter list to make available to parents at school! If your child is St. I student or parishioner and would like to be included on this list please email the following information:



Name,  
Age (if over 16, whether or not they can drive),  
Contact phone number,  
Email,  
Home address (so people can look for sitters close to them!),  
Please email any certifications (red cross, better babysitters etc) to [tmyost73@fuse.net](mailto:tmyost73@fuse.net)

\*\*Parents are always advised to interview babysitters. This list is only a resource for parents.

## MR. DONOGHUE OFFERING GUITAR AND PIANO LESSONS

If your son or daughter loves music, and wants to learn how to play the guitar or piano, Mr. Donoghue will be offering private lessons this summer. Please email him at [ddonoghue@saintschool.org](mailto:ddonoghue@saintschool.org) for more information!

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADERS!

All graduating 8th graders are invited to the 8th Grade Pool Party at Shady Lane Swim Club, located at 3360 Shady Lane on Tuesday, May 28 from 1:00-5:00pm. This is a private party for 8th graders only, the pool is closed to members. *VIRTUS* trained parents are encouraged to chaperone. The cost is \$8 at the door, which includes \$3 for Larosas pizza. We are asking everyone attending to bring either a drinks, fruit, chips or dessert based on your last name:

**A-H - drinks**

**I-P - Fruit/chips**

**Q-Z - Dessert**

If you have questions or you want to volunteer to decorate, chaperone, or clean up, please contact Gwenn Brown at 509-3997 or [gwennbrown@cinci.rr.com](mailto:gwennbrown@cinci.rr.com).

**\*\*THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT**

## ANNUAL ST. IGNATIUS FAMILY CAMPOUT AUGUST 9-11

It's time to book your site for the 8th Annual St. Ignatius Family Campout, and we hope you consider joining us this year! **This summer's campout will be the weekend of Friday, August 9-Sunday, August 11 at Winton Woods Campground.** All St.

I's families are welcome! If you want to join us, please book yourself a site by going to <http://www.greatparks.org/reservation/campgrounds>.



On Saturday evening, we will plan to have everyone bring something to share for a potluck dinner 5:30pm in the field near site 22F. Please bring your own chairs, drinks, plates, utensils, etc. Even if you are not a camper, please feel free to come out and join us during the day or around the campfires in the evening! If you are not camping, there may be limited visitor parking and it might include a fee, so please contact the park for more details. Feel free to spread the word to anyone you think might be interested in joining us. Please contact Angie Gehrum at [angiegehrum@yahoo.com](mailto:angiegehrum@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

## CONGRATS AVA AND NORA S.

Ava and Nora S. were recently selected to participate in Girls in Government Day last Saturday, and Ava was interviewed on WVXU with Councilwoman Dennard about the experience.



## SOCCER REGISTRATION ENDING SOON

Don't miss out! The soccer deadline for children entering grades K-8 in the fall is **Friday, May 31.**

Please visit [www.saintiaa.org](http://www.saintiaa.org) and click on the soccer tab for more information. We are also looking for **VIRTUS trained coaches!** Please contact us at [ignatiuswildcatsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:ignatiuswildcatsoccer@gmail.com) for more information.



## ST. I GIRLS SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMPS:

Dust off those knee pads and lace up your shoes, because St. I Girls summer Volleyball Camps are almost here!

All Skills Camp for *incoming 3/4th graders:*  
July 8-11 from 9:30-11:00am.

All Skills Camp for *incoming 5/6th graders:*  
July 8-11 from 11:30am-1:30pm.

**All Skills registration forms are due by Thursday, June 20.**

Positional Camp for *incoming 5/6th graders:*  
August 5-8 from 9:00-11:00am.

Positional Camp for *incoming 7/8th graders:*  
August 5-8 from 11:15am-1:15pm.

**Positional Registration forms due by Friday, July 19.**

Registration and emergency release forms can be found at [saintischool.org](http://saintischool.org). Click on *For Students*, then *Summer Enrichment Opportunities*. Please contact Judy Belanger at [candjbelanger@twc.com](mailto:candjbelanger@twc.com) for further information. We look forward to a great camp focused on skill building and fun!



## GOLF REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2019

Registration for boys and girls golf will run for a few more weeks. If you are planning to golf this fall, please register now at [www.saintiaa.org](http://www.saintiaa.org) which will take you to the Blue Sombrero site. Contact Brian Roettker at [roettker@yahoo.com](mailto:roettker@yahoo.com) Jay Heidemann at [jay@peerlessprinting.com](mailto:jay@peerlessprinting.com), or Pat Kowalski at [patrick\\_kowalski@me.com](mailto:patrick_kowalski@me.com) with any questions.

## JR. HIGH MEETINGS

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us for our Junior High meetings on Monday nights! **Our next regular meeting will take place on Monday, June 3 from 7:00-8:30pm in Hilvert Center.**

## TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration forms can be found on our website, in the church office, and also attached to this Wire. You can also register online at <https://sainti.org/church/totus-tuus/>. Cost is \$30 per child, and will be held here at St. I's.

**Grades 1-6 will meet from 9:00am-2:30pm Monday, June 24-Friday, June 28.**

**Grades 7-12 will meet in the evenings from 7:00-9:00pm Sunday, June 23-Thursday, June, 27.**

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Miss Emily Branscum at [sainti.org](http://sainti.org) or call 661-6565 ext. 2711.

## TOTUS TUUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need **VIRTUS** trained adults to help out with *Totus Tuus*. You will help facilitate breaks and transitions and experience the camp along with our children as the missionaries lead activities. Please go to our website's *Totus Tuus* page to sign up at <https://sainti.org/church/education-spiritual-growth/high-school-youth-ministry/totus-tuus/>

Email articles to: [wildcatwire@saintischool.org](mailto:wildcatwire@saintischool.org)

School website: [www.saintischool.org](http://www.saintischool.org)

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR THE MISSIONARIES

We are also looking for some families to host the missionaries in their homes from Saturday, June 22-Friday, June 28. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the missionaries and have a richer experience at the camp. Full details can be found on our website at <https://sainti.org/church/education-spiritual-growth/high-school-youth-ministry/totus-tuus/>

## Parish News...

### ST. I'S SUMMER FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU!

This year's festival is shaping up to be a great time for the entire family, but we need your help! 2019 IggyFest dates are as follows:

**Friday August 23: 6:00pm-midnight**

**Saturday, August 24: 5:00pm-midnight**

**Sunday, August 25: 4:00pm-10:00pm**

We are in need of workers to join in the fun as the St. I's community comes together for this epic end-of-summer event! We use *SignUp Genius* to organize our festival volunteers, and the links can be found on the parish website at [www.sainti.org](http://www.sainti.org). It's easy to volunteer for a shift or two, or consider signing up for a booth with a chairperson who has a child in the same grade as yours. Work with your friends, or make new ones! It takes our entire community to make IggyFest the best it can be!

We look forward to hearing from you at [IggyFest19@gmail.com](mailto:IggyFest19@gmail.com), or contact Carol Pieper at 598-8355 or Cathy Sanders at 404-6613 with any questions!

### ST. I PIG ROAST SATURDAY, JUNE 15

It's that time of year again to celebrate our wonderful coaches and parent volunteers! **Get your friends and family together and come join us for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the St. Ignatius Pig Roast on Saturday June 15th!** Please see the flyer on the website for registration. If you have any questions, please email [stipigroast@gmail.com](mailto:stipigroast@gmail.com). or by calling 588-4988.



### FLYERS ONLINE

*St. I's Iggy Fest 2019*

### SUMMER ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*St. Ignatius Summer Camps  
Totus Tuus Registration*