

Welcome to St. Ignatius | We're glad you're here!

St. Ignatius School is committed to providing a nurturing and inclusive environment where students can grow academically, spiritually and socially. At St. I's, new families are embraced with open arms as we strive to live out the mission of St. Ignatius Parish. We invite you to join our vibrant community, where faith and education come together to create a truly enriching experience for all.

We hope this short guide of resources and tips & tricks helps make your transition to St. Ignatius as smooth as possible. Always know that you can call the main office or email your teacher at any time, and most information is available on the St. Ignatius website: www.sainti.org.

Parish Resources

- **Weekend Mass Times:** Saturday 4:30 pm & Sundays at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am and 12:00 Noon
- **Communications:** Be sure to [sign up for Flocknote](#) to stay up-to-date with all Parish happenings!

Check out www.sainti.org to learn about faith-formation groups, community outreach & ministries, including:

- [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#): children meet in small groups in this reflective-based religious formation that helps a child to further develop their relationship with God
- [F.A.T.H.E.R.S](#) and [Moms Ministry](#) groups (also follow on Facebook @ [St. Ignatius Mom's Ministry](#))
- [Mary Garden Showers](#)
- [Liturgical Ministers](#): Become a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher or Altar Server* (*grades 5-8)
- [R.C.I.A.](#) program for those interested in becoming Catholic
- [Safe Parish Registration](#): **Any adult** planning to volunteer at St. Ignatius **MUST** complete this training and registration. You will not be allowed to volunteer at school without completing Safe Parish.

School Tips & Tricks

- **Drop-off** on school mornings begins at 8:15AM without charge. Morning Drop-Off runs as a single file car line in front of the main school and cafeteria entrance. School staff will direct you to pull forward in line and children will exit out of the passenger side of the car. Prior to 8:30 all students will report to the cafeteria.
- **Dismissal** begins at 3:30PM. The parking lot can be very hectic. Please exercise patience with your fellow St. I community members. Children should be met at the sidewalk. No dogs or any other pets are allowed on school ground at dismissal (even on a leash).
- **Morning Care and After Care** is available through school for a fee. Information is online [here](#) regarding the programs. Students must be **registered** for these programs before they participate.
- If you are **visiting** school for *any reason*, including volunteering, you must go through the front door of school and to the school office first to be signed in and allowed into the school.
- If your child will be **absent** or requires early dismissal you need to call the school office **and** send in a note to their teacher. For additional information from the school nurse see the school health [website](#).
- View & download the school **calendar** for the entire year [here](#).
- For info on Individual Education Plans (IEP) contact Ann Shoemaker: ashoemaker@saintischool.org
- View the **lunch** menu [on the website](#) & in the Wildcat Wire. The school uses **My School Bucks** (myschoolbucks.com) to add funds to your students lunch account. Funds will connect to their student ID and they use their badge to pay for lunches and snacks. You can also turn cash or check into the main office to add funds to their ID.

Uniforms & Spirit Wear

- **Uniform** guidelines can be found [here](#). There is also a uniform **closet** at school with gently used items that are free to good homes!
- The **Spirit Shop** is run by the PTO. The website is located on the PTO page of the school website. You can view the website [here](#). Make sure you order your pullover before the cool weather sets in.
- **Spirit Days** typically occur on the last Friday of each month. Students may wear a St. Ignatius spirit wear shirt or jersey by donating \$1 and/or a written prayer.
- At the end of each school year each grade will receive a **specific color t-shirt** with the theme for the next school year. Don't lose this shirt! Students will wear this shirt throughout the year and for special year end activities like Olympic Day and iWalk.

Stay Connected & Volunteer Opportunities

- Parent Square will be the forum to receive all school communications. You can find weekly newsletters, notifications from your child's teacher(s), or important school announcements from administrators. Go to <https://www.parentsquare.com/signin> to sign in or register
- The absolute best way to stay connected to all school news and announcements is through the [Wildcat Wire](#). The 'Wire' is sent via Parent Square on Fridays and can always be found online.
- Information about volunteer opportunities will be sent via the Wildcat Wire, including working in the cafeteria, Library, as a homeroom parent, Everybody Counts, Olympic Day, and much more! Remember, you must be [Safe Parish](#) trained to volunteer!
- Make sure to follow the [St. Ignatius PTO](#) page to learn about committees and groups that coordinate volunteer and enrichment opportunities at St. Ignatius. Watch for upcoming meeting dates, and come to a meeting and learn about all of the great activity happening at St. Ignatius!
 - Information on PTO fundraisers and events is located on the PTO page [here](#). This includes Raffle365, Amazon Smile, LaRosa's Buddy Cards, Coca-Cola Gives, Box Tops, Restaurant Fundraisers and more!
- Most Grades will have a Class Facebook Page. Be sure to join! (i.e. [Saint Ignatius—Class of 2031](#))
- Swap/Buy/Sell Pages to exchange items with other St. Ignatius Parishioners
 - [ST.IGNATIUS FAMILIES miscellaneous free/ buy/sell/trade items](#)
 - [St.Ignatius Families swap/buy/sell/ borrow school uniforms & sports gear](#)

PARISH EVENTS

- **IGGY Fest!** Our [annual Parish Festival](#), traditionally the last full weekend of August prior to Labor Day. Volunteers are always needed! Check out the Sign Up Genius on the web page to volunteer!
- **Parish Picnic:** Traditionally the first Friday after Labor Day in September! A free private event at Stricker's Grove to celebrate a successful IGGYFEST and kick-off the school year!

Athletic Association: <https://www.saintiaa.org/> (also on Facebook @ [St. Ignatius Athletic Association](#))

- Find information about all sports, registration information and timelines on this page!
- St. Ignatius Athletics uses one consistent app, *SportsEngine*, for registrations, communications and schedules! You'll want to download this app if your child joins any athletic programs.
- All volunteer coaches must be [Safe Parish](#) trained, as well as complete a CPR and Health Training. Info can be found on the Athletics website.
- All families with children participating in Athletics are expected to volunteer to work the Concession Stand. Sign-Up's will be sent via email, SportsEngine and on the Facebook pages.
- On Thursdays during August, Athletics hosts "Family Nights" after fall sports practices conclude for the evening. There are typically food trucks and time to meet other members of the St. Ignatius Community.

Other Extracurricular Opportunities

- Check out the variety of [Scouting](#) options - American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts
- [Check out the website](#) for a variety of other enrichment and extracurricular opportunities, including Drama Club, Band and other Fine Arts, Spanish Club and more!

Places to Know!

St. Ignatius isn't a small campus! Below are some common locations for meetings and events.



Want to learn more or get involved?

Let us know at <https://tinyurl.com/SaintWildcats>

**Any associations that would like to be added to this letter or have information updated, please contact Gina Leranath at regina.leranath@gmail.com*