

Ignatian Information

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7
NO SCHOOL
Labor Day

September 10
Back to School Night
6:30 pm

September 13
Parish Ministry Fair

September 15
Called to Protect
Training
6:30-8:30pm

September 17
4th grade to
Reedwood

September 18
Beginning of the Year
Liturgy 10:30pm—(Free
Dress Sunday Best)

September 23
Picture Day
(free dress-Sunday
best)

Dear St. Ignatius families,

Welcome back to school. This year we greeted 202 students and their parents on the first day of classes! Whether you are new to our school or a long-time returning family, we're happy to have you here in our school community. On all counts we are off to a great start to the year, with happy faces that all seem to be an inch or two taller than a few months ago.

We had two last minute staffing changes. Mrs. Sara Stauffer has joined our staff as a primary aide and providing supervision in the lunchroom. Mrs. Stauffer is a part-time teacher and coach at Central Catholic high school, and she will be here every-other morning working in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms then staying on in the cafeteria. Also, Lori Culley has left the St. Ignatius staff to accept a library / media specialist position at another school. Last year Lori taught reading and math enrichment classes through Catapult Learning/Title I. We wish Lori all the best in her new position. Our new Catapult teacher will be Kimberlee Christian, and she will be here on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Student Leadership will continue to promote respectful behavior this year among St. Ignatius students. Replacing the "Three R's" will be a new focus for students, encouraging them to "Bring It.... Own It.... Show It.... and Share It", and this year students will receive a star (instead of an R) when they are caught doing something good. I look forward to the enthusiasm of our student leaders as they step forward to promote a positive school environment! Thank you to Mrs. Jost and Mrs. Downing for their leadership, too.

This year we are implementing a new Language Arts program across all grades. Language Arts is the most comprehensive curriculum review and update of any subject, as it includes reading, writing, spelling, grammar, speech and vocabulary. We have adopted new textbooks and support materials in every grade, which is a tremendous investment in keeping our quality academic program moving forward.

Please share with Rob, James and Mr. Beseau your appreciation for their hard work over the summer preparing our building for the new year. It shines! And thank you to the many parents who joined us at the summer work parties. Without your help, our building and grounds would not look this beautiful. We appreciate your dedication to providing this warm welcome for returning students and families.

Finally, St. Ignatius School is actively preparing for the upcoming flu season. I have been working with the state and county health departments to keep current on efforts to maintain a healthy school environment. Teachers will be instructing students in safe practices for avoiding the spread of germs, and we will be sticklers for making sure that all students and staff members who show signs of the flu are sent home. I encourage you to consult your health care provider about getting a flu shot. Please see the attached flyer from the Department of Human Services for more information.

I look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night (remember, this is an adult-only event), and an enriching and inspirational school year!

John

PS: Don't forget that you must wear your name badge every time you are in the building beyond the office, including at drop-off and pick-up times. If you still need to complete the Called to Protect initial training, the class is scheduled for September 15 at 6:30 pm.

Student Handbook/Directory Updates



Phone Updates:

CYO VOLLEYBALL AND HOT SHOT SIGN-UPS

Players can now register online at www.cyocamphoward.org.

Registration deadline in September 10th.

The first Hot Shot practice is Wednesday, September 9th.

All players must be fully registered to practice.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS & BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Please remember to keep an eye out for "Box Tops for Education" labels, Campbell's labels (UPC and logo), including Prego and V8 products (lids), Norpac UPC codes and Tyson A+ Project Box Tops. All of these programs offer either rewards or cash to our school and have been a great success in the past.

