

Ignatian Information

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12-23
Standardized Testing

October 14
Catapult Learning
Parent meeting
2:30pm
&
Auction Kickoff
Meeting 6:30pm

October 15
7th grade visits
Providence Child Center

October 16
Jog-a-thon \$ due for
1st round prize

October 21
1st & 8th grades
go to the
Pumpkin Patch

October 22
4th grade visits
Reedwood
&
8th grade visits
Blanchet House

October 23
Jog-a-thon \$ due for
2nd round prize
&
Mid trimester
grades end

Dear Parents:

It has been a very busy week here at school, and what a fitting way to end the week with today's Mother Marie Rose Mass. Thank you to the fifth and first graders for helping to remind us of the Holy Names Sisters' special presence in our school.

THANK YOU to everyone who came and cheered on our runners yesterday at the Jogathon. Wasn't the sunshine wonderful! Dan Sheets did an outstanding job of organizing the large contingent of parent volunteers who helped make this another fun and memorable event. The work is not over yet – now it's time to collect those pledges and reach our goal of \$32,000. Encourage students to begin collecting – there are plenty of prizes just waiting to be won!

Thank you, too, to Mr. Baglien for planning St. Ignatius' participation in Walk and Bike to School Day, and for the many families who took part in this activity on Wednesday. Mr. B informs me that we had 118 students walk or bike to school. Hopefully this was a fun change of pace for your family and something you'll be able to make a part of your regular routine – we definitely notice that there were fewer cars in the parking lot on Wednesday morning.

This coming week begins the two week period of Standardized Testing for third through eighth graders. Here are some tips to help students do their best on these tests:

- have your children attend school unless they are sick. Studies show that students do better when they test with their class instead of during a make-up session.
- get a good night's sleep;
- eat a good breakfast and pack a healthy mid-morning snack;
- encourage students not to "stress out" about the tests. The tests are merely a snapshot of a student's ability at this particular point in time. There is no way to study for the tests;
- Yet at the same time, students will want to take the tests seriously. While standardized testing is just one means of assessing student performance, it is an important part of overall student assessment.

We will have the test results back in a few weeks. Teachers will share your child's results with you at that time, and we'll be available to help you interpret your child's scores.

Conference sign-up slips are included in today's parent packet and they are due back in the office by October 14th. Be sure to have your form returned by this date to get first priority in scheduling your conference.

John

JOG-A-THON

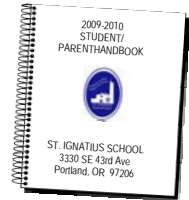


A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out on Thursday at the jog-a-thon. Once again, it was a big success, and all the joggers did a fantastic job! Now is the time to start collecting the remainder of your sponsors. Over the next three weeks, each class will compete for a prize party by turning in their sponsor money by the designated deadline. The prize for this first week is a Movie and Popcorn Party with a deadline next Friday, October 16th. Just a reminder to please collect ALL of the jog-a-thon money before returning the envelope. Also, make sure you check the accuracy of the money *in* the envelope with the totals written *on* the envelope. Thanks again for all of your hard work.

Student Handbook/Directory

Please make the following updates in your directory:

New Phone:



PE & UNIFORM CLOTHING

Polos, PE Clothing and Sweatshirts are now available in all sizes. Costs are: Polos: \$11, PE Shirts: \$6, PE Shorts: \$10 & PE Bags: \$10.

Sweatshirts: \$12 payable separately to "St. Ignatius Parents' Association".

Please take into consideration that there will be waiting time for purchases at the beginning & end of the school day.

SAVE THE DATE!

An "Auction Kickoff Meeting" will be held Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30pm, here at St. Ignatius School. Volunteers are needed for this year's Auction, set for April 10th, 2010. Come see what all the fun is about! Help be a part of our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Cortese 503/761-4914 or auction@stignatiusschool.org.



KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer server to help in the kitchen on Thursdays from 11:15am—1pm. This position counts toward your fair share hours. Additional volunteers are needed on an occasional basis. If you think you may be able to help please contact Mary White 503-774-5533 ext. 232.