

Ignatian Information

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11

Geography Bee
Assembly 8:40am

January 12

Vision & Scoliosis
Checks

January 14

Iowa Test Information
Night 7pm

January 18

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Jr
Birthday

January 19

8th grade visits
Blanchet House

January 21

4th grade visits
Reedwood
&
8th grade Battle of the
Books at Holy Family
1:30pm

January 22

Mid-Trimester ends
&
Scrip Special
orders due

January 25

6th grade visits
St. Paul Preschool

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I trust that each of you had a memorable Christmas celebration. Students and staff have returned to school full of energy and excited to get back to work in their classrooms.

Here are a few updates and upcoming events:

- The BIG news when we returned to school is that the drinking fountains are now working better than they have in many years – the water is clear and now flows high enough to get a good, deep drink. Thank you to parent J.P. O’Neil for making these repairs over vacation. You are a “hero” after every recess!
- Over the past few months, a small student-parent-teacher committee has worked on revisions to our school dress code. You’ll find a first draft of the suggested changes to our uniform guidelines included in today’s parent packet – please look it over and give us your feedback. We will take input until Friday, January 15th, and then the committee will meet to consider your ideas before making the new guidelines official. Please send your comments and suggestions to the school office, or email them to me at jmatcovich@stignatiusschool.org. I think you’ll note many improvements in this new version that will make uniform shopping easier for parents and the school’s expectations clearer for everyone. Once finalized, the new guidelines will go into effect next year.
- We are gearing up to begin the registration process for the 2010-11 school year. There are two Open House events scheduled for prospective new families: January 28 at 9:00am (which is the best time to come and see our school in action); and again on Sunday, January 31 from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Again this year we ask you to PLEASE help spread the word about our school! New families tell us over and over that word-of-mouth is how they heard about St. Ignatius, so it is vitally important that you help promote the school to your friends and neighbors. One thing is certain – the best way to keep tuition rates low is to fill our classrooms!
- Last night, the school advisory council finalized and approved the 2010-11 School Operating Budget. I’ll have more information for you next week (this letter is being written *before* the budget meeting), but I can say that building enrollment will be the key to next year’s budget. Our goal is to go from 203 students this year up to 220 students in September – and we’ll have incentives for current families who help bring in new students. More on this next week.
- I hope to see many of you next Thursday evening at the Standardized Testing parent meeting. Sr. Chris does an excellent job of helping parents understand their child’s test results, and how this impacts student learning. See the attached flyer for more information, and be sure to send in the RSVP so we can have print-outs ready for you at the meeting.

John

Thank You!

Thank you to the Parents and Parents' Association for contributions made for the Faculty and Staff at Christmas. Your generosity and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you so much,

John Bessem
Jeff Miller
Joel Turvey
Kathy Rogers
Mary White
Edith
Salvonne Lawson
Kathy Downing
Elshkamp
Margaret Phyllis
Kristin Jost
James Lokamp
Eileen Cox
Jenna Bass
John Colleen Schmitzer
Sh. Chris
Amy Jefferies
Becky
Yvonne Hugging

Student Handbook/Directory Updates

Address/Phone/Email Changes:



M.U.S.E. News

The following students have received the honor of student of the month in recognition and as a testimonial to their outstanding accomplishment and performance in band. Each student receives a certificate for this award.

	December	Beginning Band: <i>Maya</i>
	Student of the Month	Advanced Band: <i>Alex</i>

St. Ignatius continues to enroll students all throughout the school year. Please help spread the word about our great school to friends and neighbors.

For any current school family that is responsible for recruiting a new family, we will waive your \$350 Fair Share commitment for one year. Who do you know who would benefit from St. Ignatius' combination of top-notch academics and rich faith tradition?

Save The Date:
 Saturday,
 April 10, 2010
 St. Ignatius
 School Auction

