

Ignatian Information

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14

75th Annual
Italian Dinner
&
Valentine's Day

February 15

NO SCHOOL
President's Day

February 17

Ash Wednesday Mass
10:30am (Free Dress—
Sunday Best)

February 18

7th grade Battle of the
Books at 9:15am
&
4th grade visits
Reedwood

February 19

Scrip Special Orders Due
(orders delivered 2-26)

February 22

6th grade visits
St. Paul Preschool

February 23

NOON DISMISSAL
Teacher's Professional
Development

February 24

Mad Science Ends

Dear Parents,

I know many families will be spending a good portion of this weekend working at the Italian Dinner. Thank you! This is our parish's biggest community event of the year, and the bonds of tradition and fellowship run deep when you're part of a team that's cooking sauce, rolling meatballs or serving hot plates of pasta to our guests. This is the 75th annual Italian Dinner – a milestone year. Please come join in and help make this the most successful dinner ever! And, yes, your hours worked count toward Fair Share. Most importantly, plan to have dinner this Sunday here at St. Ignatius or pick up some delicious food to go.

While we're on the subject of delicious dinners, thank you to all who attended the Annual Appeal dinner last week – especially to those parents who volunteered to work at the event. Keynote speakers Nicole Spirlin and Alex Glenn (both recent graduates) and Pat Dieringer helped encourage enthusiastic support for tuition assistance funding, and strong support the long-term Endowment fund as well. Total donations at the dinner came to nearly \$12,000. Please help support the Appeal effort when you are contacted in the weeks ahead.

Finally, plan to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass at 10:30am on February 17th. This is a special liturgy where the eighth graders lead us in the important religious ritual of distributing the ashes. We will go to Mass as family groups, and parents, family and friends are invited to come forward to receive their ashes from any 8th grader you are close to. At Mass, students will also receive a small container to collect money during Lent. This year our donations will support the combined school-parish Transition Suppers service project (see the back side for more information). We ask families to put the container in a prominent place where it is visible at meal time and use this as a reminder to give some portion of your abundance to those who are less fortunate. We will collect these donations at the Seder Meal, then add these student offerings to the parish collection at the Holy Thursday Mass.

Fr. John Ridgeway will be our celebrant at Wednesday's liturgy, and we welcome him wholeheartedly as he returns from his medical leave. It will be a special celebration indeed!

John

Congratulations St. Ignatius Math Team!

Central Catholic High School held its annual Middle School Math Festival last Saturday. Students from 13 Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese came to Central Catholic for four hours of putting their math skills to the test. Everyone participated in the individual competition and then divided into teams with members from different schools.

The following students represented St. Ignatius in this fun and challenging exhibition of math knowledge:

7th Grade Team: Mike , Casey , and Michael

8th Grade Team: Alex , Zach , Gagan , and Saxon

The Seventh Grade team won two Second Place awards, while the Eighth Grade team took home three First Place trophies.

We are very proud of both our St. Ignatius Teams!

Transition Projects Collection Boxes

Transition Projects is a nonprofit group that provides a place where homeless people can transition off the streets into jobs, housing, and ultimately a life of self-sufficiency. St. Ignatius Parish and school prepare and serve a hot and nutritious meal once a month. It takes a team of volunteers and stable funding to make this happen.

After our Ash Wednesday Mass, each student will bring home a Transition Projects collection box. Throughout the Lenten season, use this box to collect your spare change each day as a donation to help fund this essential outreach.

Students will bring their box of change back to school on Thursday, April 1st, for collection during our Seder Meal.

Girl Scout Cookies are here!



Our St. Ignatius girl scout troop will be selling girl scout cookies after school each day next week, February 16-19. Look for us in the playground area if the weather is good, or in the school lobby in case of rain. Stock up on all your favorites including Thin Mints and Samoas; cookies are \$4 per box, cash or checks made payable to Girl Scouts. Thank you for your support!

Class Auction Baskets 2010

It is that time of year again! We're hoping to create some beautiful class baskets for sale at the auction, and we want as many families as possible to participate in this effort. In keeping with our theme, **Night with the BIG BAND**, we have created a registry for each basket that will list desired items that would create a great basket.

We are asking that each family bring in a new item that would fit in with their class theme from the basket registry (approximate value of \$5 to \$10 or more). If you prefer to make a cash donation instead of a particular item, then we will be happy to do the shopping for you. Either way, we hope to create some wonderful baskets for our auction.

Here are the themes and class coordinators for the 2010 Class Baskets:

K:	International Cuisine	Janyce May
1 st :	School Supplies	Amy Dieringer
2 nd :	Body and Soul	Amy Nguyen
3 rd :	Christmas in April	Victoria Warren-Mears
4 th :	Movie Night Intermission	Sherry O'Neil
5 th :	Dessert Night	Lisa Cleary
6 th :	Romance Night	Marian Cansdale
7 th :	Sports Fan	Lisa Cleary
8 th :	Cocktail Hour	TBD

Your class basket coordinator will be contacting you to let you know what is on the registry and give you the opportunity to sign up to donate a particular item. When you turn in your class basket item to your child's teacher, please make sure that you turn in your family name with the donation.

We are in need of large clean, empty baskets, totes or other containers suitable for our auction baskets. Please drop off these items at school. Thank you for your support!!

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