

Ignatian Information

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 22

6th grade visits
St. Paul Preschool

February 23

NOON DISMISSAL
Teacher's Professional
Development

February 24

Mad Science Ends

February 25

IOWA Testing
Information Meeting
7PM

February 27

Valley Catholic
Speech Tournament
7:30am-3:45pm

February 28

Phonathon 2pm

March 1

Phonathon 6pm

March 4

Stations of the Cross
2:30pm
&
Phonathon 6pm

March 9

7th grade visits
Providence Child Center

Dear Parents,

THANK YOU to all the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who worked at last weekend's Italian Dinner – and to the many school parents and alumni who rolled up their sleeves to make the dinner such a resounding success! From senior citizens to newborn babies, the Italian Dinner is the annual gathering place for our community, with the parish's past and future coming together on a February afternoon. The key stats for this year's dinner include: 10,511 meatballs rolled; over 1,100 dinners served; and \$16,061.60 raised for the St. Ignatius community.

I hope you were able to join us earlier this week for Ash Wednesday Mass. Our 8th grade class did such an outstanding job in leading this liturgy. I am moved every year when we "hand over" this important ritual – distributing the ashes – to the 8th graders and then see the reverence with which the community embraces their leadership. This is one of our school's most cherished traditions. Thank you to Mrs. Jefferis and all the eighth graders for planning this liturgy, and we especially welcome back Fr. John Ridgway who presided on Wednesday.

Looking forward, we will welcome this year's Artist in Residence on Monday. Marie Acurso, Oregon's Art Teacher of the Year, will be with us for the next eight Mondays. Mrs. Acurso will be working in every classroom, and students will be painting self portraits using acrylic paints on canvas. This will be a fun project, and you can look forward to a new "family heirloom" when your child brings home his/her painting in a few weeks.

We have a special welcome for new student Theresa Simon who will be attending St. Ignatius with our second grade class over the next few weeks while a family member undergoes medical treatment. Our second graders are looking forward to having a new friend in their class!

Excitement is already building for this year's Auction – be sure to save the date for Saturday, April 10th. We have so many parents already involved in organizing class baskets, planning the class projects, procuring donations and planning every aspect of this BIG event. Thank you to everyone who is already helping out – and you, too, can join in the auction excitement. The auction team has many volunteer opportunities. Contact Andrea Cortese (auktion@stignatiusschool.org) or Sandy Rask (smsr36@aol.com) to see how you can join in the fun.

John



NOVENA OF GRACE

March 4-12, 2010

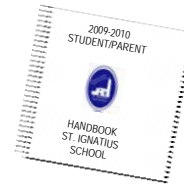
The Novena of Grace is a nine day preached Lenten retreat with a nearly 400 year tradition. The St. Ignatius parish community extends a particular invitation to our school families and faculty to consider participating in any or all of the daily masses offered for the Novena. Take the time this Lenten season to renew your relationship with God and self! Weekday masses will be held at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM with Saturday masses at 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM and Sunday masses at 8:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

My family and I would like to thank you with all our hearts for the outpouring of prayer, loving comfort, phone calls, hugs, and your wonderful presence at the loss of my sister Cathy. She left us so suddenly, but we know she is with her mom and is embraced by our loving God. You are such a special community!

Gratefully, Sr. Chris Jordan and family

Student Handbook/Directory Updates

Please make the following updates to your school directory:



Lost and Found

Our lost and found is bursting at the seams. If your child has lost something please stop by to checkout the lost and found. We ask that you write your child's name on items that are brought to school (ie, lunchboxes, pe shoes and clothing, jackets, etc.)



Callers Needed

The annual phonathon needs your help. On February 28th 2-5pm, March 1, 2 & 4th 6-9pm, we will be connecting with friends of St. Ignatius Parish School and asking for their support. Please sign up to help with this important event. Contact: Jennifer Pinder— (503) 774-5533, ext. 255, jenniferp@stignatiusschool.org. Thank you!



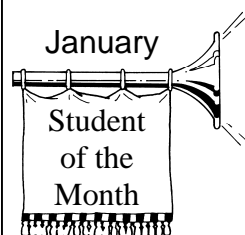
Ryan Jefferis, an engineer at Daimler Trucks, brought a new-technology, Compressed Natural Gas semi-truck to St. Ignatius last week.

Mr. Jefferis discussed with students the alternative fuel source and the engineering

work that went into creating this truck. This was one of only two CNG Freightliner trucks in existence. Mr. Jefferis visits at this time every year to show students the latest in the field of engineering and truck technology.

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.



January

Beginning Band:
Matty

Advanced Band:
Matthew

Congratulations!!