

Ignatian Information

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31
NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day



June 1
Literary Night
6:30-8:00pm

June 2
8th grade Retreat

June 4
End of Trimester
&
Family Bingo Night
6:30pm

June 8
Graduation
Ceremony
7:30pm—Church



June 11
All School Liturgy
10:30am
(free dress—
Sunday best)
&
NOON DISMISSAL
Last Day of School

Dear Parents,

With the end of the school year so quickly approaching, I'd like to look back on some of the highlights. Every year seems to have its own "personality", with a few events and experiences that define our year together. In a sense it's amazing just how much our students experience over the course of a school year, and how much we as a community experience along with them.

What most clearly defines this year for me is the leadership of our eighth grade class. Their generous spirit and gentle care for fellow students has left its mark on our school, and will keep these students in our memories for many years to come. After nine years together, every graduating class experiences many graces, challenges and accomplishments. But what is special about this graduating class is that in a profound way we – school and students – have grown together over the years, each bringing out the best in the other.

The other defining moment of the school year actually came three times, with the births of Lillian, Ellie and Julia. Who would have thought that we could fit three teacher pregnancies into one academic year? I think we have all – staff, students and parents – shared in the joy of welcoming these members of the "St. Ignatius Class of 2024" into our community, and supporting these teachers in their new role of mother.

Other highlights of our year have been welcoming Fr. Chris as pastor, and Ms. Heying and Mrs. Stauffer onto our teaching staff. Our school year was enlivened with Mrs. Acurso's weekly visits as our Artist in Residence, with special new events like celebrating Thanksgiving with our family groups (thank you, Mrs. White, for preparing the feast), and by new and expanded classroom service projects. I also think that we've started a few new school traditions: first, the Ignatian Exercises that raised \$6,820 to support our parish; and also the faculty-student kick-ball game that was added to this year's auction.

Believe it or not, these are the things that were new this year. We still had all the "usuals": Back to School Night, Christmas Program, standardized testing, OMSI camp and outdoor school, student leadership, drumming and band performances, field day, assemblies, family groups. It was an exciting year! And there was just one thing missing – no snow days!

Have a great summer,

John

Library News



Wow! It's the end of the year already. Time to turn in library books and pay fines. All library books are due back by Friday, June 4th. Please check to make

sure that your library account is clear. The library will be closed for check out during the last week of school so that I can get ready to close down for the summer. If you live in Multnomah County don't forget their Summer Reading Program, you can sign-up at the Literary Night here at school on Tuesday, June 1st. Feel free to email me and let me know what you are reading or if you don't know what to read next.

Have Fun! Keep Reading!

Mrs. Lohkamp lohkamp@stignaiusschool.org

Literary Night **Tuesday, June 1** **6:30-8:00pm**

Please join us and celebrate reading!

Get a new book for the summer at the book exchange (K-4, 5-8, Parents)! Do

BookArt! Sign up for Summer Reading! Make a bookmark!

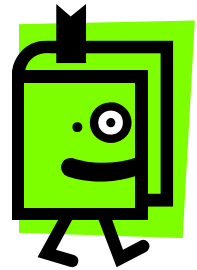
Dress up like a book character!

Do a Book Talk about a great book!

Watch a short movie!

Make a book puzzle! Read in a

tent! Have fun! Be jazzed about reading!



M.U.S.E. Band



The M.U.S.E. Band Program brought several teachers out to our school to give the 3rd and 4th grades a chance to see and play the band instruments. Registration forms were sent home with everyone. We are hoping that your child will be interested in band for next fall. If you are interested, the M.U.S.E. program will be offering

several more of these instrument previews during the summer months where parents can also see what instrument might best suit your child. You can get more information by going to their website at www.museband.com.

Brownie Troop Book Drive

The 2nd grade Brownie troop is conducting a Children's Book Drive to benefit the Children's Book Bank. Please drop off, at the St. Ignatius School Library, any new or gently used children's books by Thursday, June 3rd. These books will be sorted and distributed to families in need. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank You! Brownie Troop 40299

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Please join us

Friday, June 4th

6:30 pm in Dillon Hall

\$1.00 per person
includes dinner and Bingo!

Hot Dogs, Baked Potatoes, Salad,
Fruit, Drinks, and Dessert!

Bring the whole family for
a good dinner and a night of fun and prizes!