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FAITH into ACTION.*

AUGUST, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 31-Aug 7- School Offices closed for move-in
- Aug 9- Parent Information Meeting- PreK (5pm) K-8th grade (6pm) in the School Gym- parents only please
- Aug 13- Back to School BBQ from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Tully park
- Aug 16- Student school supply drop off and teacher meet and greet (anytime between 4-6:30)
- Aug 22- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!**
- Aug 23/24- Safe Environment Training (7pm) at Holy Apostles (room TBD)- adults only please
- Aug 28- St. Vincent's Kitchen Service Project- 3rd Grade
- Aug 31- Mass of the Holy Spirit (10am)
- Sep 10- Holy Apostles Parish Mass & Picnic (10am) at Settler's Park

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Ignatius Catholic School Community,

Every so often, amid our labors and the busyness of our lives, we must step back to pause, to reflect, and to celebrate our work.

For St. Ignatius Catholic School, this is a month of celebration.

On July 30th Bishop Peter, Father Len, Father John, and our parish and school community celebrated the school's dedication ceremony, unveiling this incredible and unique building to our community. It was a momentous day and a celebration to remember for years to come.

On August 7th, our faculty and staff gather for a retreat, kicking off two weeks of professional development, and celebrating the vocational call we share in forming a new school culture. Please pray for our staff as we work to form a strong team and gain knowledge necessary for the success of our individualized academic design.

August 22nd we celebrate the first ever first day of school at St. Ignatius, welcoming nearly 400 students through the doors. Joining us that day is a special guest. I am excited to welcome the president of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), Thomas Burnford, who is traveling across the country to celebrate this momentous first day with us. Following our visit, NCEA will feature St. Ignatius in their fall issue of Momentum, the national Catholic education magazine. We are honored to be acknowledged as one of the largest Catholic schools to open in the country in many years.

On August 31st at 10:00am we will celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit. This age-old tradition comes from the Society of Jesus and is practiced at Jesuit schools and universities throughout the world. The Mass is celebrated at the start of the school year and invites the Holy Spirit to guide our pursuit of wisdom and knowledge. We hope you will join us!

Thank you for your prayers and support, and for celebrating St. Ignatius Catholic School with us!

Sincerely, Andi Kane, Principal, St. Ignatius Catholic School

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Faculty: Jeanetta Asbury,
Music Teacher K-8

Hometown: Boise, Id

Background: Mrs. Asbury graduated from Boise State University, Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Music. She received her certification in elementary education in 2007. In addition to teaching music, she has taught 4th grade and middle school ELA. In her passion for music education, Mrs. Asbury has developed music programs for private schools, educational co-ops and student groups designed to foster an appreciation and awareness of musical styles and genres from around the world.

FOCUS ON FACULTY MEET MUSIC TEACHER, JEANETTA ASBURY

Why did you become a teacher? *"I am passionate about learning. It fills my soul and I want to share this joy with others. One summer, when I was sixteen, a neighbor asked if I would be willing to teach piano lessons to their son. After many awkward lessons (with many humorous teaching errors) I began to see him making improvement. Laughter became a regular part of our time together and it was exciting to see his face light up when he learned a new concept. I don't know if that young man continued playing the piano, but I was hooked on teaching."*

What is something you do to make your students feel special? *"We have a lot of merriment in music class. Each student is unique and all students are encouraged to share their creative passions with others. This could mean bringing instruments from home to show the class, performing a song or hymn that is meaningful to the student, improvising a song, dancing, sharing a poem or piece of art, or simply telling the class about a moving performance they attended."*

What parts of St. Ignatius are you most passionate about? *"The other day, I popped into the school building to take a measurement for the music room. As I stepped through the doors, I found myself holding my breath. It was incredibly moving. I am not ashamed to say that I shed tears of joy imagining students walking the halls in such a spiritual space. I have really had an opportunity to explore my spirituality since accepting the position as music teacher at St. Ignatius Catholic School, and the theme, "Finding God in all Things," is one of the things I am most excited to explore for myself and with students."*



SCHOOL DEDICATION AND GRAND OPENING

The School Dedication and Open House was an amazing celebration of this important moment in our school's history!

We want to take moment to recognize and thank the many people who helped make this event happen. Thank you to the event organizers, the 7th/8th grade school ambassadors, the many parent volunteers, the student Mass participants and all of the local officials and clergy who attended. And thank you to all of you who attended and helped us celebrate this important day!

Thank you to the engineers, architects, contractors, construction workers and vendors for your commitment to getting every aspect of this project completed on time!

And finally, a VERY, VERY important thank you to Karen Mahoney who has worked so tirelessly to keep all aspects of this project on schedule, and to get this building ready for this grand unveiling. None of this would be possible without Karen's dedication and commitment to St. Ignatius Catholic School. Words cannot express our gratitude to Karen and all of the time, love and passion she pours into every aspect of this overwhelming endeavor.

A huge thank you to our amazing HSA which is up and running and making huge strides to help us build our community!

The kids had some great opportunities to get to know one another this summer as they make the transition into St. Ignatius Gray Wolves!

If you missed the summer socials, don't worry! We still have several events before school starts, including the Back to School BBQ, the School Supply Drop Off/Teacher Meet & Greet and Parent Information Night.



HSA UPDATES-

St. Ignatius Parents,

Your HSA has had a busy summer! Hopefully you were able to attend some of our fun summer socials hosted by our Welcoming/Hospitality Committee. A special thank you to Lisa Lizama and Trinity Emineth for all of their hard work coordinating these events! If you missed out on the summer socials, don't worry, there's still plenty of fun to be had at our first annual Back to School BBQ on August 13th! We'd love to see every family there-it's going to be a blast! Please see the attached flyer for details.

We are underway planning our first Fall Fundraiser and we'd love for you to be a part of it! Our Co-Chair, Joe Isanga, and his team are pumped up and having a blast planning an evening full of delicious food, exciting entertainment and awesome activities. Join in the fun and merriment; email joeisanga@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved.

He shoots, he scores! We are currently looking for coaches for our Boys K-7 Y Basketball teams. It's going to be a ton of fun for both the coaches and the kids. If you are interested in sharing your skills with the kids or even if you don't have any skills but still want to help out, email the HSA Sports/Tournament Coordinator, Sal Salinas, at chavito03@hotmail.com.

Please remember to regularly check our volunteer website at <http://signup.com/go/uIVzNEn> for current volunteer opportunities as well as the school website for the most current HSA information. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our first HSA General Meeting which will be held August 13th at 7:00pm in the school commons. I look forward to seeing you there!

Hillary Smith, St. Ignatius HSA President

COMMUNITY SERVICE-

During the last 9 months, we have been offering monthly opportunities for St. Ignatius families to engage in community service endeavors. We have had tremendous support from the student body in this effort so far.

Engagement in service work is an important part of our mission at St. Ignatius, and we hope that every student will make it a priority. We hope that by the time a student graduates from St. Ignatius, service work will have become a routine part of their lives, and they will have discovered how enriching this work can be and how much it benefits our community.

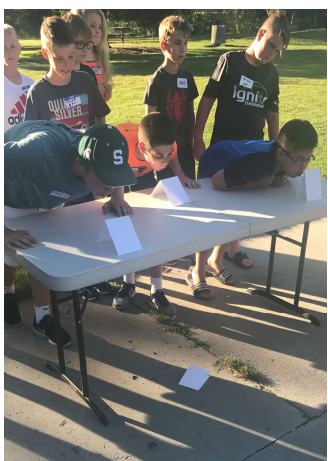
The school/HSA hope to support this effort by providing a wide variety of service opportunities so that all families can find something to fit the particular needs of their family schedule, age/abilities and interests.

Parents can now use the SignUp.com website to search and signup for service opportunities at the school! Our St. Ignatius Service page can be found by following this link: <http://signup.com/go/VuKyJru> Parents are encouraged to regularly check this website for new service opportunities.

Note that this sign up system (and all service programs) are separate and apart from any school volunteer work that families do through the Family Participation Program. The service program is completely voluntary and is intended to benefit the needs of the greater community, not our school community. Service hours do not count towards the 25 hours required in the Family Participation Program.



Fun at the summer
socials!



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We can't wait to start building the St. Ignatius Catholic School community! We want every student at St. Ignatius to arrive on the first day of school to some familiar faces and new friends. We hope you will join us to start building the St. Ignatius family.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING- AUG 9

Mark your calendars! We will be having a parent informational meeting on August 9th at 5 pm for parents of Pre-School students and 6pm for parents of K-8th grade students. Meeting will take place in the School Gymnasium of the new, beautiful school! We intend to cover all the logistics of being a Gray Wolf parent at this meeting— school drop off and pick up procedures, before and after school care policy and procedure, lunch program logistics, safety procedures and instructions, class schedules and class lists. We will make sure this information is also sent by email school wide so please don't worry if you are unable to attend. These meetings are for parents only please.

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ- AUG 13

Please join us August 13 from 4-6pm at Tully Park. This will be a casual, family friendly event for all St. Ignatius families. Please RSVP to Trinity Emineth at trinity.emineth@yahoo.com by August 10th with how many from your family will attend. Please bring chairs, blankets and drinks for your family. The HSA will provide sandwiches but please bring a dish to share— last names A-H please bring salad, I-P side dish, Q-Z a dessert.

STUDENT SUPPLY DROP-OFF/TEACHER MEET & GREET- AUG 16

On August 16 (anytime between 4-6:30), students are invited to stop by their classrooms to drop off their school supplies and meet their teacher. This is a great chance for your student to shake off some of those new school nerves, see their classroom and meet their new teacher. Class lists will be provided prior to this date so you will know where to take your students. This is not intended to be time for individual student conferencing—but, rather, a casual opportunity for students to meet with their teachers. If you need to set up time to speak with your child's teacher individually, please contact them to schedule a meeting.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All adults who will interact with students at St. Ignatius need to complete the Safe Environment training program required by the Diocese. **In addition, you must renew your Safe Environment class online each year.** The first time you take the Safe Environment training, it must be completed in-person. After that, you may renew each year online. We hope/anticipate that at some point all parents will be interacting with students in some capacity, so we recommend that all parents complete/update their training prior to the beginning of the school year. For more information on SE Training and upcoming sessions, visit our website at <http://www.stignatiusmeridian.net/safe-environment>. We have two training sessions this month- Aug 23 and 24 at 7pm at Holy Apostles (adults only please). If you have questions, to RSVP for a training session or to confirm your status, please contact Janelle McIntyre at info@stignatiusmeridian.org.

St. Ignatius School Mission

St. Ignatius is a Christ-centered Catholic school committed to the Ignatian traditions of academic excellence and teaching students to live their Catholic faith through service and the promotion of justice. Our community - school, families, parish - seeks to inspire students to reach their potential, to act with initiative and integrity, and to engage the world as a place where God can be found in all things.