



FEBRUARY, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 10- Parish priority enrollment ends; all fees due for registered families

February 22- Middle School Forum (5:45pm-6:45pm) in Holy Apostles' Parish Hall

February 27- Community Service Project (5:00pm-8:00pm) at St. Vincent's Kitchen

February 28 - Registration Meeting (6:30pm) in Holy Apostles' Parish Hall

April 22- Student Art Event (9am-12pm) in Holy Apostles' Parish Hall

July 30- School Dedication Ceremony

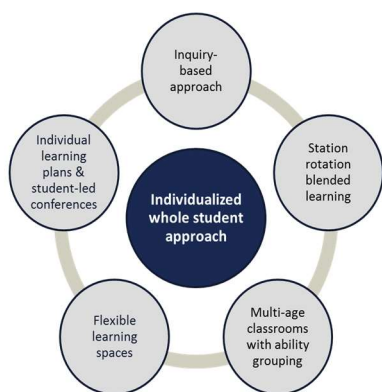
Aug 21- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!**

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Ignatius Catholic School Community,

St. Ignatius Catholic School is now seven months into our planning year- slightly over half way! The past half year has been devoted to identifying the core of our academic program—what is our goal? What programs and instructional methods have been proven most successful in the learning environment? What is our philosophy of education and how do our programs support that philosophy?

I am pleased I can now present to our community the five-tiered approach to our academic program (shown on the diagram below). The five components all tie directly to our commitment to *Cura Personalis* and high individualization for every student. We have spent time researching, visiting schools, and learning about these instructional methods, and I am confident that they will support our goal for each student to reach his/her highest potential. Over the next few newsletters, we will provide more details about each of these five components to provide you with information about what this will look like in our classrooms.



While the past half year has been spent identifying the *what* of our academic programs, the next half year will be spent on the *how*. What instructional materials will support these methods? What professional development will be needed to help teachers become informed and successful? There is still much work to be done!

Education is a constantly changing field. We have the choice to do what has always been done, or to branch out and explore new ways of teaching and learning. Just as we expect our students to take risks, reach higher, and try new things, we are holding ourselves to these same expectations. We make decisions based in research and facts, but we are also open to growth.

Thank you for growing with us, and being a part of this amazing school!

Andi Kane, Principal, St. Ignatius Catholic School

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Faculty: Heike Hitschfel Youde, Business Manager

Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

Education: St. Edward's University, BA in Business Administration

Family: Mrs. Youde has been married for almost 21 years to her husband, Blake. They have two wonderful boys, Evan, 15, and Nicholas, 11, who love baseball, skiing, fishing, and white water rafting. As a family, they enjoy traveling and many outdoor activities together. Outside of Idaho, their favorite place to visit is Germany.

FOCUS ON FACULTY

MEET BUSINESS MANAGER, Heike Hitschfel Youde

What do you love about Catholic education?

"I started my Catholic education at age 3 at Visitation Academy, in St. Louis, MO. 15 years later, I graduated from the same school! I am still in touch with some of my teachers from Visitation. I was greatly influenced by my experience there. I still have such fond memories of Sisters Cecilia, Isabelle, Catherine, Anne, Margaret Mary, and Karen. I wouldn't trade my years at Viz for anything in the world!"

Who inspires you and why?

"Pope Francis inspires me every day with his simple but powerful messages of mercy, love, compassion, equality, acceptance, understanding and forgiveness."

What do you love about working in a school?

"I love the energy the children bring into the building each day. They always have a great youthful view of life which helps me keep things in perspective. I also love their eagerness to learn."

What parts of St. Ignatius are you most passionate about?

"The Families! They are all so enthusiastic about the school! This positivity really drives me to work hard for them every day."

What is something that people might not know about you?

"I am a first-generation American. My parents grew up in Germany, and moved the United States as adults. My sister and I are the first and only American-born citizens in our family. We grew up bilingual, so I am fluent in German."

FOCUS ON FACULTY

MEET SUPPORT SERVICES COORDINATOR, Andrea Zambukos

What parts of St. Ignatius are you most passionate about?

"I am passionate about being a part of forming students for others; students who will see God in all things and be compelled to positively impact our world."

What is something you do to inspire students to serve?

"Modeling service is the best way to inspire others. You can talk about serving others all day long, but when students see the adults that they look up to participating in service to others, that is when it becomes significant to them."

What is something you do to make your students feel special?

"I think the most important thing I can do to make students feel special is to know and respect them as individuals. Every student has unique gifts and ideas they want to share. They deserve to be honored and heard."

How do you help students reach their highest potential?

"When you see each student as a unique individual with their own gifts, talents, strengths, and needs, it is much easier to help them achieve their highest potential. The second part to that though, is that the students themselves need to be able to identify their unique gifts, talents, strengths, and needs. It is my job to help them discover those."

What is your favorite way to spend the weekend?

"I love to spend time with my family and our friends. For me, it's about who I'm with and less about what we are doing."

Faculty: Andrea Zambukos, Support Services Coordinator

Hometown: Boise, Idaho

Education: Gonzaga University, BA in Psychology; University of Idaho, MEd in School Counseling and EdS in School Psychology

Certification: Certified by the State of Idaho as a School Counselor and School Psychologist; Nationally Certified School Psychologist

Support Services Coordinator: Mrs. Zambuko will serve as the School Psychologist and School Counselor for St. Ignatius. She will also be responsible for promoting cura personalis (care for the whole child) and assisting in the development of individualized learning plans, which will include coordinating services for students with special needs.

HSA HIGHLIGHTS- BE THE SPARK!

Thank you to all who attended and worked so hard to create the first St. Ignatius Dinner & Auction *Be the Spark!* It was an amazing evening and a huge success that will help jump start our tuition assistance program! The event was completely sold out—a sign of the remarkable community that supports St. Ignatius Catholic School. We will have a full wrap up of this event next month so stay tuned. For now, a huge thank you to all who made this event possible!





Examples of School Makerspaces. One Stone School, Boise, ID.

INNOVATIONS IN LEARNING- MAKERSPACE

One of our central objectives at St. Ignatius is to engage students so that they become active participants in the learning process. One of the most innovative and important programs that will facilitate our hands-on approach to student learning is our makerspace program.

Makerspaces are dedicated work spaces equipped with various “tinkering” materials for making, learning, exploring, building and inventing. These makerspaces encourage students to engage deeply in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). These spaces are intentionally designed to facilitate student collaboration and allow students to work together to design and experiment. This type of hands-on student engagement is essential to fostering student interest in STEAM, and to building student STEAM skills and confidence. These spaces help prepare students with critical 21st century skills, improve critical thinking skills, and even build fine motor dexterity. In traditional systems, students are limited to observing, or, at best, engaging in two-dimensional design work. We want our students to have real tools in their hands and learn how to use them!

At St. Ignatius Catholic School, we will have one makerspace for kindergarten through 3rd grade students with basic building materials that are appropriate for this age group. We will have another makerspace for 4th through 8th grade students that will include more technical materials and resources. Each student will have scheduled time in their makerspace. In addition, the makerspaces will be used to support certain extra-curricular programs. The objective of our makerspace program is to provide students with a hands-on, creative way to encourage students to engage in STEAM at all grade levels.

Our makerspaces are intentionally designed to be collaborative spaces where students work together. Accordingly, they will include furniture that will facilitate student and teacher collaboration and free movement. Storage and organization solutions will also be carefully designed and integrated into the spaces to facilitate and maximize this learning environment. Our intention is that the work done in the makerspaces will vary between teacher lead activities (e.g., everyone is working on devices that roll-on wheels) and completely student inspired activities (e.g., students are free to create anything they want with materials provided).

We have studied and witnessed measurable success with student makerspaces in other schools, and we believe the makerspace program will foster a love of STEAM learning in the students at St. Ignatius. The makerspace program is perfectly aligned with the central objective of St. Ignatius to create engaged students who are active participants in the learning process.



RECENT EVENTS- ST. VINCENT'S KITCHEN

On January 23, members of the St. Ignatius and Holy Apostles communities participated in our first community service project. Families helped prepare, serve and clean up for an "Evening Dinner Service" for families in need at St. Vincent's Kitchen in Boise. Thank you to the families who helped make this evening a success.

St. Vincent's Kitchen serves such an important role in the lives of many local families, and St. Vincent's Kitchen can only be successful with help from communities like ours.

St. Ignatius School will be hosting another dinner service for St. Vincent's Kitchen on Monday, Feb 27 from 5-8pm. If you are interested in participating, please email Sarah Doering (scdoering@gmail.com) for further details and to RSVP.

Again, this is a great opportunity to serve others, spend important time as a family, and to get acquainted with other families enrolled at St. Ignatius.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We can't wait to start building the St. Ignatius Catholic School community! During the months leading up to the first day of school, we will be hosting events to allow families of the St. Ignatius community to get to know one another before we open our doors in August. We want every student at St. Ignatius to arrive on the first day of school to some familiar faces and new friends. We will offer a range of opportunities, so we are hopeful that each family will find something of interest and an event that will work for your schedule. We hope you will join us to start building the St. Ignatius family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL FORUM- FEBRUARY 22- 5:45PM-6:45PM

St. Ignatius students who will be entering 6th-8th grade next August are invited to join us for our second Middle School Forum on February 22nd from 5:45pm-6:45pm in the Parish Hall at Holy Apostles. This forum will give students an opportunity to have a voice at St. Ignatius. This forum will focus on how we can build traditions at St. Ignatius to start building school spirit. The middle school is so crucial to building an energized and spirited student community. We want this group to set the positive tone for our entire student body! Students will also have a chance to hear from Bishop Kelly students who attended area Catholic middle schools. These students will provide insight regarding their own Catholic school experiences, and how Catholic school prepared them for success in high school.

STUDENT ART EVENT- APRIL 22- 9:00AM-12:00PM

The students joining us this August will always have a special place in the history of St. Ignatius Catholic School. The first students at St. Ignatius will help establish traditions and create school culture. We want these students to understand how important and special they are within the St. Ignatius Catholic School community!

To celebrate and memorialize the special roll of these first-year students, we are asking that they participate in a special art project. K-8th grade enrolled students and their parents are invited to stop by the Parish Hall at Holy Apostles any time between 9:00am and 12:00pm on April 22nd to create an individual art piece that will be incorporated into a larger project that will be part of the school forever. The project will take less than a half hour to complete, so stop by anytime between 9:00am and 12:00pm.

We don't want to reveal too many details about this special project, but we believe that it will be a beautiful reflection of the community we hope to build together.

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.