



OCTOBER, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct 4- Pet Blessing (5:30) in the Church Courtyard
- Oct 5 & 6- No school
- Oct 10- HSA Meeting (7pm) in SI Commons
- Oct 17- School Picture Retakes (8:30-9:30am)
- Oct 21- World Harvest Festival (6pm) at St. Ignatius
- Oct 23- 5th grade SVdP Dinner Service Opportunity (5-8pm)
- Oct 24- Café Zupas Family Night (5-9pm)
- Oct 26- Fall Concert (6:30-7:30pm) Gymnasium
- Oct 31- Truck or Treat (6-8pm) at Holy Apostles

*Growing leaders who turn
FAITH into ACTION.*

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Ignatius Catholic School Community,

The other day, in a quiet moment when students had gone home for the day, a teacher was standing by our beautiful mosaic, hand extended, touching the tiles higher up on the artwork, with a solemn face as though deep in prayer. Later on the teacher revealed, "I was touching that lamb far off in the distance. The small one there, way up in the hills," and then with a concerned face, "my student needs a little extra love right now."

The care demonstrated by our teachers and staff these first months has been humbling to me. I've watched moments like this unfold many times. A group of teachers talking through solutions to help a student who's struggling academically, a team of classroom aides encouraging students on the playground to seek out someone playing alone, or as in the moment described above, a teacher showing sincere care for a student.

There is no secret from the gospels about Christ's mission on earth. Love. It is made clear by each and every account of the words and actions of Jesus of Nazareth. "Love one another, as I have loved you." It is the most powerful thing.

We continue to grow a strong academic program at St. Ignatius. In specials courses our students are having a chance to experience music, art, dance, PE, makerspace, library, and Spanish. Students are learning daily about the Catholic faith and experience rich opportunities to grow in their own relationship with God. But before all this, our students are experiencing the powerful love of God manifest through the deep care we all commit to them each day. I pray that each and every one of your students has experienced the love of this community and has felt the difference that this kind of support makes not only in the advancement of their education but in every aspect of their life.

Sincerely,

Andi Kane
Principal, St. Ignatius Catholic School

Academic Excellence • Faith Formation • Social Justice • Service • Strength of Community

Faculty: Deitra Batt,
4th grade

Hometown: Homedale,
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Background: Mrs. Batt graduated from Boise State University with an M.A. and B.A. in Elementary Education/Bilingual Education/ ESL. Mrs. Batt has taught fourth grade, ESL, and Kindergarten. Mrs. Batt spent the last 3 years teaching in a Kindergarten Dual Immersion Classroom.

FOCUS ON FACULTY MEET DEITRA BATT, 4TH GRADE TEACHER

What part of St. Ignatius are you most passionate about? *"I love that educating the whole child-mind, body, and spirit are a priority at St. Ignatius. I also love that students have the opportunity to take responsibility of their own learning and are inspired to make a positive difference in their community through service."*

Why did you become a teacher? *"I became a teacher because I love working with young students. I wanted to make a difference and inspire students to achieve and reach their goals. There is no greater joy for a teacher than seeing their students reach their goals and feel successful."*

What is something you do to make your students feel special? *"I love getting to know my students on a personal level. I like knowing their likes and dislikes. I also like finding out what drives my students and what their passions are. I let my students to take part in building our classroom community and environment. Whether it is taking part in what book we are reading, or where they want to sit, it is important that students feel that their voice matters."*

Describe your family. *"I have a kindergartener and fourth grader that keep my husband, Chris, and I very busy. We enjoy going to sporting events, riding bikes, going on hikes, and spending time together with our extended family and friends."*

HSA UPDATES-

Dear St. Ignatius Parents,

The sound of children laughing while playing with their friends, parents getting to know one another and enjoying good company, pans of tasty hot pizza being passed around the table-all this while supporting a good cause for our school. This was the scene at Blaze Pizza earlier this week. It was a fun and delicious chance for our school community to come together. You might call it a fundraiser, but it was so much more than that; it was also about building a community.

As most people know, fundraising for the school is one of the primary missions of the HSA. Our fundraising efforts help the school offset the operating deficit which results from the difference between tuition income and the actual cost of educating St. Ignatius students. However, fundraising activities such as the one at Blaze Pizza or our upcoming World Harvest Festival are also about building a community. A community that strives to support the spiritual and academic goals of our school. A community that gives people the chance to come together and get to know one another. A community that provides parents with the opportunity to be an integral part in their child's educational experience. A community that fosters a collective spirit, in student and in parent, to have fun together all while helping a greater cause.

The HSA has so many wonderful opportunities for you to be a part of this community, to participate in your child's educational experience and to help the school keep our tuition rates low. Check out our HSA newsletter on the school website or visit this link to learn more: <http://signup.com/go/uIVzNEn>.

God Bless,

Hillary Smith

St. Ignatius Catholic School HSA President

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Marvelous Middle School

We asked a few of our middle school students to share what they love about St. Ignatius Middle School. Here is what they had to share.....

The playground with the different obstacle equipment.



The 7th/8th grade combo class and being able to spend time with multi grade students.



The atmosphere and friendly teachers.



The friendliness of the teachers and other students.



The kids and teachers are nice and the modern design.



The flex learning spaces and working together.

**THANK YOU MIDDLE SCHOOL
FOR SETTING A GREAT EXAMPLE
FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS!**

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

World Harvest Festival- Don't miss our first big community event of the year! Oct 21st at 6pm at St. Ignatius. Food, carnival games, entertainment, and lots of friends! Don't miss!

Box Tops- Bins have been placed in each classroom and the parish to submit box tops from products purchased. We will be collecting and tracking which class brings the most for an end of year celebration. Get clipping and don't forget to ask friends & family to help!

Café Zupas- Give mom/dad a night off from cooking! Café Zupas (Meridian locations) is donating 20% of all proceeds to SI between the hours of 5-9 on **Tues, Oct 24**. Meet up with some friends and support our school!



MR. MCCULLOUGH'S 2ND GRADE

After witnessing the terrible consequences of Hurricane Harvey, one of the students in Mr. McCullough's 2nd class decided their class needed to take action. The class organized and students brought in \$345.96 of their own money (often in the form of nickels and dimes and quarters) to create their own relief effort for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The class also made cards of encouragement. They sent the envelope to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Here the class prays over their envelope. Thank you for you allowing your children the space and place to be generous seekers of justice!

SUPPORT SERVICES SEGMENT- A Message from Mrs. Z:

Positive communication is essential to building and maintaining healthy relationships. This is especially true when it comes to raising and educating children. Our kids are always watching and learning from us as we demonstrate how we choose to communicate with others, positive or otherwise.

In Ignatian spirituality, there's a practice called the presupposition or the 'plus sign'. This idea comes from annotation 22 in St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. A modern version of it from David Fleming, SJ states:

"For a good relationship to develop...a mutual respect is very necessary. ...Every good Christian adopts a more positive acceptance of someone's statement rather than a rejection of it out of hand. And so a favorable interpretation...should always be given to the other's statement, and confusions should be cleared up with Christian understanding."

So in other words, we are called to give others the benefit of the doubt. This is not always easy, as we are constantly bombarded with negative views of others and the world around us, and we all have past experiences (positive and negative) that shape our own views. However, when confronted with a statement or action from someone we encounter, especially our children, St. Ignatius encourages us to make the most favorable interpretation or "plus-sign" and assume that person has good intentions.

When you assume that people have good intentions, misunderstandings are easily reconciled without harming relationships. One of the most important things we can do for our children is to model this kind of positive communication, which fosters healthy relationships and ultimately, hope in our world.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to the 6th grade parents and HSA for the amazing and beautiful staff appreciation lunch. Your support and generosity is so appreciated! We love GRAY WOLF PARENTS!



FALL CONCERT- OCT 26

Please reserve the date for our first annual fall music concert! October 26th, 2017 6:30-7:30 pm (students need to arrive at 6:10 pm) in the St. Ignatius Catholic School Gymnasium. Performances by Grades 1-3 (attire: school uniforms--jumpers for girls, pants for boys, dark shoes) and Music Performance Class & Dance Class (attire will be discussed in class).

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Strength of community is one of the cornerstone philosophies of St. Ignatius Catholic School community! A vibrant community gives children strong roots to grow and develop. We encourage all families to participate in our many social, service and volunteer endeavors to help us build and strengthen the St. Ignatius family.

ST. IGNATIUS TAILGATE TIME- OCT 6

Our awesome HSA is arranging a tailgate for St. Ignatius families at the BK football game! Come join us to meet new families and cheer on the Knights for the last regular season home game! Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044bafab28a1ff2-stignatius>.

WORLD HARVEST FESTIVAL- OCT 21

Get ready for the St. Ignatius World Harvest Festival on October 21st!! This event is an effort to raise funds to support the financial needs of the school and to build our community! We hope to see everyone there for lots of food, games, entertainment, raffles, and friends. Reservation forms can be found outside the front office or on our website <http://www.stignatiusmeridian.net/hsa>.

We need volunteers to help with this fun event. Please sign up on the volunteer tab of our website or sign up at <https://signup.com/group/315631030060>.

HOLY APOSTLES TRUNK OR TREAT- OCT 31

Join the Holy Apostles community on Tues, Oct 31, 6-8pm for Trunk or Treat! Enjoy a hearty chili dinner by the Knights of Columbus (5:30pm). Decorate your car's trunk and hand out candy. Kids visit cars for "treats". Costume parade at 7:30pm in Holy Apostles' gym with prizes.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

THANK YOU to our 4th graders who helped host the SVdP monthly dinner service. 5th grade you are up for October 23! Sign up today at <https://signup.com/group/976612102086>

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.