



JUNE, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 11- Aug 12- Front Office Closed for Summer

Aug 13- Front Office Opens

Aug 15- Meet & Greet/Supply Drop, 4:30-6:00

Aug 20- First Day of School (all grades)

Sep 3- No School- Labor Day

Sep 15- World Harvest Festival/Back to School BBQ at SI

Sep 20- Back to School Night, 6pm at SI

*Growing leaders who turn
FAITH into ACTION.*

**HAVE A SAFE, WONDERFUL,
RELAXING SUMMER GRAY
WOLVES! THANK YOU FOR A
GREAT FIRST YEAR!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 8th GRADE GRADUATES!

We wish you all the best in your journey to high school. We hope you will always have a special place in your heart for St. Ignatius Catholic School. Our first 8th grade class has created traditions that will be part of our school for years to come. We thank you for joining us on this journey as the inaugural 8th grade class at St. Ignatius. We have enjoyed watching you grow in your faith, friendships, academics, and dedication to service and social justice. May you continue to be growing, learning, loving, reverent, seekers of justice in high school and throughout your life. Go forth and set the world on fire!



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

Staff: Nancy Kunkler

Hometown: Billings, MT

Background: Mrs. Kunkler worked at St. Marks school for 14 years. She worked in the kitchen but also helped in the classrooms, outside recess duty and helping with administrative prep for the teachers.



FOCUS ON FACULTY MEET NANCY KUNKLER, KITCHEN MANAGER

How did you end up in Boise? *"I was born and raised in Billings Montana. I had a wonderful life, growing up with 4 sisters and one brother. We were raised Catholic and attended Catholic school. My husband and I were neighbors and grew up together. As adults we reconnected and I moved to Boise to marry him. Before moving to Boise, I worked with developmentally disabled adults. They had been in institutions all of their lives and were now able to live in society. It was the best job ever. It was difficult leaving them but I was ready for a new life in Boise."*

What do you love about working at St. Ignatius? *"The awesome kitchen. It has everything I need. I love the parent and church volunteers that come into the kitchen each day to help, I love hearing and seeing the students each day and the comments over the food. I love preparing the food and I love feeding anyone that is hungry or not. I love starting the day with a prayer, I love seeing the support for people in need, I love and admire the care our teachers give to their students. I love being part of a community like our school. I love working with our support staff, we have awesome dedicated people. I love being surrounded by God."*

What do you like about Catholic education? *"I believe in Catholic education because I experienced it while growing up. Not only do you get a great education but I also learned how to be compassionate towards others. I learned that we are all children of God and it takes hard work and dedication to treat others with dignity and love. I learned that we all must serve others."*

THANK YOU to Mrs. Kunkler, all of our kitchen staff, and all of our lunchroom volunteers from all of us at St. Ignatius Catholic School for all you have done to provide healthy, delicious, nourishing meals for our students and staff all year long! Thank you for always having smiles on your faces that welcome our students to lunch every day. We are so thankful to have you!

SENTINELS



For those of you who may not be familiar, the Sentinels is our 7th/8th grade leadership team that represents the student voice at St. Ignatius Catholic School. Students apply to be part of this program and, if selected, spend time every week helping organize, plan, and implement fun programs school wide. From helping with our Open House to planning Catholic Schools Week, the mark of the Sentinels runs throughout our school. This year's Sentinels have been essential in helping create traditions and fun programs that we hope will continue year after year. Thank you to these students for their leadership, enthusiasm, and willingness to serve their school community.

A Prayer for the End of the School Year

Lord and Teacher,
Bless all at this school
As we seek to end our year
With the grace you so generously provide.
We give thanks for the students
And the faculty, the staff,
And all who have contributed
To this year of nurturing and growth.
We affirm all the positive moments,
Of insight, of the excitement of learning,
Of accomplishment, of creativity,
Of laughter, of a sense of community.
We recognize the times of struggle,
Of difficult work, of misunderstanding,
Even of failure—we give these
To you for transformation,
So they can become seeds
That will find fertile soil.
As we head into the summer,
May we take with us
The knowledge that
You will keep us all
In your embrace so
We may rest and be restored
And so we can continue in
The ongoing discovery
of your Love.

- Author Unknown

Happy Summer Break!

Congratulations Gray Wolf 8th Graders!

Congratulations to 8th grader, Brinley Von Herbulis for being selected by the Carley Family to receive the John B. and Joan H. Carley Family Scholarship to Bishop Kelly High School. It is a huge accomplishment for a St. Ignatius student to receive this award, as the winner is selected by the Carley Family from all incoming BK freshman throughout the Treasure Valley. The award is based on demonstrated good character and potential for achievement. In addition, Brinley was also selected to receive the Gray Wolf Path to Bishop Kelly Award. Brinley was selected by the sponsor of this scholarship based on her demonstrated commitment to the parish and school community, academic growth, and personal essay regarding her appreciation of Catholic education. Congratulations Brinley!

Congratulations to Gray Wolf Christopher Martino who received the Mayors' Awards to Youth 2018 Award. He was honored at a special ceremony with exceptional youth around the Treasure Valley.

Congratulations to the 8th graders who received our 8th grade Graduate at Graduation Awards for 2018. It is our goal that each of our 8th grade graduates leave St. Ignatius as a citizen of the world that is continually learning, loving, reverent, growing, and seeking justice. The following students exemplify every day these characteristics:

Jake Baker- Gray Wolf Loving Award
Noah Mesaros- Gray Wolf Learning Award
Jacob Lukasik- Gray Wolf Growing Award
Katherine Komma- Gray Wolf Reverence Award
Gage Alves- Gray Wolf Seeker of Justice Award



GREAT THINGS HAPPENING!

The count down to the end of school was full of excitement and celebration.

We had a beautiful Mass in May in which we crowned St. Mary, honored our mothers and grandmothers, and celebrated our new First Communicants. It was a touching way to start off the month.

In addition, our students got a chance to help support our school with our 1st ever Jog-A-Thon! It was Team Dunn versus Team Stivison with some serious rivalry being celebrated throughout the month. Our kids had a great time with this fun event.

We had field trips heading out all over town! Pre-K celebrated with a day at the zoo. Our 4th graders got some hands-on learning about Idaho State History at Wagon's Ho, the Capitol Building, and the Bown House. They were then treated to a visit from Birds of Prey. Finally, our 8th graders took their 1st grade "Buddies" to the zoo for a celebration of the friendships they have created throughout this year.

Finally, we closed the month by celebrating our first 8th grade graduation. Our student body had a chance to honor and celebrate our 8th grade graduates at our all-school Baccalaureate Mass. Our graduates and their families were treated to a banquet hosted by our 7th grade families to celebrate this milestone. Finally, we capped off this milestone with their graduation ceremony.

It was a great way to finish off our inaugural year and we thank you all for being part of this grand journey!





Pre- School Graduation



JOG-A-THON



1st and 8th Grade “Buddies” Zoo Celebration



4th Grade Discovering Idaho State History



8th Grade Graduation



REFLECTION: JUNE- REST

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest", Matthew 11:28 NAB. How reassuring and useful is this verse for nowadays? Rest is not something that comes naturally to many people. As a society, we have been accustomed to remain busy. Scripture repeatedly reminds us of the importance of rest and silence. Now that the school year has come to an end and the packed days and evenings are behind us for a while, we can make meaningful rest a priority in our lives. Here are some suggestions to live and share the faith at home.

1. This year we celebrate Corpus Christi on Sunday June 3rd. Holy Apostles has a very special procession around the church grounds while ending with a benediction. This is open to anyone and follows immediately after the 11am Mass. It is a beautiful visual for children of all ages to see. A discussion about the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist can be the topic for dinner as well.
2. The Church recognizes the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 8th. Cut a large heart out of paper to represent Jesus' Sacred Heart. Then cut-out smaller ones for each family member, write their name on it. Have each member glue their heart onto Jesus' heart. Finish by offering the family to the Lord's Sacred Heart.
3. Father's Day can be celebrated not only for our own Fathers in our lives, but also our parish priests! Take some time to make a card, say a prayer, and/or share how special your parish priest is to your family.
4. Set time apart for family rest time. This can be done on Sundays or any other day that works best. During this time, the family can disconnect from electronics and come together to read, play, pray, the possibilities are endless!! Have fun and enjoy one another's company.

"Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him" -Saint Augustine

THANK YOU to the following for their service to St. Ignatius Catholic School during this first year. We wish you all the best and hope that you will continue to be part of our community.

Thank you to Jim Jennings and Richard Gratzinger for their time serving on the school board and Morgan Hicks for his time serving on the St. Ignatius Foundation board for this school year.

Thank you to Hillary Smith (President) and Audrey Bernhard (Secretary) for serving as officers this first year on our HSA board.

Thank you to Marianne Corn (Art teacher), Anthony Loisate (Makerspace), Mandy Genetti (Library), Lori Wilson (Pre-K), and Teresa Kolbrecki (6th grade) for being part of our staff during this inaugural year. We wish you all the best next year as you move into new and exciting adventures. Mrs. Corn will be moving into the wonderful adventure of motherhood. Mr. Loisate will be completing additional education. Mrs. Genetti will apply her amazing skills to start yet another brand new school library! Mrs. Kolbrecki will be returning to her previous position. Thank you for your hard work and willingness to take this leap of faith with us at St. Ignatius Catholic School.

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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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All adults who volunteer with our students (including but not limited to field trip chaperones, class party volunteers, and anyone who helps in the school during school hours) must complete Safe Environment Training. More information on the requirements can be found on our website. The first such training must be in person. The following training sessions are being offered at Holy Apostles this summer.

- Tuesday, June 5 at 7pm in Room 102/103
- Thursday, June 21 at 10am & 7pm in the Dining Room
- Monday, July 2 at 7pm in Room 102/103

If you have already taken the Safe Environment Training, you must renew each year through an online training update which can be found on the Safe Environment tab of our website. Please make sure that is completed over the summer so that you are ready to go for school next year!

SUMMER EVENTS

We plan to host a number of student socials this summer so that students have a chance to touch base and meet some of our new students. We will keep you posted on these upcoming celebrations!

SERVICE

Summer is a great time for families to participate in community service. Sign up to serve a meal at St. Vincent's with other Gray Wolf families. For more information and to sign up, go to <https://signup.com/group/976612102086>. If you have a student who is interested in helping but need help with rides and logistics, please contact Monica Larrazabal (monilarra@yahoo.com).

JOB POSTINGS

Do you know of great educators who might be interested in working at St. Ignatius next school year? Our student body is growing and so is our staff! Please check our website for job postings!

*Come be part of
this great team!*

The link to the postings and applications can be found on our website under the "Careers" tab.



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.