



MAY, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 30-May 11- MAP Testing
 May 3- Mass for May Crowning, 10:15
 May 18- Fun Run
 May 23- 8th Grade Graduation Banquet
 May 24- 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass, 10:15
 May 29- 8th Grade Graduation, 7pm at SI
 May 31- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! (NOON release)

*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 FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

May you always hold this important milestone in your heart and remember this blessed sacrament for many years to come.



“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.” — Mother Teresa

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

Faculty: Alicia Shea

Hometown: Davis, CA

Background: B.S. in Animal Sciences, with an Equine emphasis, from Oregon State University. Masters in Elementary Education from Loyola University of Maryland



FOCUS ON FACULTY MEET ALICIA SHEA, 4TH GRADE

How did you end up in Boise? *"In 2009, I accepted a job working at a horse farm that took me to Maryland, where I later went back to school and received my masters in teaching. After living on the east coast for about 8 years, I decided it was time to move back closer to home (California) but made it as far as Boise, where one of my brothers also lives, and absolutely love it. I wanted to live in a place where I can do what I love and be surrounded by the beauty that God created."*

What do you love about working at St. Ignatius? *"I love working at St. Ignatius because it allows me to incorporate faith into the classroom, which I have not had the opportunity to do in the past. The staff, students, and families of St. Ignatius are second to none, and I couldn't have asked for a better community to be a part of as a teacher and coach."*

What do you like to do on the weekend? *"On the weekends, you will rarely find me at home. I like to get out and enjoy the outdoors as much as I can, running, biking, stand up paddle boarding and hiking with my dog, Piper. Currently, I am training for a half ironman triathlon, which takes up much of my time outside of school. I am loving getting to know this amazing state through this variety of outdoor adventures."*

What part of education are you most passionate about? *"The part of education that I am most passionate about is personalized learning. I believe that each student deserves the right to be successful and the right to an education and environment that will promote that. I think that learning must meet all the needs of students, intellectual, emotional, physical, etc., and I try to implement a holistic approach within my classroom in order to do fulfill these needs."*

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Ignatius Catholic School Community,
We are pleased to announce the arrival of Mrs. Kane's son!

Samuel David Kane
April 26th, 2018 at 7:36 am
3lbs 4oz, 15.75 inches

Despite arriving quite early, baby and Mrs. Kane are doing very well so far. Samuel will be in the NICU a long time- probably until around his due date early July and will have to overcome many hurdles. We ask for continued prayers for him during this second stage of the Kane family's journey.

The Kane family has asked us to pass along their gratitude for the love, well-wishes, prayers and support this last month and through the next part of their journey. The support from our community during this difficult time has been a wonderful reminder of the amazing strength, support, and love of a Catholic school community.

Blessings, St. Ignatius Catholic School



Dear St. Ignatius Parents,

From hosting the Grandparents Day reception to HSA officer elections to our first annual Spring Soiree, the HSA has been hard at work raising money for the school and building our community.

The highlight of April was our Spring Soiree. The evening was a wonderful success, full of charm and generosity. Thank you to all those who participated in making the event so special. Deepest thanks to our Spring Soiree Co-chairs, Frances Corrigan and Becky Gaviola. Thanks to their leadership and vision we raised over \$10,000 from the fundraiser-outstanding!

In April, the HSA held an election to fill two of our seven board seats. I am happy to announce the election winners. Your 2018-2019 HSA President-elect will be Bill Speece and your 2018-2020 HSA Secretary will be Rachael Brown. We are very excited for the talent and experience both Bill and Rachael will bring to the HSA Board!

Lastly, I would like to recognize and thank the following HSA Officers and Committee chairs who, in addition to raising over \$100,000.00 for our school, helped in so many ways to build our amazing St. Ignatius community.

President-elect: Amy Eisele	Vice President: Adrianna Ruplinger	Secretary: Audrey Bernhard
Treasurer: Matt Parish	Fundraising Coordinator: Malcolm Carrunthers	Volunteer Coordinator: Cindi Marcotte
Dinner and Auction Chairs: Audrey Dalley Mary Adcox	World Harvest Festival Chairs: Joe Isanga Laureen Komma	Spring Soiree Chairs: Becky Gaviola Frances Corrigan
Student Jog-a-thon Chair: Cara Gallegos	Uniform Exchange Chair: Megan Marston	Community Garden Chairs: Tim Oler Pete Carnell
Festival of Trees Chair: Dawn Dewhirst	Sports/Tournaments Chair: Sal Salinas	Welcoming & Hospitality Chairs: Trinity Emineth Lisa Lizama
Room Parent Coordinators: Nancy Mallory Leah James	Service Coordinators: Jenn Spangenberg Sarah Doering	Family Night Out Coordinator Amber Jolly
Box Tops Coordinator Sarah Clayton		

Hats off to our 2017-2018 HSA Officers and Committee Chairs for a remarkable job! Many thanks also to the countless volunteers who made our inaugural year so successful.

If you have ideas, opinions or feedback or are interested in learning more about the HSA please feel free to contact me or join us for our next meeting on May 8th at 7:00pm in the School Commons.

God Bless,

Hillary Smith

St. Ignatius Catholic School HSA President

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The St. Ignatius faculty, staff, and leadership would like to offer our most sincere gratitude to Hillary Smith for the tremendous job she has done in creating our HSA over the last 2 years. Hillary has contributed countless hours to creating a vibrant and inclusive parent community. She successfully undertook the difficult but critical task of initiating parent fundraising to help support our program. Hillary has had the challenging mission of not only creating an HSA from scratch but bringing together families from all different backgrounds, experiences, and mind-sets to create a community. Hillary has put her whole heart into this effort and we could not be more thankful to her for steering this ship in its first years.

Thank you, Hillary! As you transition out of your current position on HSA, please know that your efforts these first years will have a lasting legacy for St. Ignatius Catholic School.

Blessings, St. Ignatius Catholic School

SUPPORT SERVICES SEGMENT

A message from Mrs. Z:

It is unbelievable to think that we are heading into our last month of this school year! This is the time of year when most parents are scrambling trying to make sure that they have lots of camps, play dates, and activities scheduled so that they don't hear the dreaded, "I'm bored!". However, I would like to challenge you to look at boredom differently and consider incorporating unstructured time into your summer plans.

Consider that the conversion of our own St. Ignatius of Loyola came partially out of boredom. When he was confined to his bed for months while recovering from a serious leg wound, he read about the lives of saints and was inspired to replace his desire for military glory with a desire to become a soldier for Christ. St. Ignatius' boredom gave him an opportunity to reflect, evaluate his life, become inspired, and think creatively. Out of boredom came one of the Church's most significant religious orders and a great saint.

When our children expect to be entertained at all times, they are denied the opportunity to reflect, evaluate, become inspired, and to use their imaginations. Our world has become so fast-paced, and technology ensures that we have information and entertainment at our fingertips. Experts warn however, that not allowing our brains a break can be detrimental, and this is especially true for our children.

It is also important to acknowledge that bored kids can be difficult kids and they can drain our energy and patience. Consider sitting down with your children at the beginning of the summer and have them write a list of all of the activities they think would be fun. It's important that there be a variety of activities that they can do alone, with siblings, with the family, and with friends. The activities can be as simple as playing a board game, reading a book, or building a fort outside. They can also get creative and think of fun outings for the whole family.

Then, when they come to you during the summer and complain about being bored, refer them to their list to find something to do. If they still complain, use the broken record technique and say, "I'm sorry you're bored. I'm happy to find something for you if you can't think of something to do." (The something should be chores or something that will help you out!)

It's also important to reinforce to our children that great things can come from boredom. When we are bored, if we quiet our minds and listen, we will hear God. Offer prayer as an option for kids who are bored. God is always there for us; to listen, guide, and inspire. Consider praying the following prayer:

*Lord, when I'm bored,
help me to think of You
with gratitude and joy,
and to think of others
with appreciation and concern.
Let me not be self-centered,
but open to the beauty of Your creation.*

*May all my experiences,
no matter how routine,
bring me to a deeper awareness
of Your presence
and to a greater sense of
thankfulness for Your gifts. Amen.*

(From catholicexchange.com)

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING!

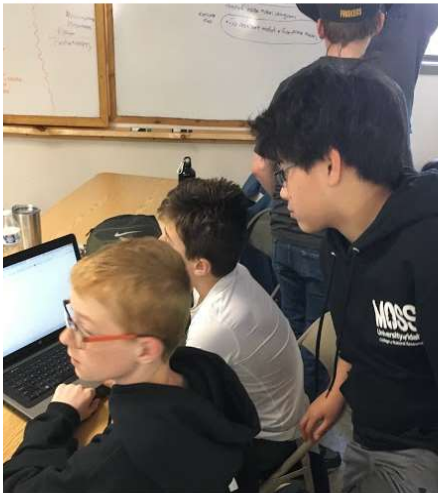
Spring has sprung at St. Ignatius Catholic School! April was a month to make great memories at our new school.

We had a very special day in April celebrating our grandparents and other influential adults in our lives. Our grandparents joined our student body for a reception, tours, and a beautiful Mass.

In addition, our 6th grade students spent a week at MOSS- the McCall Outdoor Science School. MOSS is a hands-on science camp run by the University of Idaho from Ponderosa State Park in McCall. It is the ultimate field trip! Classes are conducted all over the park. Ecosystem science serves as the context for standards-based study of science, technology, mathematics, and language arts. Students typically learn in small teams taught by University of Idaho graduate students, faculty, and staff. Each day, teams of 8-10 students accompany their instructors to field sites to scientifically characterize local ecosystems. They collect data on local atmospheric conditions, vegetative cover, soil characteristics, and aquatic ecosystems' physical, chemical, and biological conditions. Finally, students work with fellow teammates and instructors to develop their own inquiry projects which they present to their classmates, teachers, and parents at the end of the week. Our students had a great week working hard and making great memories!

Finally, we closed the month with ___ students from our 2nd and 3rd grades celebrating their First Holy Communion. This is a blessed and sacred time for these students and their families and one they will remember for the rest of their lives.

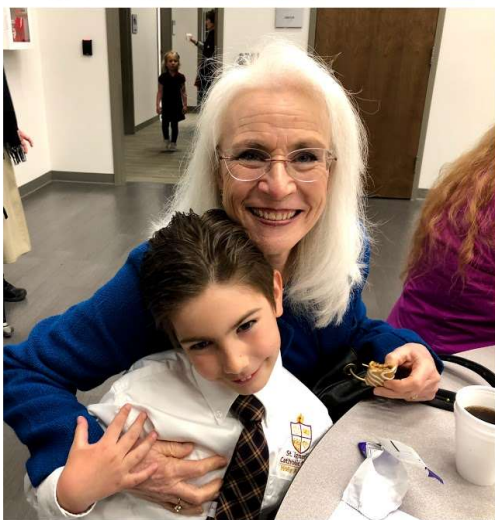




MOSS 2018



Grandparents Day 2018



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FAMILIES ON FIRE

At Holy Apostles Catholic Church and St. Ignatius Catholic School, we are constantly reminding our students and children that God is all around us- in everything we do and in all we celebrate. We remind our students and youth to look for God in all things, and find ways to see and encounter God in both special and common ways. We would like to start partnering with families to offer ideas that might help you infuse faith into more aspects of your daily lives, routines, and celebrations.

PRAY, HOPE, AND DON'T
WORRY. WORRY IS
USELESS. GOD IS
MERCIFUL AND WILL
HEAR YOUR PRAYER.

SAINT PIO OF PETRELCINA

REFLECTION: MAY- HOPE

As we finish up the last few weeks of the Easter Season, we can reflect and share in the supernatural hope the Resurrection has brought into our lives. The word hope, though short in spelling, holds a long meaning. It is essential to the Christian life by being a part of the three Theological Virtues of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church describes Christian hope, “by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit”, CCC 1817.

1. Happy birthday Catholic Church!!! Who doesn’t like a great celebration? On the Feast of Pentecost, May 20th, the Church recalls the Holy Spirit being descended upon the Apostles before they went off to evangelize the world. Here is a cake recipe to make, eat, and discuss! Enjoy!
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/recipes/view.cfm?id=273>
2. Come up with a “Prayer of Hope” that is specific to your family. Find out how Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit and the Church brings hope to each member. Write it down and keep it handy to pray it frequently to help renew our hope.
3. If you have a statue of Mother Mary in your home or garden, make a crown of flowers in honor of her for Mother’s Day, May 13th. Or you could also place fresh flowers near a picture and/or symbol you have of her. Asking for her protection for all mothers and the Catholic Church is a wonderful prayer as well.
4. This year the Ascension of the Lord falls in May. We have two days to celebrate since it is a big event! There is Ascension Thursday, May 10th, and Ascension Sunday, May 13th. Attending Mass and hearing the readings about Jesus’ rising into Heaven in front of the Apostles is a sure way to encounter hope! Making a centerpiece for the dinner table and/or prayer table is a fun way to remember the Ascension as well. Start with a round cardboard piece, glue on tissue or cotton balls to resemble clouds. Then finish by placing a Jesus statue, print out, or prayer card in the center. Be creative!

“One who has hope, lives differently” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

REGISTRATION 2018-2019

We wanted to update our community on our registration for the 2018-2019 school year.

We are thrilled to have over 92% of our existing students returning next year. This is an amazing accomplishment for any school- but especially a school that is just getting started. We are thrilled to have so many of our families returning and we thank everyone in our community for making our school's first year a success!

We are also glad to be bringing some new Gray Wolves into our pack. We are busy registering new students and we are excited to announce that we will be at almost complete capacity in our enrollment next year. We are adding another 8th grade class and another 1st grade class.

As of today, we have registered students to fill almost every grade level. We are looking forward to another great year!

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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.

MAY CROWNING MASS

Join us at a very special school Mass at 10:15 on May 3 for the May Crowning of Mary. We will be celebrating Mary, all mothers, grandmothers, and other special mother figures in our community, as well as our new First Communicants.

STUDENT FUN RUN

The year is now winding down at lightning speed! That means the Fun Run is right around the corner-May 18. A super fun way to help students end the first year! Sign up today to help- fun stuff like snacks, tracking laps, and cheering on runners! <http://ow.ly/P74830jGiac>

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please make sure that all of your volunteer hours have been entered into signup.com or submitted to our volunteer coordinator Cindi Marcotte (at volunteer@stignatiusmeridian.org) so that we can confirm that each family has completed their 25 hours required by our Family Participation Program.

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!

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! We are looking to fill the following positions: Art, Music, Makerspace & Middle School. Please pass along our job postings to those you know who might be interested.

*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.