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FAITH into ACTION.*

AUGUST, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 9- New Family Welcome Social at SI, 7-9pm

Aug 13- Front Office Opens at 1pm

Aug 13- Pre-K Parent Information Meeting at SI, 5:30pm (parents only please)

Aug 13- K-8 Parent Information Meeting at SI, 6:30pm (parents only please; mandatory for new families but all families are welcome)

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

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Ignatius Catholic School Community,

This month brings the start of our second school year at St. Ignatius Catholic School. It feels good to be back!

Although school has been out since May, the staff and students at St. Ignatius haven't been absent. Thanks to the energy of our HSA parents, our playground has hosted fun and active student and family events throughout the summer. Those that braved the heat were happy to spend time with school friends, and to meet new families and students.

After celebrating our successful first year, teachers and staff shifted towards further developing our focus on personalized learning and high expectations for students. Our staff joined into various committees this summer to look at school improvement in some targeted areas using feedback from our parent survey and guidance from the experiences of our first year. These committees include:

- Student Discipline- Our student discipline committee has been working on ways to communicate our behavioral growth plan to students, teachers, and families. This group is also developing a system for recognizing students who model what it means to be "on the path". As part of their work, all St. Ignatius staff will receive Love and Logic training during our professional development time this month.
- Math and Station Rotation- This group is working to develop common assessments for showing mastery of curricular standards, and ensuring that the progression of math skills flows between our flexible ability groups. They also explored various curricular resources to supplement our K-3 math programs.
- ELA- Our English and Language Arts committee has spent time creating a K-8 grade writing alignment plan for St. Ignatius. The plan includes the writing samples that will be expected at each grade along with rubrics and samples. This alignment will help ensure that our students receive writing instruction that builds as they progress through the grades.
- Individualized Learning Plans- The ILP committee has developed a common ILP that will be used throughout the school. This committee is also helping facilitate the implementation of Seesaw, a school communication tool, along with the features of Google Apps for Education. This year the school will adopt a common ILP and will improve the process for students setting and tracking the goals in their learning plan.

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

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER.....CONTINUED....

The efforts of our staff this summer prove that we have a dedicated group of educators who strive for continued growth.

At the end of the month our staff and students will celebrate our second annual Mass of the Holy Spirit, inviting God into all that we do here at St. Ignatius. We ask for your prayers that the Spirit can enter our hearts—energizing us to reach higher, work harder, act kinder, and to seek God in all that we do.

Blessings,

Andi Kane, Principal, St. Ignatius Catholic School

FOCUS ON FACULTY- MEET OUR AWESOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

Calley Anne Haws will be teaching art and makerspace this year! Calley Haws has lived in Meridian most of her life, 15 years of that with her husband, Tony, and 3 children, Morgan (22), Asher (10), and Lily (5). She is a graduate of Boise State University with a Bachelor in business and recently obtained her teacher's certificate to follow her heart. With interests and experience in almost every 2D and 3D form of art, and a longing to be like MacGyver, she is excited to join the St Ignatius faculty as the Art and Makerspace teacher. She hopes to help the students recognize each of their own artistic abilities, while stimulating their desire to problem solve and 'get creative'.

Jackie Ball will be working with middle school students and in our before and after care program. Jackie Ball will be joining our St. Ignatius Family this 2018-2019 school year. She moved to beautiful Idaho this past year, with her husband of 28 years and 22 year old son from Southern California. She eagerly awaits the arrival of their 25 year old daughter who will join them after completing her radiology schooling. Jackie has worked 20 years in elementary and middle school education. Most recently working at Travis Ranch Elementary School, in addition to St. Francis Catholic School, both in Yorba Linda, Ca. Jackie brings with her a positive and friendly attitude! She strongly believes in honesty, integrity, and working together as a team player! In addition, the importance of building a strong rapport with students, staff and parents!

Janet Emmett will be our new 5th grade teacher. Janet Emmett comes to us after 5 years teaching at St. Joseph Catholic School in Vancouver Washington. Janet and her husband, Dan have recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. They have 2 grown children. Kevin and his wife Cindy live and work in New York City. Katie, their daughter, recently relocated to Ithaca, NY to attend graduate school at Cornell University. Originally from the east coast, Janet and her family have lived in many parts of the United States. Janet holds a Bachelor's degree from Penn State, an MBA from the University of Houston, and an EdM from Washington State University. She has taught in both public and parochial schools in her lengthy teaching career but finds that teaching in a Catholic school is both spiritually and academically fulfilling.

Brenda Elledge will be working as a classroom aide. Brenda Elledge is passionate about children's education & helping kids attain their goals. As a long-time member of Holy Apostles parish, she understands the importance of balancing faith in all aspects of your life. She is excited to be a part of St. Ignatius staff & helping build a strong community.

Kate Schuh will be teaching in the middle school and will serve as our 6th grade homeroom teacher. Kate Schuh was born and raised in Twin Falls, Idaho and was an active member of the St. Edward's community. She attended college at the University of North Dakota where she received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and her Master's degree in Reading Education. Kate has over nine years of teaching experience, two of which were spent teaching at St. Michael's Catholic School in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Kate and her family enjoy spending time together, traveling in their small plane, and camping.

Bailey Kelso will be our new 1st grade teacher. Bailey Kelso, a first- year teacher this fall from Salt Lake City, Utah, earned her degree in Special Education with an endorsement in Elementary Education from Gonzaga University. She is currently working towards a Masters of Education through the University of Portland PACE teaching program. Bailey is excited to have fellow Zags in the building, and is looking forward to joining the community and team!

FOCUS ON FACULTY.....CONTINUED.....

Anita Martin will be our PreK aide and PreK after care provider. Anita Martin is moving to Boise from Wyoming where she was a preschool teacher at St. Anthony Tri Parish Catholic School in Caspar. She has years of experience working in numerous roles in Catholic schools. She has also worked as a social worker and juvenile probation officer prior to her experience in Catholic schools.

Tina Lete will be working as a classroom aide. Tina Lete has worked for the past four years as a support broker for the State of Idaho for families who have loved ones with disabilities. Tina has also worked for Jamz Cheer and Dance Company since 1997. Through her work at Jamz, Tina works with staff and children and helps coordinate travel to cheer competitions throughout the United States. She is looking forward to working with the staff and students at St. Ignatius and bringing God's word to each of our lives. She wants to be a part of an inspiring team that is growing together in God's faith.

Dana Mikesell will be teaching preschool. Dana Mikesell has over 29 years of experience as a teacher and administrator in the field of early childhood education. She most recently was a lead preschool teacher at St. Edwards Catholic School in Twin Falls, Idaho. She is excited to be moving to Boise this summer where all of her parents, children, grandchildren, brothers and their families live. She's excited to bring her experience and love for littles to the St. Ignatius team.

Anne Shetlar will be working as a classroom aide. Anne grew up in Utah and moved to Arizona where she attended the University of Arizona in Tucson. She met her husband, got married and had two kids before moving to Idaho last year. She enjoys taking in all that Boise has to offer with her family and has loved getting to know the Holy Apostles and St. Ignatius communities. She is passionate about the many benefits of Catholic Education and is very excited to join the team.

Andrea Richardson will be working as a classroom aide. Andrea Richardson was born and raised in a small town in Southeast Nebraska. Go HUSKERS! Andrea and her husband Jeremy moved to Boise to open a business and have fallen in love with the city since. Andrea, Jeremy, and their two boys (Rylan 5th grade, and Braxton 2nd grade) enjoy learning, playing and watching sports, board games, gardening, riding bikes, and being outside. Andrea is excited to be a part of the St. Ignatius Catholic School team.

Welcome our new kitchen assistant Teresa Patten. She has 20+ years of experience in the restaurant/food service industry. She loves healthy nutrition ideas and is looking forward to being a part of the St. Ignatius team. She is a mother of four beautiful children and currently resides in Meridian, Idaho with her husband, Michael, and family. She has been a Holy Apostles parishioner for approximately six years and feels blessed to be a part of the St. Ignatius community.

Shauna Emara will be our music teacher. Shauna Emara is a classically trained pianist and violinist. After completing her B.A. at Ricks College, Shauna received a full music scholarship to study with Gary Amano at Utah State University. After one year of studies at USU, Shauna received music scholarships in both piano and violin at Boise State University. After graduating from BSU, Shauna was awarded an internship with Goliard Concerts in New York City. In 2011, Shauna returned to Boise State University to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education which was completed in 2015. Miss Emara has also been involved in the ministry of music in many churches including; Cathedral of the Rockies, Our Lady of the Rosary, and is currently serving as both choir director and organist at All Saints Episcopal Church.



NOTICE! This year we will be moving the time of our weekly all school Masses to 8:45am on Thursdays. We are hoping that this new Mass time will be more convenient for parents and other members of our community. We invite you to join us for these weekly Mass celebrations whenever possible. Please remember that students will be seated with their classmates during school Masses (not with parents). Please mark your calendar to celebrate our first all school Mass on August 23rd at 8:45am!

REMINDERS FOR OUR FAMILIES.....

1. We will have a family directory next year (in addition to the information that can be found in PlusPortals). Please use the link found on the “Parents Links & Docs” tab of our website to complete your information.
2. As families know, we have a Family Participation Program that requires that all families commit 25 hours to school sponsored activities. Please use the link found on the “Parents Links & Docs” tab of our website to complete your registration for the Family Participation Program.
3. Please use the form found on the “Parents Links & Docs” tab of our website to order uniform items that cannot be ordered through Schoolbelles (including middle school PE uniforms, Pre-K shirts, pullovers). Please complete and submit the form with payment to the front office when we open in August. All other information regarding uniforms can be found on our website.
4. Our updated 2018-2019 School Calendar can be found on our website.
5. School supply lists have been posted on the “Parent Links & Docs” tab of our website. Like last year, we will be having a Teacher Meet & Greet/Supply Drop-off for parents and students on Wednesday, **August 15 between 4:30-6:00pm**. Families can stop by any time between 4:30-6:00pm to drop off their school supplies, meet teachers, and socialize. Class lists will be posted at the school on that afternoon.
6. If you have not already made your tuition payment IN FULL for the 18-19 school year, you MUST create a FACTS account for tuition payments. Information for registration with the FACTS program can be found on the “Parents Links & Docs” tab of our website.
7. We request that parents of all pre-school students attend an information session on **August 13 at 5:30pm** at St. Ignatius. We will be reviewing everything you need to know about the processes and procedures of the St. Ignatius pre-school program so that you and your students will be ready to go for the first day of school. (Parents only please.)
8. We request that parents of all K-8th grade students who are new to St. Ignatius this school year attend an information session on **August 13 at 6:30pm** at St. Ignatius. We will be reviewing everything you need to know about the processes and procedures of attending St. Ignatius. Parents of existing students are also welcome to attend if you would like a review but your attendance is not required. (Parents only please.)

IDEAL 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM-

As of 2018, you can now use funds to pay for K-12 tuition!

What is a “529 plan”?

Named for Section 529 of the U.S. tax code, a 529 plan is a tax-advantaged investment plan operated by a state to encourage saving for education expenses. As there is risk when investing in a 529 account, we encourage you to talk to a financial advisor.

What are the qualifying education expenses?

Following the passage of 2017's Tax Cut and Jobs Act, funds in a 529 plan may be used for tuition, books, fees, computer technology, or room and board at a qualifying college **and for up to \$10,000 in tuition at a K-12 private or religious school per year per student.**

If you have not done so, we encourage you to review the details of the IDEal Idaho 529 Plan. There may be some great benefits for your family. Check out their website for more details: <https://www.idsave.org>

ATTENTION ALL NEW ST. IGNATIUS FAMILIES!!

We would like to welcome families who are new to St. Ignatius Catholic School this year to a social on August 9 at 7pm in the St. Ignatius Common. Join us for an ice cream bar, spirit wear raffles, and a special welcome gift. This is a great opportunity to meet other St. Ignatius students and families.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to Megan Marston and Chrissy Kane for all their work this summer to set up the super fun grade level social events! These ladies worked so hard to come up with great ways for our Gray Wolf families to spend time together over the summer months and to welcome new families into the community. We sincerely appreciate their efforts to help build our St. Ignatius Catholic School community!

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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 St. Ignatius to begin the school year:

- August 7 at 2:30pm at SI
- August 28 at 5:30 pm at SI

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!

SERVICE

As a part of our commitment to serving others, St. Ignatius students volunteer the fourth Monday of each month to serve dinner at the St. Vincent's Kitchen in Boise (3209 W. Overland Rd. Boise, ID 83705). This month our day is **Monday August 27, from 5-8 pm.**

Over the summer months, **any family with students in 3rd through 8th grade** can sign up to serve. Students prep the food and tables from 5-6 pm, serve dinner from 6-7 and clean up from 7-8 pm. Our goal is to have the students do most of the work, with parents there to facilitate and lend a hand if necessary.

To sign up and for more information visit <https://signup.com/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.