



SEPTEMBER, 2018

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sep 3- No school- Labor Day
- Sep 5- HSA Meeting, 7:15pm at SI
- Sep 9- Holy Apostles Mass in the Park, 10am, Settlers Park
- Sep 10-14- MAPs testing
- Sep 15- Fall Festival at 5:30 at SI
- Sep 20- School Pictures (individual pictures)
- Sep 20- Back to School Night, 6pm at SI
- Oct 5- No school
- Oct 12- Fun Run/Jog A Thon
- Oct 26- No school

*Growing leaders who turn  
FAITH into ACTION.*

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Ignatius Catholic School Community,

Year two is underway and it feels great! As I think back to this time last year, I remember the excitement. The experience of starting a school from scratch was certainly energizing, exhausting, invigorating...and it was challenging.

Starting year two brings to light the incredible work done by our dedicated community to build not only a school, but to create a culture that we want for our children. Last year that culture was new and vulnerable. It had to be intentionally shaped and defended by the efforts of our staff, students, and families. Today, as we begin a second year, that culture is strong and tangible. I am proud of the work we have all done.

What is that culture?

We believe in constant improvement and growth - reaching for the highest potential  
We hold each other to high expectations, not settling for less.  
We strive for excellence academically, physically, and spiritually.  
We love and care about one another.  
We seek God in all things.

But really, our culture is not defined. It is felt. It is felt when you walk in the building to a student holding the door for someone, or a staff member greeting you with a smile. It is felt in the bright eyes of our young students when they see their teacher from last year or a favorite specials teacher. It is felt in the classroom when students engage in meaningful learning and face challenges confidently. It is felt at Mass when our students join in the celebration of the Eucharist and lift their voices in prayer and song.

This is the culture we have created here for our children.

To everyone who has helped shape this school culture, and to all who continue to defend it, thank you. It takes the commitment of not only our staff, but our families, our students, and our parish to do great things. Your work is so important. Whether it is through the prayers or time you give, the support you show to our staff and students, the constructive feedback you offer, or the example you set yourself-- thank you for being a part of our community and for strengthening the culture we hold dear.

Blessings,

Andi Kane, Principal, St. Ignatius Catholic School

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

## GREAT THINGS HAPPENING!

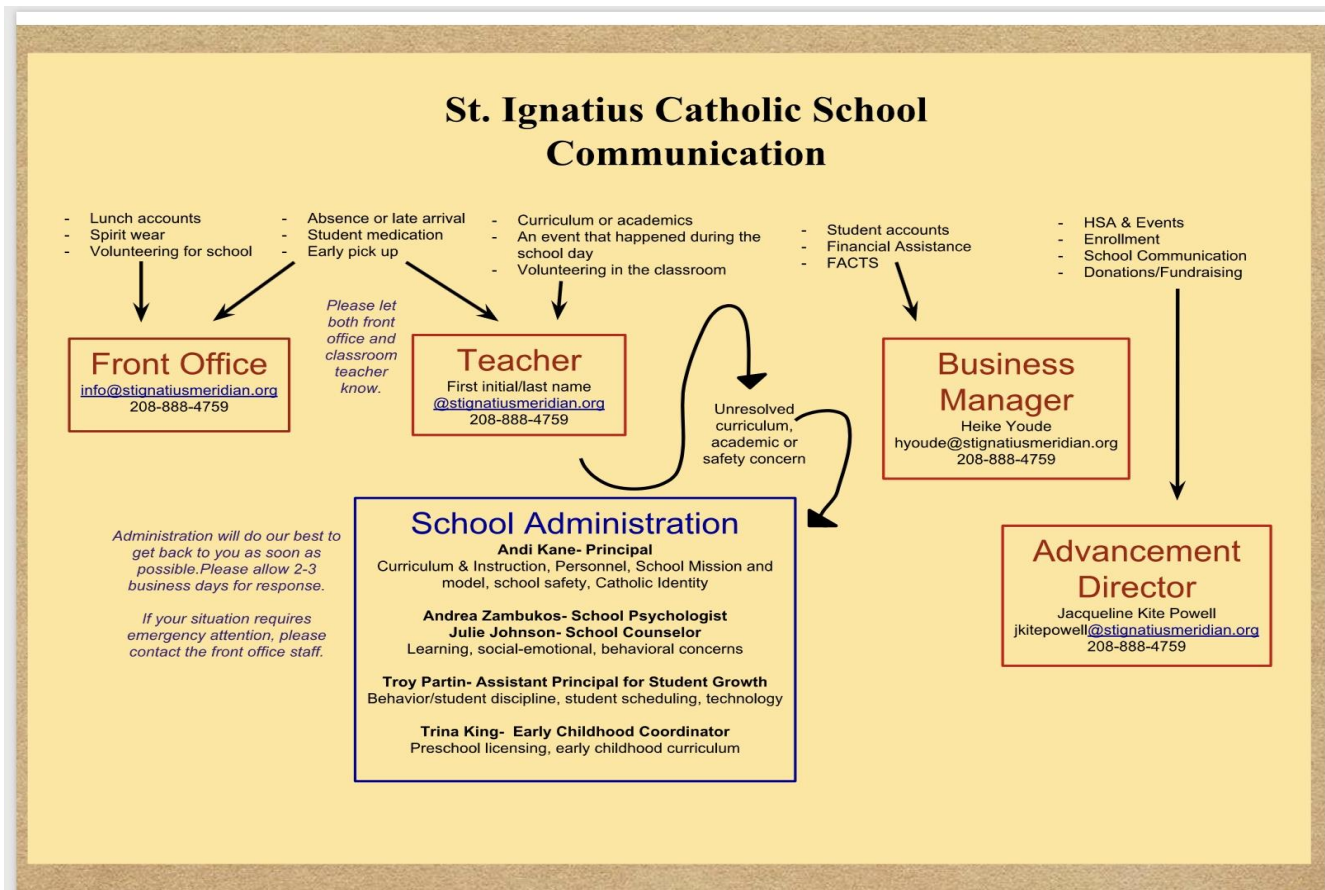
St. Ignatius Catholic School is back in session and we could not be more excited! We opened our doors this year to 452 students and 55 staff who are filling our school with the sounds of laughter, excitement, and learning. Please pray for our students, staff, and families as we embark on this exciting second year!

In addition to all the new student and staff faces, we have made some other exciting changes this year. Troy Partin will now be acting as our Assistant Principal for Student Growth. As most of you know, last year Mr. Partin was a member of the leadership team and one of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teachers. He also did a great job helping take over many of Mrs. Kane's duties last spring when she was out on medical leave. Mr. Partin will continue to teach part-time in the middle school, but he will spend the majority of his time helping with administrative tasks such as student behavioral growth, scheduling, facilities and technology.

In addition, we are focused this year on making sure that our pre-school program is really integrated with our K-8<sup>th</sup> grade program. In an effort to help facilitate that contiguity and bridge our pre-school with the rest of our school, Trina King is now acting as our Early Childhood Coordinator. Mrs. King adds this role to her existing duties on our Leadership Team and as one of our amazing kindergarten teachers.

Another exciting change that you may have heard about is our Paw Prints program. As part of our commitment to educating the whole child, this program helps encourage children to manage their emotions, engage in positive social interaction, and behave as disciples of Christ. Students are given a Paw Print whenever they are found following the Path of St. Ignatius by growing or learning, or being loving, reverent, or a seeker of justice. The students and staff have quickly embraced this program and we are excited to watch it flourish.

Just like our students, we are constantly learning, growing, and reflecting so that we can always be improving. Below is a chart that may assist you in understanding the roles of our staff and how you can facilitate communication with the school.







FUN FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL!

## SUPPORT US!

Thank you to everyone in our community for your constant and generous support of our program. St. Ignatius exists because of the generosity and hard work of so many! Please remember that even if you are unable to donate to St. Ignatius Catholic School at this time, there are many other ways that you can support our mission. Kick-back and rewards programs offer an opportunity to support St. Ignatius through purchases you already make!

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**- Clip the BOX TOPS from your favorite products (see list) and bring them in to school. Box Tops are worth 10 cents each and last year we raised over \$1300!

**FRED MEYER**- Link your Fred Meyer card to St Ignatius School and rewards will be credited to the school. You still keep your rewards but the Gray Wolves get a kick back as well! It is easy to do and it adds up for our school. See the link [HERE](#) to sign up and enter our code: 90141. Note it will say Holy Apostles Catholic Church, but the money is directed to the school. (Click on "Re-enroll or link your Rewards card now").

**AMAZON SMILE**- Donates money to the foundation whenever you use Amazon. Log in to Smile.Amazon.com and then add St Ignatius School Foundation Inc as the charity to support. 0.5% of all that you spend on Amazon is donated to the Foundation. Always login to smile.amazon.com NOT your regular Amazon.com account.

## 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>



**NOTICE!** We have moved 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 Mass with us!



# FALL Festival

on the St. Ignatius Field

SEP 15  
T 2018

5:30 - 9:00pm

Bounce Houses • Games  
Food Trucks • Beer Garden  
Music • Raffle

FOOD  
FRIENDS  
& FUN!!



# FAMILIES ON FIRE



*And  
whatever you  
ask in prayer,  
you will receive,  
if you have faith.*

*[Matthew 21:22]*

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.

## REFLECTION: SEPTEMBER: PRAYER

“Pray without ceasing” is what St. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Praying is a very powerful weapon we can use in all circumstances. No prayer too big or small is ever wasted! There are many ways and forms to pray. But the main thing to keep in mind about prayer, is how it is a chance to be in deep communication with God! As Catholics, we are extremely blessed with many resources and examples from the Saints on different opportunities we are given to pray. We can use formal prayers and informal prayers. This month spend some time digging deep into prayer!

1. Praying as a family is not only rewarding but it increases unity! Sit down as a family and start a prayer routine along with a “praying space” in your home. It doesn’t have to take long or even be elaborate. Whatever works for the family! Practical is key! Using favorite Christian books, pictures, a Crucifix, and a Catholic Bible are great starters!
2. Mass is the greatest prayer we have as Catholics! Take some time to learn about the Mass and our role as a community in it! Our FORMED program through the parish has a great cartoon to watch as a family. It is called Brother Francis: The Mass, A Life-Giving Prayer. Contact the Parish Office for more info.
3. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says there are 5 Forms of Prayer: 1. Adoration 2. Petition 3. Intercession 4. Thanksgiving 5. Praise. Learn and incorporate each one throughout the month as a family (books, videos, google searches, can help with this).
4. Do some research on formal prayers the Church has already produced for us! You can find one specifically for families or a cause your family has. Then print a photo of it so it can be used and memorized. Tip: Hang it in a spot where it can be viewed a few times a day

**“HE WHO PRAYS MOST, RECEIVES MOST”**  
-SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

## FUN RUN

Last year the Fun Run was a highlight of our inaugural year! It was a great opportunity for staff and students to celebrate and help support our great program. Our field was transformed into a party atmosphere with cheering fans, fun music, and friendly competition.

The student and parent support for this event was overwhelming-bringing in approximately \$23,000! In addition to helping fund our overall program, these monies paid for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball jerseys, the replacement of playground equipment, new soccer goals, and resurfacing of the gymnasium floor.

Because the end of the year can be so hectic, we have moved this year's Fun Run to Oct 12! More information will be forthcoming but we hope you will help make this event another fun and successful celebration!



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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.

### FALL FESTIVAL

Make sure not to miss this year's Fall Festival on September 15 at 5:30. We will be celebrating back to school, the fun of fall, and our awesome Holy Apostles/St. Ignatius community! Join us on the SI field for bounce houses, games, a beer garden, food trucks, and more. This is a great way to meet and welcome new members of our community and catch up with old friends! No advance tickets required. Help us celebrate and kick-off our second year of St. Ignatius Catholic School!

### VOLUNTEER AT ST. IGNATIUS

At St. Ignatius Catholic School, the growth of our students is a cooperative and collaborative effort by and among families, the school community, and the church. In this vein, we ask the parents of our community to share their gifts and talents. We hope that we can make this experience rewarding for both your family and our community!

We are always looking for school day volunteers (sign up [HERE](#)) or volunteers for our many fun events! Please remember you must be Safe Environment trained (and updated) in order to work in the school during school hours.

We received feedback last year that some found recording volunteer hours in signup.com to be a cumbersome process. We will still be using signup.com to sign up for volunteering but we have simplified the process of recording your volunteer hours. You will now find a volunteer binder located at the front office. Now you will simply stop by the front office at your convenience (not necessarily at the time you are doing your hours), find your family's page in the binder, and record any and all school volunteer hours your family (or anyone working on behalf of your family) has completed. We hope this greatly simplifies the process for everyone.

Remember, we require that each family contribute at least 25 hours of assistance per year to school sponsored events and activities, including involvement in at least one fund raising event. Families that fail to complete and record 25 hours of participation will be charged \$25 per hour that is not completed. We welcome parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or friends to assist you in completing your family's required hours.

#### *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.*