



OCTOBER, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 3- HSA Meeting @ 7:15 in the Commons

Oct 5- NO SCHOOL- Teacher Pro. Development

Oct 10- Mandatory parent meeting for 6th grade MOSS students @ 5:30pm

Oct 12- Jog A Thon

Oct. 21- SI Hosts Parish Mass at 6:00pm @ Holy Apostles

Oct 24- Parent Ed- Catholic 101 @ 6:30pm @ SI

Oct. 22-26- Book Fair

Thurs, Oct. 25th- 4:00pm-8:00pm Student Led Conferences

Fri, Oct. 26th- NO SCHOOL- 8:00am-6:00pm; Student Led Conferences

Mon, Oct 29- Pack Night @ Farmstead at 6:30

*Growing leaders who turn
FAITH into ACTION.*

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Ignatius Catholic School Community,

The highlights of my day are often the same-- I'm walking through the halls or in the Commons and one or our wonderful St. Ignatius students greets me by name...or beams up at me...or runs to give me a hug....or sometimes all of the above. The beauty of children is one of God's greatest gifts to the world.

Religious art frequently depicts an image of Jesus with his arm around a little child. Like many of us, Jesus, too was aware of the divine captured in youthful innocence. One such image of Christ with a child comes from the Gospel of Mark (readings heard the last two Sundays in September). In this story, Jesus is teaching his followers...

*Taking a child, he placed it in their midst,
and putting his arms around it, he said to them,
"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

Jesus goes on to make it clear that these children are to be protected.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea."

Educators in Catholic schools can certainly relate to the image of Jesus embracing a young child. Our core ministry and our deepest calling is to hold the young close and to defend and protect them. We look to Christ, the teacher, to inspire and guide our calling and vocation as educators.

However, what is interesting in this powerful scene is that Jesus is not actually teaching the child. Rather, Jesus is using the child to teach his followers.

At St. Ignatius Catholic School we embody a true learning community. While we work diligently to educate our students, we know that they are daily teaching us valuable lessons in patience, compassion, wisdom and love. We take seriously our calling to love and protect the youth that we serve. In return, we experience the joy of being in the midst of these precious children each day.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. They are our joy.

Andi Kane, Principal, St. Ignatius Catholic School

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

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.

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

This school year we will begin a parent education series that will allow us provide parents with helpful information about some of the things we are working on at St. Ignatius Catholic School. We see this as a way to create a culture of communication and partnership between parents and the school so that we can work together in helping grow our students. We hope to focus on topics specific to our program (such as our Catholic identity and what it means to be “Ignatian Inspired”), as well as helpful information for parents (such as keeping students safe on-line and using Love & Logic in your day to day parenting).

Our first such parent education seminar will be “Catholic 101” and will be held on Oct 24 at 6:30 at St. Ignatius. Fr. Len & Mrs. Kane will be discussing the basics of Catholicism and what “Catholic Identity” means at St. Ignatius Catholic School. We want everyone at St. Ignatius to feel welcome in our Catholic community. If you are new to Catholic school, Catholicism, or just have questions about the religious aspects of our program, please join us for this discussion.

PACK NIGHTS

Our wonderful hospitality committee has worked hard over the last several months to welcome families into our community and continue building the bonds between our students over the summer months. They offered fun, grade-level social events, as well as an ice cream social for our new families. Now they are turning their attention toward offering our families with some opportunities for fun family nights with fellow Gray Wolves.

The first Pack Night event will be **Oct 29 @ 6:30** at Farmstead (1020 S Rackham Way, Meridian, ID). Join other Gray Wolves for a fun family evening to get ready for Halloween. Admission is \$6/person which includes The MAiZE, Jumping Pillow, Cow Train ride, hayrides, corn box, slides, spider web, and more.

PARENTS SMALL FAITH GROUP

Our hospitality committee is starting a small faith group for St. Ignatius parents. The idea of a small faith group is that St. Ignatius couples (Catholic or non-Catholic) join together to meet once per month for dinner and drinks to discuss a faith-based topic. This will be a parent group, where we gather in fellowship to grow in our faith, strengthen our marriages and families, and deepen our faith-based relationships with others. Meetings start soon for any parents interested in joining one of our small faith groups. If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Kane (chrissymkane@gmail.com) or Megan Marston (megmarston@gmail.com).

SERVICE

Our service committee organizes and plans service opportunities at least once a month throughout the year. This is a great way for families to serve our community together while getting to know other Gray Wolf families. Look for opportunities in your Tuesday Communication to sign up for any of these great programs!



GRAY WOLVES SERVING, LEARNING, GROWING
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL!

FALL FESTIVAL

A HUGE thank you to the HSA leadership, parent volunteers, and all who attended this year's Fall Festival! It was a wonderful evening and a great way to get our community together for a family friendly night out! We are so blessed to have dedicated volunteers who make events like this a reality. Our parent support is such an important part of making St. Ignatius a wonderful place to grow our students!



FALL FESTIVAL FUN!

A little bit from the St. Ignatius Catholic School Board.....

A parochial school board is quite different than a school board for the public schools, and even different than the Board of Governance at Bishop Kelly. Public school boards and the Board of Governance at Bishop Kelly have the final authority over their schools. In a parochial school, such as St. Ignatius, only the pastor has the final authority. However, as most pastors are extremely busy and do not have degrees in education administration, parochial school boards are established to help the pastor in administering the school, and therein lies the purpose of the board. The board's ultimate purpose is to ensure the long-term viability of the school. We do not deal with the day-to-day management of school affairs, including personnel issues - these are handled by the school administration. We are looking at the 3- and 5-year plan for the school.

Additionally, the St. Ignatius Catholic School Board has been set up as a board with limited jurisdiction. What this boils down to is that the pastor has given our board some jurisdictional powers - such as establishing policy and overseeing the finances of the school. As such, our Board is comprised of people with a variety of backgrounds including finance, school administration, facility maintenance, technology expertise, and such. We also have a limited number of seats on the board for St. Ignatius parents; however, being a board member only adds to the number of things they need to do in a given day - they don't get discounts on tuition or any special benefits as a result of being on the board.

Board terms are set up for 3 years, and our initial board was established with people rotating off at 1, 2, and 3 years to ensure we don't lose everyone on the Board at once. Board members can renew their term - at the discretion of the pastor. The Board can have a maximum of 10 members. The pastor is the one who appoints Board members, so if it is something you might be interested in doing let Mrs. Kane or Father Len know!



From left: Dan Basalone, Sarah Murphy, Diane Fiello, Matt Adams, Joe Kane, Mark Hopkins, Karen Mahoney, Kevin McCarthy, Tim Brady, Father Len

Look for these faces at St. Ignatius Masses and events:

Karen Mahoney ~ Chairman of the Board: Karen was heavily involved in getting the school built, up, and running. She's a project coordinator from "way back" and has a Bachelors in Business Administration from even farther back than that! With one son a UofI graduate and one about to be a BSU graduate, Karen and Ed are enjoying their dogs these days - who don't roll their eyes when asked to snuggle on the couch (unlike some college students).

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Matt Adams - Vice Chairman of the Board: Matt is a Professional Landscape Architect and Principal with The Land Group, Inc. His company managed all the site work during the construction of the school so Matt is very familiar with our beautiful building. Matt and his wife, Angie, love St. Ignatius so much that Angie joined the St. Ignatius team as an aid! They are recent empty nesters as their daughter just became an Idaho State Bengal.

Dan Basalone: Dan was on the original “SI Team” which helped pull together the mission and values of the school. Dan brings a wealth of experience as a former teacher, principal, district administrator, and professor of educational administration! He and his wife, Carmen, have five kids and TEN grandkids!

Tim Brady: Tim is our finance guru on the board. He understands spreadsheets and all things financial! In fact, he is a Chartered Financial Analyst serving as the Controller for Agri Beef Livestock, LLC. He and his wife, Brittany, were both members of the original “SI Team”. They have 4 kids - 3 of whom are at St. Ignatius!

Diane Fiello: Diane was in the big leagues when it comes to understanding education! She worked for the Los Angeles School District as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent. She understands curriculum, professional development, and instruction!

Mark Hopkins: Many people know the name Mark Hopkins - in a good way! He proudly wears his Fighting Irish fan gear because that's where he received his MA in administration. He's been an educator and now is a principal for the Middleton School District. He and his wife of 18 years, Barbara, have two kids.

Joe Kane: Joe is our security expert on the Board. Policing has been in his blood back from his days at Purdue University. These days he proudly wears the Boise Police Department uniform. Joe's wife Chrissy works as a counselor for Bishop Kelly. Their house is home to 3 boys, so every room is a wrestling room.

Kevin McCarthy: Kevin was on the original Building Committee for St. Ignatius. His “day job” is as an engineer for KM Engineering. He understands Catholic school from being a student of both Sacred Heart and BK. He and his wife, Shemayne, have three kids who help add to the mileage on their car.

Sarah Murphy: PhD in Computer Science from Notre Dame... need we say more? Sarah is the most non-geek, geek ever. She understands technology and can break it down for those folks who don't. She and her husband Richard have four kids... until November when it will become FIVE!!

The Sterling Humanitarian Award

As many of you may recall, last year one of our awesome 8th graders received a special award- the Sterling Humanitarian Award—which recognizes one student from each of the five Catholic elementary schools who exemplifies the characteristics and values of a humanitarian.

Prompted by the inauguration of the Humanitarian Bowl in 1997, John Sterling started the Sterling Humanitarian Award to recognize and promote humanitarian efforts by the students in our Catholic schools. Each year, an 8th Grade student is selected by each Catholic school and this award is presented at a student Mass in December. The award consists of a scholarship to Bishop Kelly and a plaque of recognition.

The award is supported by generous donations from a number of Catholic families in Boise and the total amount received is divided among the winners evenly. The average amount of the scholarship has been \$1500-\$1800. Since the inception of the award, these funds have total more than \$86,000.00. With the addition of St. Ignatius school in 2017 and St. Paul's in 2018, the support of additional families from all the schools will enable the program to continue and the amount of the scholarship to be maintained and even increased.

For more information about supporting this award, please call John Sterling 208-761-9335 or Lynne Sterling at 208-867-1501.

FAMILIES ON FIRE

**You shall love the
Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your strength.**

Deuteronomy 6:5



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: OCTOBER: DEVOTION

To have devotion to something or someone means to hold extreme respect and loyalty towards that thing, purpose, or person. There are things in our lives that we automatically are called to show devotion to. Some devotional practices come as easy as being available to our family. When we are a part of something such as a community, club, team, and family, the way we act, shows the level of devotion we have. This is just as true when we put devotion into a spiritual setting. The Church encourages all faithful families and individuals to practice and grow their devotion to Christ and His teachings. Fortunately, we have many ways to do this! Below are some examples to share as a family!

1. The Catholic Church is known for devotionals!! A Catholic devotional is a supplement we can use to increase our faith. They come in many forms such as prayers, novenas, Adoration, Veneration of Saints, to list a few. Find a new devotion that is specific to your family and start practicing it together.
2. October 2nd is the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels! Get to know your Angels as a family. Add the Guardian Angel prayer to your daily prayer time! As a bonus, have Angel food cake for dessert!!
3. The whole month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary! This prayer is one of the greatest devotionals we can practice as a family! Read about how the rosary was started. Pray a decade (1Mystery) a week and try memorizing the order of the Rosary.
4. On October 22nd we celebrate Saint John Paul II. We can watch and read about his courageous devotion he had to Christ and His Church. He was known for having complete devotion and surrender to Mary, the Mother of God. Find a Marian devotion to bring your family closer to Christ.

**“Through devotion, your family cares become more
peaceful”**

Saint Francis de Sales

JOG-A-THON

It is almost time for the annual Jog-A-Thon! Last year this event was a highlight of our inaugural year and raised approximately \$23,000!

This year we are looking to beat it! In addition to helping fund our overall program, funds from this year's event will go to purchasing a green-house for our beautiful community garden/learning space. The shed will have storage, as well as learning and teaching spaces. It will be similar to the photo below.



The Jog-A-Thon is one of our favorite events because it is a great opportunity for our students to lend a hand in supporting our program and the needs of our school. This year's Jog-A-Thon will be Oct 12!! We invite parents to sign up to help or just to cheer along your students!

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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. Go to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4> 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.

FAMILY NIGHT IN with Papa John's Pizza! **Oct 22-26**, if you mention you are from St. Ignatius, ANY Treasure Valley Papa John's will give 20% of proceeds back to the school. No flyer is needed, just a mention that it is for St. Ignatius.

BOOK FAIR- Make time to visit our book fair the week of **Oct 22-26** in the St. Ignatius library to stock up on your holiday stocking stuffers and great birthday gifts! What better gift to give a child than a great book. A portion of proceeds help support our awesome library as well.

VOLUNTEERS- If you are interested in helping with the Book Fair, Jog-A-Thon, Run/Walk Program, crossing guard duty, lunch duty, or any of the many other things we have going on at St. Ignatius call Katelyn in the front office or look for our sign ups in the Tuesday Communication.



(left) New soccer goals purchased with funds from the 2018 Jog-A-Thon monies. Funds raised also paid for 4th-8th grade basketball jerseys, the replacement of playground equipment, and resurfacing of the gymnasium floor.

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.