



*Growing leaders who turn  
FAITH into ACTION.*

JANUARY, 2019

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec 22-Jan 7- NO SCHOOL; Christmas Break

Jan 7- NO SCHOOL; Teacher Prof. Develop.

Jan 8- School Resumes

Jan 21- NO SCHOOL; MLK Day

Jan 27- SI hosts Holy Apostles Mass @ 9am & 11am

Jan 27- Feb 2- Catholic Schools Week

Feb 15- NO SCHOOL; Teacher Prof. Develop.

Feb 18- NO SCHOOL; President's Day

Feb 28- End of Second Semester

March 9- ST. IGNATIUS LIGHT THE WAY DINNER AUCTION @ 6pm- Riverside Hotel

Dear St. Ignatius Families and Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope your holidays are peaceful, joyful, and a time for rest and reflection.

At St. Ignatius we closed out December with a focus on the beautiful season of Advent. Amid the usual instruction and learning, our students participated in the sacrament of Reconciliation, shared in daily morning prayer and song, and culminated the season with a joyful Christmas program. We celebrated National School Inclusion Week, "decked the halls" with our annual door-decorating contest, and we raised over \$1000 for the parish Giving Tree!

It was beautiful to see our students shine in the important roles they played during December. We had student readers ranging from first to eight grade deliver scripture readings to the whole school during Advent prayer. Our fifth graders performed a well-prepared rendition of "A Christmas Carol". Music elective and speech students served as characters and lectors in the Christmas program, delivering a strong performance to a packed church. These students embodied the confident leaders we are forming here at St. Ignatius.

As we head into January we look forward to another busy month. Teachers will kick off the year with a professional development day aimed at starting our accreditation self-study process (this process will culminate in the spring of 2020). Students will have a mid-year academic check-in with our winter MAP testing. The month will end with the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. We are geared up for another month full of learning, growth, and reflection.

Blessings to you at the start of 2019. Thank you for the support you give to St. Ignatius.

*Andi Kane, M.Ed, Ed.S*  
*Principal*  
*St. Ignatius Catholic School*



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

## GREAT THINGS HAPPENING!

The Advent Season is such a special time at St. Ignatius Catholic School. This is a time when our students and staff come together to prepare their hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ's birth. Our daily Advent prayer service is filled with scripture, song, and tradition—giving students and staff an opportunity each day to pause for reflection and mindfulness. This year we invited parents to join us for this beautiful service. We hope that all of our parents were able to come be part of this special event at least once during the month.

In addition, this month St. Ignatius joined with Holy Apostles in the spirit of St. Nicholas to support the Holy Apostles Giving Tree for those in need. St. Ignatius students brought in money that students were encouraged to earn on their own. This money was used to buy gifts to help out with all those tags that are not taken or not returned for the Giving Tree. We are proud to report that our students raised and donated over \$1,000.00 towards this effort! It was so fun to hear the stories of how our students earned the money that was donated....shoveling snow, cleaning closets, doing chores....great job Gray Wolves!

Our month was topped off with our amazing Christmas concert. Our students, staff, and, especially our music teacher, Ms. Emara, worked so hard to prepare for and present a beautiful and meaningful celebration of the Christmas season. This concert was a wonderful representation of the culture and spirit of our school.







CHRISTMAS JOY!





# Christmas Program



## STERLING HUMANITARIAN AWARD

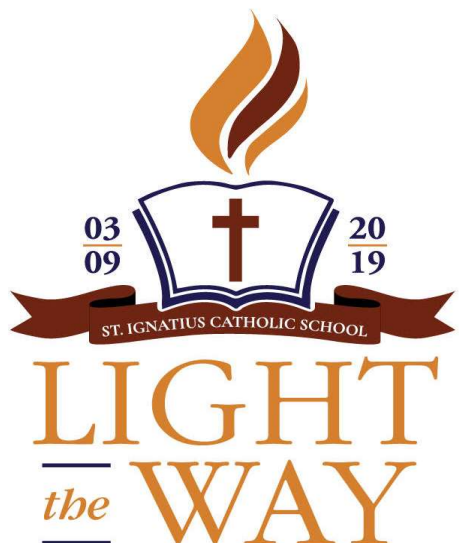
Every December for more than 20 years, each of the Catholic elementary schools in Boise has had the privilege of selecting one 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to receive the Sterling Humanitarian Award. This honor is bestowed upon the student whom best exemplifies the traits of a student humanitarian-- taking concrete action to serve their school community and the greater community, being a seeker of justice, and promoting the welfare of others. This student is identified by the faculty and administration of their school to receive the Sterling Humanitarian Award, which consists of a scholarship to Bishop Kelly High School and a certificate of commendation.

At our school Mass on December 6<sup>th</sup>, Walker Hopkins received the 2018 Sterling Humanitarian Award for St. Ignatius Catholic School. Walker is a kind-hearted, compassionate young man. He is a genuine leader and, as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, he consistently leads by example and inspires his younger peers through his Christ-like actions. He cares for the most vulnerable in our community, including the elderly, in which Walker put his faith into action by serving a local retirement center where he focused on preventing what he called "elderly loneliness".



The Sterling Humanitarian Award is an important and special honor. We cannot think of anyone more deserving than Walker of an award dedicated to students that embody the qualities of a humanitarian.

CONGRATULATIONS  
WALKER!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL

## St. Ignatius Dinner Auction

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# FAMILIES ON FIRE

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning  
of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy  
One is understanding.**

**Proverbs 9:10**

[Psalmtube.com](http://Psalmtube.com)

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: DEC/JAN: REVERENCE

As we come together to celebrate the birth of our King, we can take some time to fine tune our reverence towards God and all He has revealed. The short Liturgical Season of Christmas (12 days!) is a great opportunity to work on ways to fear the Lord! Fear of the Lord means to be in complete awe and wonder with Him and all He does. Living life with eyes of reverence leads to humility because then we are able to realize how much God loves us! As a family, come up with and infuse reverence for God and His creation in everyday situations.

1. 12/25- Christmas Day!! Start off the first day of Christmas with an extremely reverent heart! After opening gifts and still in the excitement, write out a short prayer of awe to the Blessed Trinity to remind us that God can be found in ALL things and everywhere! Use this as a daily family prayer for the remaining days of Christmas. Each day a new line can be added about what God revealed that day!
2. 12/30- Feast of the Holy Family. We know that the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) lived as a normal family during Jesus' time on earth, they shared many of the same struggles we face today. Make this a grand day of feasting as a family!! Hang out as a family-cook dinner together, play a game, watch a movie, and pray together asking the Holy Family for guidance. Talk about how each family member can practice more reverence toward one another. Then start by doing random acts of kindness.
3. 1/13- Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Sacrament of Baptism is definitely something we can be in awe about! Find the baptismal promises online and as a family renew them together after dinner. A candle can be lit to signify the Light we receive from Christ as members of the Church. Find a short video on FORMED to learn more about Baptism!
4. 1/31- Feast of St. John Bosco. Watch this quick video describing a little of this saint's life and how he used to entertain the young children he worked with! <https://youtu.be/5rXZxoLCkes> Try to take turns juggling and see how far each member gets! There are some great tutorials online about juggling!

**"Man was created to praise, reverence, and serve God"**

**St. Ignatius**

## 2019 Registration

It is hard to believe but 2019 is here! And the 2019/2020 academic year is coming quickly.

We will begin the process of re-registering our existing students in January/February. Once our existing students have re-registered, we will fill any open spots in our enrollment with students from our waiting list. Siblings of existing students will receive top priority in our enrollment but they must be on our waiting list by January 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you or someone that you know is interested in learning more about enrolling in St. Ignatius Catholic School, please encourage them to come in for a tour. We meet with prospective families every Wednesday at 10:30am. We tour the school, discuss our academic model, and answer questions about our program. Students are invited and encouraged to attend.

Again, we will begin enrolling students from our waiting list as early as January 28<sup>th</sup>. So please make sure that if you have a new student that you wish to enroll for next year, you complete a pre-registration form (waiting list form) and submit it to the front office as soon as possible.

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## HSA UPDATES

Our HSA and parent volunteers have been hard at work this holiday season—helping with fun community building events for our families and helping the greater Treasure Valley community.

In November, our Festival of Trees committee worked with our students to create a gorgeous Christmas tree that our HSA then donated to the St. Alphonsus Festival of Trees. Our tree was then auctioned off to a local organization with all proceeds going to support St. Alphonsus. Thank you to Sarah Chatel for leading this effort, and to all our wonderful parent volunteers for working so hard to provide this beautiful donation to our greater community.



In addition, our awesome HSA hospitality committee hosted a fun and festive family Christmas event this month for our students and their families—Cookies with Santa. The event was filled with Christmas spirit, including crafts, treats, movies, and visitors from the North Pole! Thank you to Chrissy Kane, Megan Marston, and all of our parent volunteers for working so hard to provide these special opportunities for the students and families in our Gray Wolf community.



## 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.*