



*Growing leaders who turn
FAITH into ACTION.*

FEBRUARY, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb 6- Wolf Den Open from 3-4pm

Feb 8- Re-enrollment deadline for 2019-2020

Feb 9- Father Daughter Dance

Feb 15- NO SCHOOL- Teacher PD Day

Feb 18- NO SCHOOL- Presidents Day

Feb 28- End of Second Semester

March 6- Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8:45 (wear Mass dress; no Mass on March 7)

March 9- Light the Way Dinner Auction

March 18-22- NO SCHOOL- Spring Break

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Ignatius Catholic School community,

MAGIS- the A is for Academics

This year our school theme is “*Magis*”. If you ask a St. Ignatius student, he or she will likely be able to tell you that *Magis* is the Latin word that means “the more” or “greater”. St. Ignatius used the concept of the *Magis* to inspire the first Jesuits to be constantly seeking ways that they could be their best in order to serve God and draw ever closer to him.

At St. Ignatius, we use the word *Magis* to remind us to be seeking our highest potential intellectually, spiritually and physically.

This month’s *Magis* focus is ***A for Academics***. Students and teachers are looking for ways we can reach our highest potential intellectually. Here are some of the ways we are encouraging students to reach their *Magis* in academics...

- Do your best work **every** time
- Redo work that isn’t high quality
- Ask questions when you don’t understand
- Look for ways to go deeper into learning
- Find things you are curious about and ask for or look up information
- Choose project topics and themes that inspire your passions
- Participate in class and in collaborative time
- Be willing to take risks, to fail, and to grow
- Avoid distractions at home and school that prevent learning and growing

The opposite of *Magis* is mediocre. At our most recent school assembly I asked students to define mediocre. They gave the answers, “laziness,” “not reaching your potential,” and “Just OK”.

It’s not OK to be just OK! At St. Ignatius we believe that our opportunity to learn is a gift from God meant to bring us closer to him, and allow us to better serve our world. Ask a St. Ignatius student this month how he or she will be avoiding mediocrity and reaching for his or her personal *Magis* in academics!

Blessings,
Andi Kane, Principal, St. Ignatius Catholic School

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

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING!

Catholic Schools Week is such an important time of year. This is a great chance for our students to stop and reflect on how fortunate they are to be receiving the gift of a Catholic education. Our parents, donors, and community make many sacrifices so that our students can receive a first class, faith based, Catholic education that focuses on growing students academically, emotionally, physically, socially, and spiritually. It is important for our students to stop and recognize how special it is to be part of this environment in which we are able to care for the whole child.

Here are just a few of the wonderful things we observed from our amazing community last week:

- Students/staff helping grow our school culture and traditions by dressing up, being creative, and having fun together with the common purpose of celebrating the tremendous gift of Catholic education
- Important time with our parent community at the Pancake Breakfast and Science Fair
- Students showing leadership and building school culture (8th grade Sentinels planning and organizing week, raising money, and budgeting for events, planning and organizing Catholic trivia, pep assembly, and Pancake Breakfast)
- Parents showing support during our teacher appreciation breakfast
- Students showing reverence at All School Mass and during assemblies

Great job to our students and staff! What a great week we had celebrating our Catholic schools!

I love my
Catholic School
because
I get to learn
how to read.

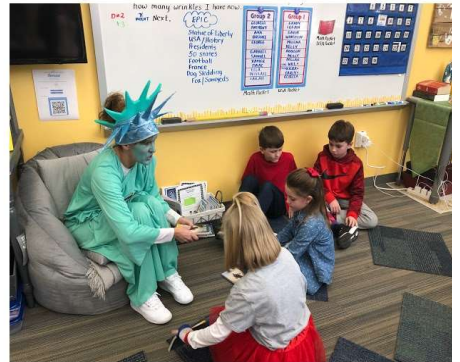
I love my
Catholic School
because we play
all together with our
Friends.

I love my
Catholic School
because of Mrs
King.



I love my
Catholic School
because we get
to learn about God.

I love my
Catholic School
because
we do fun math.



WE LOVE ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



PANCAKES & JAMMIES!



Celebration Assembly!

St. Ignatius Catholic School

Catholic Schools Week 2019

We asked our 5th graders about St. Ignatius Catholic School and they tell us that **St. Ignatius is a place where.....**



you can be proud to be Catholic

you can freely share your faith and pray at school

you can develop a religious foundation by learning about God and the Catholic faith

you are around other Catholic children

you learn Catholic morals and theology

you can grow spiritually

you can be a part of the parish community

you attend weekly Mass with the school community

you are able to form better friendships since you go to school and church together

you are able to talk about Jesus

you experience a personalized learning environment by self-selecting learning goals

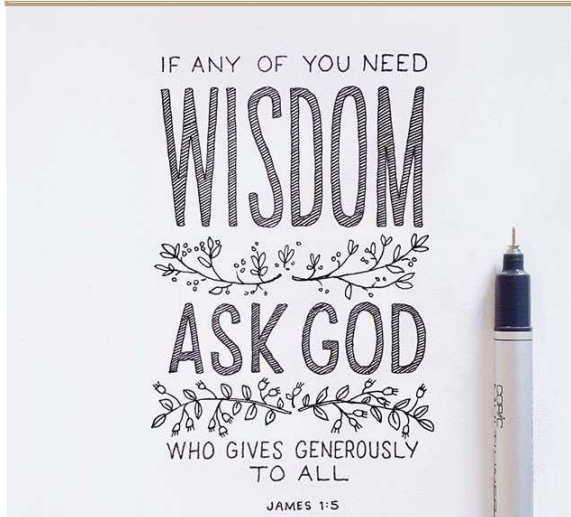
you have the opportunity to engage in a variety of extracurricular activities

students use advanced technology

You have the opportunity to participate in STEAM education

students can attend from K - 8

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.

REFLECTION: WISDOM

According to the Catholic Dictionary, Wisdom is the first and highest gifts of the Holy Spirit. It makes the soul open and responsive to God in the contemplation of Divine things. The saints advanced in their spiritual life because of the wisdom they were given by God and they knew this. We have to acknowledge that true wisdom can only be found in God and His truth. By the grace of God's holy wisdom, then we are able to see things the way God sees them. We can use this month to pray for wisdom in ourselves and in our families. Come Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom!!

1. Sundays: Come together as a family on the day of the Lord to study the Word of God. The Bible has a whole book dedicated to Wisdom! The Book of Wisdom is in the Old Testament but has some great information to be used in our times. There are some study guides online that help break down the meaning. Find a verse or two to memorize and quiz each other on!
2. 2/2- Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Since this feast falls on a Saturday, it is a perfect opportunity to have a meal around the table and discuss ways to dedicate ourselves to God and His Kingdom. Start dinner with a prayer to Jesus to bring to light ways to serve Him.
3. 2/11- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: The Mother of Jesus is still helping us today! Learn more about this Marian apparition and how it can give us strength on our Catholic journey. A novena (nine-day short prayer) of Our Lady of Lourdes can be found here <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/novena/lourdes.htm>. The prayer can be used anytime throughout the month. Coloring sheets can be used too!
4. 2/22- Feast of the Chair of St. Peter: How amazing is it to know that our first Pope was St. Peter!! Pray for Pope Francis! Learn more about who Pope Francis is and his journey of faith. FORMED has a short video about him and his life. Coloring sheets are great for this too!

"In the Sacred heart, every treasure of wisdom and knowledge is hidden"

St. Pope John Paul II

LIGHT THE WAY

Tickets sales to Light the Way are in full swing and selling fast! Don't risk missing out on purchasing a ticket! You can purchase tickets on the *Light the Way* tab of our school website!

For those of you who might be unfamiliar, Light the Way is our annual dinner auction/gala and is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Our annual budget depends on this fun and important event! More importantly, it is a great way to celebrate St. Ignatius Catholic School!

Our amazing dinner auction chairs, Mary Adcox and Nancy Mallory, and our wonderful committee members have been working so hard to make this a fun event for our community and we are so grateful for all of their tremendous efforts.

Find out more about making a donation, buying a ticket/table, advertising your business, or buying a raffle ticket for free tuition on the *Light the Way* tab of our school website!

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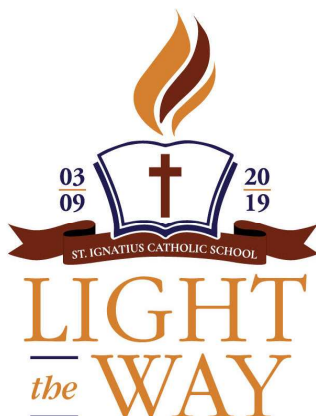
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL

St. Ignatius Dinner Auction

Saturday, March 9th, 2019 | 6 pm
THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL | 2900 CHINDEN BLVD

Enjoy Live and Silent Auctions

TICKETS ARE \$75 EACH WITH
PREMIERE TABLES FOR \$1,200

Purchase your tickets today at <https://lighttheway.maxgiving.com>

Catholic Schools Week Parish Mass



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.