

APRIL, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 11- Faith in Action Fair (Mass at 8:45 and then following Mass at SI at 9:45)

April 12- NO SCHOOL- Student-led Conferences

April 17- Spring Concert from 6:30-7:30 at SI (K-3)

April 19- Living Stations of the Cross at 12:15 at HA

April 22- NO SCHOOL- Easter Monday

April 24- Spring Concert from 6:30-7:30 at SI (4-5 & Middle School Elective)

April 25- Grandparents Day (8:45- 11:00am)

April 27- First Holy Communion @ 5pm @ Holy Apostles

May 4- Spring Soiree



*Growing leaders who turn
FAITH into ACTION.*

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Ignatius Catholic School community,

Have we changed this Lent? This is the challenge I have given our students these past five weeks. Pay attention. Listen. Ask God to work and move and grow in you. How will you be different this Easter than you were at the start of the Lenten season?

Each Monday in Lent our school gathers in the Commons to sing together and to hear the Gospel message. Then, on Friday afternoon we gather back together again to pray the Examen. At this time students are asked to look backward through their day and week, noticing the places that God was speaking to them, and being aware of the ways in which they have changed.

This past Friday, after the Examen, I asked students if they had noticed a change. My question was met with head nods and muttering tones of affirmation coming together to signify "of course we have!" from our student body. Of course, our students have changed this Lent. They have grown taller and learned new material. They have struggled through a social interaction and made headway on a sport or skill. But more, I truly believe our students have become more loving, more reverent, more determined, and more faithful.

Our students are examples to all of us of the change God hopes to see in us this Lent and always.

On Thursday, April 12th, our students will present their Faith in Action projects to our parish and school community. These projects include a range of services our students have completed including clothing drives, volunteering at shelters, drawing awareness to human injustices, creating programs to help other students or members of our community, and so much more.

Our students have completed over 200 individual service projects and ten class projects. The impact of this work on our local community is astounding!

Students have spent time reflecting on the service they completed and how it impacted their community. What our students have learned is that the impact of their service is not only outward, but inward. Our students have truly changed this Lent. We are never too young, or too old, to let God move and grow in us. I'm grateful to be surrounded by our students who serve as perfect examples of this every day.

Blessings,

Andi Kane, Principal, St. Ignatius Catholic School

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

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING!

What a great couple of months at St. Ignatius! Mrs. Kane challenged our students and faculty to focus specifically on the A in MAGIS during February—Academics—and how we could work even harder to reach our MAGIS with everything we do in our school work. We certainly saw our students meet that call to action.

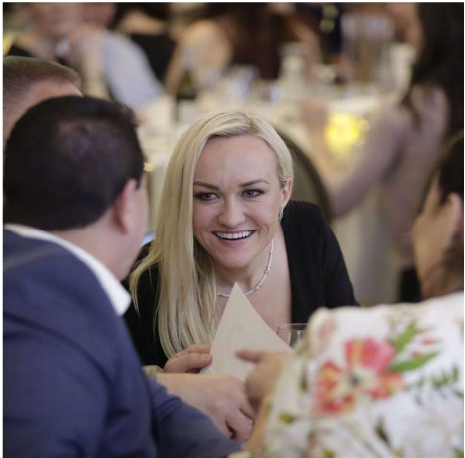
Our 6th-8th grade students completed their National History Day presentations and we were so impressed with their amazing work products. We are so proud of the students and their commitment and hard work on these projects. Thank you to all the parents who came to talk to students about their projects. Way to go Middle School!

As part of this month's focus, our teachers also hosted a Middle School Forum. It was a great way for us to communicate all the great things that we see happening in our middle school that parents don't always get a chance to hear about. Thank you to SI parent and BK principal, Mike Caldwell, who also attended the event to talk about high school preparedness and how to help our middle school students get prepared for Bishop Kelly. At this forum, our middle school teachers also unveiled their new middle school website and course catalog- both of which can be found on the "Parent Links & Docs" tab of our website. You will find great information on the website including teacher newsletters, class syllabi, classroom links, and articles.

In March and April, we are focusing on the S in MAGIS- SERVICE! Stay tuned to hear about the great service projects our students have come up with as part of our Faith in Action Service Fair. Join us on April 11 to be part of this great event!



LIGHTING THE WAY FOR ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL





Congratulations and a HUGE THANK YOU to Mary Adcox and Nancy Mallory for putting on an amazing dinner auction for our school!!! Thank you to Amy Eisele, the HSA, all the committee chairs, committee members, classroom parents, and art parents who worked so hard to support Mary and Nancy in their efforts. The auction was a fabulous celebration of our community, and we are so humbled by the support we have received from our St. Ignatius/Holy Apostles family through these tremendous auction efforts.

Thank you to everyone in our community who donated items to the auction, and thank you to everyone who supported the auction with their attendance and auction purchases.

We could not be more grateful for the support of this wonderful community! Every student who attends St. Ignatius Catholic School benefits from the money raised at this event. Our fundraising efforts allow us to keep tuition as low as possible so that we can be accessible to as many families as possible. As many of you know, some private schools in the Meridian area charge more than twice as much as our highest rate of tuition. We never want to turn away a student for financial reasons. These fundraising efforts are what help us stay accessible to so many families. **THANK YOU for Lighting the Way for our students!**

Basketball 2019



Congratulations to all of our Hallissey basketball players! Our girls team won 2nd place--a HUGE accomplishment! And each one of our teams represented us with great spirit and good sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents, students, and staff who came out and supported these players throughout the weekend. This is such an important and fun tradition for our Catholic schools throughout Idaho. The focus is on sportsmanship, comradery, and pride in Catholic education. We hope to have even more momentum and participation from our students next year!



Congratulations to all of our 5th-6th grade basketball teams who did a fantastic job playing hard and representing our school so well in the Holy Spirit Basketball Tournament! We hope to have even more students participate in this fun, community building event next year!

Congratulations, especially, to our 4th grade girls who won 2nd place in the tournament!



Hallissey & Holy Spirit Basketball!



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 partner with families to offer ideas that might help you infuse faith into more aspects of your daily lives, routines, and celebrations.

REFLECTION: VIRTUE

During this month we will be closing the Lenten season and opening the Easter season. What better way to finish one season strong and start another season stronger than allowing time to reflect on our spiritual journey so far?! Every so often, it is beneficial to step back from our busy lives and do a well-check. How are our steps toward our call to holiness going? A great way to deepen our growth is to focus on virtue. Virtue derives from the Latin root meaning, for man. As time went on, the Church has established theological and moral virtues essential to a Christian's life. These virtues are needed to gain strength, awareness, and an authentic relationship with God as our Father and Creator. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to help us in these graces.

1. **Fridays:** Fridays during Lent are a great opportunity to enter the season deeper. Participating in an extra activity such as Stations of the Cross, fasting and offering it up together, praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary are powerful meditations which can increase our understanding of Jesus' love for us. Holy Apostles as well as other parishes have some community events throughout the month. Attend one as a family.
2. **Holy Week:** Take a few minutes to reflect and discuss the life-changing events which took place during this week, years ago, while using books and Sacred Scripture. Starting with Palm Sunday and leading up to Easter Sunday! Holy Heroes Adventures has a detailed book to help families live out the week. Here is the link <https://www.holyheroes.com/Lenten-Adventure-Activity-Book-2-p/la-ab-2.htm>. There are plenty of free online activity sheets as well. FORMED has some great family-friendly videos too!
3. **Easter Sunday:** Start a meaningful Easter family tradition! Paint/color/create an Alleluia picture together, make and decorate a Paschal candle and have it blessed, plant a resurrection garden in a pot. All of these can be used in the family prayer space during the Easter season.
4. **Divine Mercy Sunday:** Mercy is something that goes beyond forgiveness. Watch a video about how our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in the 1930s explaining the transforming Divine Mercy that can only be found in Him! Add a Divine Mercy picture or statue to the family prayer space to help reflect on this beautiful gift. Pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet as a family to ask for grace to grow in mercy. The chaplet can be found here <https://www.catholicity.com/prayer/divinemeracy.html>

"HAPPINESS IS SECURED THROUGH VIRTUE: IT IS A GOOD ATTAINED BY MAN'S OWN WILL"
-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

ST. IGNATIUS SECOND TRIMESTER PATHFINDER AWARDS

Congratulations to the second trimester Pathfinder Award Recipients of St. Ignatius Catholic School.

It is our goal that in their time at St. Ignatius, students grow mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually while constantly reaching for their highest potential. This trimester we asked students to focus on 2 of these expectations- LEARNING and GROWING.

St. Ignatius students are always GROWING. They seek out opportunities to expand their minds, imaginations, feelings, and connection to God. St. Ignatius students are constantly LEARNING. They are seekers of knowledge and strive to reach their highest potential in all areas, including academics.

This trimester's Pathfinder Awards were given to students who have been great examples of these focuses of "Growing" and "Learning" during this trimester.

Way to go Gray Wolves! We are so happy to watch you LEARN and GROW!!



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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.