

St. Ignatius Catholic School

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Special Points of Interest:

- August 22: School office reopens
- August 31: Open House & Clothing Swap, 6:00-7:00 PM
- September 6: First day of school, 11:45 PM Dismissal
- September 7: Opening Mass at 8:30 AM; all are welcome
- September 11: Posen Potato Festival Parade at 1:30 PM
- September 13: PTG Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Club Room
- September 15: Rosary Club & Homework Hour Begins
- September 25: Parish Breakfast 9:00 -11:00 AM

From the Desk of the Principal, Amy Rabeau

Dear Parents,

This letter comes with a warm welcome to the 2016 – 2017 school year at St. Ignatius. As always, we begin our new school year with high expectations and a mission to develop each child to his or her fullest spiritual and academic potential. When you place your child in St. Ignatius, you as parents are aware of the great growth that your child will receive both academically and spiritually. We, as a school family worship together, pray together, watch over each other and of utmost importance, love and care for one another. Thank you for making this important investment in your child's education.

This school year we will be seeking accreditation through the Michigan Non-Public

School Accrediting Association. For this process, we must complete a self-study examining our mission and purpose, create a strategic plan for school improvement, submit annual reports documenting compliance, and complete an external evaluation by a team of public and non-public educators. The team of evaluators will be here for a two day visit on March 16 - 17. We have a lot to be proud of, and I'm looking forward to sharing our successes and learning about areas within our school that need improvement.

Our bi-annual Iggies Outdoor Science Camp for grades five through eight is scheduled for September 28 – 30. This year we will be taking the students to Wolverine Outdoor Education Center, which is

located in the Sturgeon River Valley two miles north of Wolverine, Michigan. The students from St. Joseph School in West Branch will be joining us as well. They offer a wide variety of activity choices and students are given responsibilities and challenges that promote high self-esteem, respect, and cooperation. We are looking forward to this new setting and are excited about the numerous educational activities that our students will be participating in throughout this three day camping adventure.

On behalf of our entire St. Ignatius staff, we look forward to a wonderful year building the foundation of a Christ-centered education for all our students.

Love & Prayers,

Mrs. Rabeau

Parent Teacher Guild

The first Parent Teacher Guild meeting is on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 PM in the club room. Every St. Ignatius parent or guardian is a member of the Parent Teacher Guild. All are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend monthly meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of every month. The PTG

maintains a close relationship between the home and the school, encouraging all parents to participate actively in their children's faith formation, education, and school activities. The PTG raises funds throughout the year to help enrich our children's educational environment. Their hard work and commitment for

our students and school is very much appreciated. The officers for the 2016-2017 school years are:

President: Shanna Bowden
 Vice-President: Karen Wagner
 Treasurer: Vicki Kieliszewski
 Secretary: Jane Bielas

Mass Celebration

Our weekly Mass will be on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM. The first school Mass will be on September 7th. Please join us in celebration to praise God!

Posen Potato Festival Parade

We are looking for students to ride our school float in the Posen Potato Festival Parade on Sunday, September 11 at 1:30 PM. Students will need to be dropped off at the Posen Baseball Field by 1:00 PM. Uniform attire is required and we have lots of candy to throw. Fun will be had by all and it's great advertisement for our school.

Parish Breakfast

Our first parish breakfast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Third and fourth graders are asked to provide desserts and fifth and sixth graders are asked to work. Desserts may be dropped off in the club room Sunday morning before 9:00 AM. All proceeds benefit our school.

St. Ignatius School Cash Calendar

We are excited to announce that the 2017 St. Ignatius Catholic School Cash Calendars are now available! The 2017 St. Ignatius School calendar includes all 12 months from January 2017-December 2017, and each month has four pieces of artwork done by students at the school. Once a month, 10 numbers are drawn

at the school office and the winners receive a cash prize. The first number drawn will win \$100.00, and the next nine numbers drawn will win \$25.00. After each individual winner is picked, the ticket is returned to the draw pile for the next pick. It is possible to win ten times each month, for a

total of 120 times throughout the year! If your number (attached to your calendar) is drawn, you will receive a check in the mail. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, they are on sale for \$25.00 at the Parish or School Office. Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic School!

Accelerated Reader News

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading incentive program where students read books and take quizzes to meet individual goals and earn rewards. We are very grateful to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan

for providing grants to fund this wonderful program. Last school year, our students passed quizzes on 2,158 books!

Students who score 100% on quizzes will earn tickets for raffles at the end of each marking period. There will be

another raffle at the end of the school year for students who have reached all four marking period goals. Thank you to Jane Bielas for chairing our Accelerated Reader program!

Sports News

Girl's basketball is underway! I would like to thank Paul Stempky and Samantha Hall for volunteering to coach our girls this year. If you have a child who is playing, you will need to arrange for their transportation to and from all games.

The Saints' schedule is as follows:

Aug. 30th – Away w/Hillman
 Sept. 8th – Away w/Bishop Baraga (Cheboygan)
 14th – Home w/Rogers City
 20th – Home w/Hillman
 22nd – Home w/Bishop Baraga
 Oct. 3rd – Home w/Bishop Baraga

5th – Away w/Rogers City
 12th – Home w/Posen
 17th – Away w/Bishop Baraga (Cheboygan)

*All games begin at 6:00 PM.

Good Luck Saints!

Uniform Information

At St. Ignatius School we recognize that a student's appearance reflects pride in themselves, their school, and their community. A dress code fosters a sense of community and helps provide an environment favorable for learning. Therefore, all students at St. Ignatius abide by a dress code. Pants, skirts, shorts, jumpers, capris, and shorts should be khaki or navy blue. Pants and shorts with

pockets on the legs are not permitted. This has been an area of concern in the past. Polo shirts can be white, light blue, navy blue, yellow or gold. Grey shirts are not allowed. Shirts must be free of logos or emblems, unless it is the St. Ignatius logo or name. All other dress code questions can be answered in your student handbook, which you received at orientation. Written communication may be sent

home when discrepancies are noticed regarding the uniform code. Fridays are jeans days where children may wear jeans, sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts (when the weather is appropriate), and other types of "dress-down" clothing. I cannot stress to you enough the importance of staying within the uniform guidelines, as this emphasizes the uniformity within our school family.

Lunchtime News

School lunches will be served beginning on Wednesday, September 7. The cost of hot lunch is \$2.05, which includes milk. Students who were approved for free or reduced lunches last year will remain eligible for the first month of school. New applications must be submitted for the new school year. Applications will be available at orientation. We ask that you put \$25.00 on your

child's lunch account at orientation. All checks for hot lunch need to be made out to Rogers City Schools. When the balance on your child's account is low, you will receive an email from the Rogers City Schools central office. As always, we are in need of parent volunteers to assist during the student lunch hour. Lunchtime duty is from 11:05 AM to 12:05 PM. A calendar for lunch duty

volunteers is displayed on the front counter in the school office. All families are asked to work at least three lunches. Thank you and God bless you for volunteering! All parents are encouraged to fill out a free and reduced lunch form at the beginning of the school year or throughout the course of the year if their financial status changes. This information is kept strictly confidential.

St. Ignatius School Mission Statement

St. Ignatius Catholic School will provide a Christian Education through the cooperation of our families, the primary teachers of our children. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the love of God, and Christ-like living, St. Ignatius is committed to nurturing all children through a strong formation of faith, academic excellence, and compassionate discipline.

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*The Holy Spirit
has planted the
seed of faith in the
heart of every true
child of God.*

*As teachers, we
get to cultivate
God's orchard, in
the hearts of our
students.*

Deuteronomy
32:2

What's New at St. Ignatius School?

Rosary Club

All students are invited to participate in the Rosary Club, which will meet every Thursday after school from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the school beginning on September 15. Students will learn how to make beaded Rosaries under the direction of Mrs. Carrie Wilson. The Rosaries will be sent with Father Sylvestre on his yearly trip home to Kenya. The students will find joy by making and sharing the Rosary with the world's spiritually needy.

Homework Hour

Isabelle Wilson has volunteered to provide a homework hour every Thursday after school from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the school, beginning on September 15. This is open to all students. Isabelle is in her senior year and is taking a few online courses as well as being homeschooled by her mom. She's an exceptional math student and also enjoys history. I encourage St. Ignatius students to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Muzzy

Mrs. Carrie Wilson is again volunteering her time to come into the 3rd & 4th grade classroom every Thursday at 2:05 PM to teach an introduction to the French language through the Muzzy program. Muzzy is a language course for children from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). In Muzzy, words and concepts are first introduced again and again in many new contexts. Animated stories and engaging music surround the viewer with a second language. The course should take approximately eight weeks, and she's planning on presenting similar programs to the other classrooms as well.

Direct Your Dollars Program

St. Ignatius School has the opportunity to earn \$1,000 from SpartanNash, simply by shopping at Family Fare Supermarkets. Through the Direct Your Dollars program, we can turn eligible receipts into cash for our school! Every time you shop at any Family Fare Supermarket, save your receipts. We'll be collecting them in our Direct Your Dollars boxes, located in the school office and at the entrance of the church. For every \$150,000 in receipts we collect, we will earn \$1,000 donation from SpartanNash. With your support – and your receipts – we'll be raising money to purchase books and technology equipment for our school. Start saving those receipts! We'll continue collecting them throughout the year.