

St. Ignatius Catholic School

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Special Points of Interest:

- February 3: Report Cards go home
- February 6: 2nd Grade Parent Sacrament meeting at 6:30 PM
- February 6: Harbor Nights Planning Meeting at 6:00 PM
- February 13: Junior High Youth Group 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- February 14: PTG Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Club Room
- February 17: Dismiss at 11:45 PM
- February 20: No School
- February 21: School Resumes
- February 25: Paczki Sale
- February 26: Parish Breakfast
- February 27: Girls Volleyball Away Game w/Hillman at 6:00 PM
- February 28: 2nd Grade Tour of the Church at 6:30 PM & Girls Volleyball Home Game at 6:00 PM

From the Desk of the Principal, Amy Rabeau

Dear Parents,
 St. Ignatius School is a community of faith, knowledge, and service. As we begin the 2017 National Catholic Schools Week, we embrace this theme joyfully and completely. Our school community is a close knit family embedded within the larger communities of church, city, nation, and world. Faith, knowledge, and service are keys to our plan and purpose as a Catholic school.

St. Ignatius Catholic School encourages our young people to strive for rich and fruitful lives through loving and serving God, our families, and our communities. This message will be stressed throughout the week as we

celebrate the many blessings of being part of our Catholic community.

Now, more than ever, a Catholic education is truly an investment in the future worth the consideration of every family. I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of our pastor, teachers, staff, parishioners, parents, and volunteers who make our school a great place to worship, learn, and serve. Together we pray for God's continued guidance as we educate our children in His ways and model His love to everyone we meet.

Valentine's Day will be celebrated in the classrooms on Tuesday, February 14. The children are invited to wear a red or

pink top with their dress code pants. Each class will hold special events that consist of exchanging cards and enjoying special treats. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to express our love to each other and an opportunity to be with God and let him know how much we love Him.

Love & prayers,

Mrs. Rabeau



Parent Teacher Guild

The Parent Teacher Guild will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM in the club room. All parents are encouraged to attend. This is a reminder that the PTG donates \$20.00 for the classroom with the most parents in attendance.

St. Ignatius School Mission

St. Ignatius Catholic School provides 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.

Mid-Winter Break

School will be dismissed at 11:45 AM on Friday, February 17 and there is no school on Monday, February 20. School will resume on Tuesday, February 21. Enjoy the break!

Junior High Youth Group

Attention all 6th, 7th & 8th grade students. The Jr. High Youth Group meeting date for the month of February is the 13th. The youth group meets in the Youth Ministry Room from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Come and enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship and fun! I would like to thank

Doug & Cathy Gilmet for their many years of service to this ministry for our youth.

Paczki Sale

The PTG will be holding their annual Paczki sale on Saturday, February 25. Many volunteers are needed to make this event successful. If you are willing to volunteer your time on Saturday, please call Jessica Wickersham at 734-8069. Help is also needed on Friday, Feb. 24 at 3:00

PM to mix the frosting. Please show support for your child's education by lending a hand. The apple pie sale was a huge success because of many volunteers. We need your help!

A dozen, delicious, frosted Paczki are \$9.00. Order forms will be sent home with the students

on Monday, Feb. 3 and are due on Friday, Feb. 20. I would like to thank Jessica Wickersham for chairing this event as well as Pat Zwolinski and daughters for preparing the dough.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORATORY SURVEY

The Diocese of Gaylord is conducting an exploratory survey to determine interest in and need for a Catholic High School in the Alpena area and welcome your feedback for this educational option in this area of the diocese. The proposed school would be a part of All Saints Parish and would act as an extension of the Pre-K through 8th grade

program that is already in place in Alpena.

Parents received an email directly from Frank Sander, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, this past week, which contained a direct link to the survey. The link to the survey will also be available at www.dioceseofgaylord.org by clicking on the banner entitled **Catholic High**

School Exploratory Survey. Paper copies of the survey will also be accepted and are available in the school office. The survey window will be open from **January 29 through February 14, 2017.** Questions may be directed to Frank Sander, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, 989.732.5147 ext. 3518.

14th Annual Harbor Nights Fundraiser

St. Ignatius Harbor Nights is scheduled for Saturday, April 22. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6 at 6:00 PM in Mrs. Gilmet's room. If you have any suggestions or would

like to be more active in the planning of this event, please attend the meeting. This is a fun night of dinner, auction, and fellowship. Tickets are \$25.00 each and will be on sale in the school and parish office

beginning in March. ***We are accepting new donations for the auction at any time. We hope that your generosity will continue.***

Good News for the Nation

Catholic Schools Are Thriving. Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. While some Catholic schools are challenged by declining enrollments and school closures, the good news is that there is a strong demand and enthusiasm for Catholic schools. Thirty-two

percent of Catholic schools have waiting lists for admission and new schools are opening across the country. This infographic shares facts and figures about the ongoing excellence and promise of growth represented in our country's Catholic schools.

There are over 6,500 Catholic Schools in our country today (18 in our diocese).

99% of our students graduate from high school compared to about 78% of public school children.

The average classroom has about 14 students in it for every one teacher.

Over 98% of our graduates go on to college. About 75% of our graduates get into their first choice of college or university.

Almost 100% of students at our schools participate in some kind of service learning opportunity while in school.

Catholic School graduates are more likely to attend Mass, be married in the church, and have their children baptized than those parishioners who do not graduate from Catholic Schools.

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St. Ignatius Cash Calendar January Winners

\$100.00

Sharon Meredith

\$25.00

Eleanor Mina
Chuck Kieliszewski
Joe Brewbaker
Shannon Saile
John & Mary McLean
Brian Bannasch
Josh Paiva
Harry Waldie
Lois Watson

Lunchtime News

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. Please remember to sign the sheet of paper on the clipboard by the calendar so you will

be given proper credit. Thank you and God bless you for volunteering!

All checks for hot lunch need to be made out to Rogers City Schools. When your child's account is low, you will receive an email from the public school. 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.

Protection of Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Gaylord is committed to the safety and protection of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. Victims of abuse are encouraged to contact the diocese by calling 800.727.5147 extension 3534 or 989.705.3534.

Individuals may also contact their local office of Michigan Department of Human Services. For more information on Diocesan policies and procedures for reporting abuse as well as to view the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please go to

<http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org/child-protection-policy-208/>



