

# St. Ignatius Catholic School

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**Special Points of Interest:**

- February 7: Junior High Youth Group  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- February 12: Girls Volleyball Away  
game w/Bishop Baraga at 6:00 PM
- February 13: PTG Meeting at 6:30 PM  
in the Club Room
- February 15: Girls Volleyball Home  
Game w/Rogers City
- February 16: Dismiss at 11:45 PM
- February 19: No School
- February 20: School Resumes & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Grade Tour of the Church at 6:30 PM
- February 21: Junior High Youth Group  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- February 22: Girls Volleyball Home  
Game w/Hillman
- February 25: Parish Breakfast
- February 26: Harbor Nights Planning  
Meeting at 6:00 PM
- February 27: Girls Volleyball Home  
Game w/Rogers City at 6:00 PM

## From the Desk of the Principal, Amy Rabeau

Dear Parents,  
 “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

At St. Ignatius we encourage 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 13. 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.

Love & prayers,

*Mrs. Rabeau*



### Parent Teacher Guild

The Parent Teacher Guild will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 13 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.

### Pam's Pantry Fundraiser

*The Paczki sale for this year has been cancelled, so the Parent Teacher Guild is having a Pam's Pantry Gourmet Dips fundraiser. Order forms will be sent home on Monday February 26. The cost is \$4 per packet and the PTG earns a 50% profit. Products will be delivered the week of April 19. Please make checks payable to St. Ignatius PTG.*

### Mid-Winter Break

School will be dismissed at 11:45 AM on Friday, February 16 and there is no school on Monday, February 19. School will resume on Tuesday, February 20. Enjoy the break!

### Saints Volleyball

Girls Volleyball is underway! The games are listed on the school calendar.

Please come and support our athletes. I would like to thank coach Shanna Bowden for her dedication to our girls!

### Junior High Youth Group

Attention all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Jr. High Youth Group meeting dates for the month of February are the 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. The youth group meets in the Youth Ministry Room from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Come and enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship and fun!

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, February 14 marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a forty-day season in preparation for Easter. The Bible tells us how Jesus fasted and was tempted in the wilderness for forty days in preparation for His public ministry that would end in His death and resurrection. The church sets aside the forty days of Lent, so that we might imitate Our Lord through fasting, prayer, and good works to prepare

ourselves for an Easter renewal. During the Lenten season, the children will be following the Way of The Cross every Friday at 2:10 PM in the church. The 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will take turns leading us through this prayer. Parents and parishioners are welcome to attend. Each family will receive a cardboard Rice Bowl on Ash Wednesday. Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action program

that helps students and families experience Lenten spirituality by helping people in need around the world. Seventy-five percent of the contributions go to CRS to support development programs that help families and communities overcome the challenges of hunger and poverty and twenty-five percent remains in our Diocese. **The Rice Bowls are due the week of April 2.**

## Potential Kindergarten/Young 5's Exploratory Survey

St. Ignatius School is conducting an exploratory survey to determine interest in and need for a Kindergarten/Young 5's program and welcomes your feedback for this educational option in our school. The proposed program would act as an extension of the 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade program that is already in place. Parents will receive an

email directly from our office which contains a direct link to the survey. The link to the survey will also be available at [www.stignatiusparishschool.com](http://www.stignatiusparishschool.com) by clicking on the banner entitled **Kindergarten/Young 5's Exploratory Survey**. Paper copies of the survey will also be accepted and will be sent home with the students. The survey window will be open from **February 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**. Questions may be directed to principal Amy

Rabeau or the school secretary Pam Bullock. We are very excited about this potential new addition to our wonderful Catholic school.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Harbor Nights Fundraiser

St. Ignatius Harbor Nights is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26 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. Alcoholic beverages cannot be accepted. 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**

Jerry Purgiel

**\$25.00**

Chuck Tosch  
Alec Brietzke  
Amy Lafferty  
Megan Przybyla  
Bud Hulewicz  
Scott Bannasch  
Jeff Marshall  
Jane Momrik  
Suzanne Bilger



## 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.

## *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.*

*Sunday Breakfast at  
St. Ignatius School on  
February 25 from  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM*

*Menu includes:*

*Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Browns,  
Pancakes, Homemade Breakfast Sweets, Fruit,  
Coffee, Orange Juice, & Milk*

*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are asked to provide desserts &  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders are required to work for this breakfast*

*All proceeds will benefit St. Ignatius School.*

*Thank you Mr. Darga!*

# *Living Saints “Wax Museum”*

*Presented by the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders*

*Wednesday, Jan. 31*

*9:30 AM – 11:00 AM*



*All the money  
collected will  
be donated to  
Baraga  
Broadcasting!*

*The students will  
be stationed  
throughout the  
hallways of our  
school.*

*Please bring  
quarters to place  
in the coin  
holders to bring  
the saints to life!*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**