

For all that has been, thanks. For all that shall be, yes.

Dag Hammarskjold, former U.N. Secretary General

Dear Saint Ignatius Community,

Greetings and Happy Easter. I hope the Easter Season finds your faith renewed and refreshed. With the recent passing of Pope Francis and election of Pope Leo XIV, this month is a time for us to reflect on the work accomplished by Pope Francis and look forward, with renewed hope, to the future of our Church. And at Saint Ignatius Parish School in Sacramento, we, too, take this time to give thanks and look toward the future. I want to share the work of our Catholic School Advisory Commission (CSAC) this year as we celebrate work accomplished and look forward to the work still to come.

First, a brief word about CSAC, a diocesan-mandated advisory board that works with the school administration and the pastor to advise on areas of school policy and promote the mission of the school. CSAC's purpose is to advise our school's Pastor (Fr. Tom Lucas, S.J.) and Principal (Mrs. Patty Lane) regarding the operation of St. Ignatius Parish School. CSAC members agree to use their talents, gifts, and insights for the common good of the community to promote the mission and goals of Catholic Education. The school Principal works interactively with CSAC to fulfill the CSAC's objectives and responsibilities in promoting the school's Catholic Identity, Parent Engagement, Strategic Planning, Facilities, Marketing, and Development activities. You can read more about CSAC on the School's website.

<https://www.stignatiusschool.org/post/catholic-school-advisory-commission>

We work in several different areas, and I'd like to briefly report on our progress this year.

Annual Fund

Erin Weeden and Joe Hunt assisted our Director of Advancement, Deb Russell, for our 2024-25 Annual Fund. They have been busy coordinating the collection and reporting of your Annual Fund contributions throughout the year, but more importantly informing the school community about the Annual Fund's purpose and how it benefits our students.

As of April 2, 2025, the Annual Fund shows a total collection of \$167,540, as compared to \$141,663 collected around this time last year. School-family participation in this year's Annual Fund is at 67%, with the rates of participation for each class as follows:

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54%	72%	81%	74%	77%	54%	74%	83%	62%	61%

Of course, we would all love to see all school families participate in the Annual Fund. Remember that your Annual Fund contribution supports aides in all the classrooms, technology, art, advanced math, primary and upper science, Spanish, and physical education. This would not be possible without the Annual Fund!

Marketing/Communications

Our Marketing and Communications Team, led by **Barbara Ching** and **Jenniffer MacDonald**, developed excellent material that promoted our school. They finalized the 2023-24 Annual Report and began initial drafting of the 2024-25 Annual Report theme selection and writing. They finalized the St. Ignatius School Editorial Style Guide and Writer's Tips that will be a useful guide for future communications and marketing. They supported testing and launch of the new school app. They wrote and coordinated seasonal School Happenings articles for the parish bulletin to ensure more efficient school and parish communications. Finally, they reviewed and advised on potential marketing materials to be used in our admission's process for our upper grades.

Catholicity/Mission Effectiveness

Anna-Marie Stouder led our mission effectiveness efforts to enhance our faith for our parent community. She led the effort to establish a new Parent Club committee called Caritas. The Caritas Committee helps school families in crisis by providing prayer, support, meals, and other areas of assistance. We also involved parents and families in our liturgical celebrations, including parents and students assisting with the washing of the feet at the Holy Thursday liturgy.

Facilities/Security

Led by **Alex Carl**, our team helps ensure we continue to have a beautiful school to support the education of our children and future students in the years to come. Our team has assisted in getting needed repairs done, evaluating new maintenance contracts, and working towards a comprehensive maintenance plan and budget as part of the strategic plan update. We are also looking to add opportunities for volunteer work, benefitting the school by offering more volunteer options as well as reducing maintenance costs.

Finance, Staffing, and Strategic Plan

I also want to thank **Michael Stovall** for providing monthly updates from the parish Finance Council, **Lisa Hilton** for keeping us up to date on curriculum, enrollment, and staffing, and **William Corns** for working to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the school.

Special Thank You's

We appreciate **Barbara Ching** and **Kendall Skillicorn**, Parent Club Vice-Presidents, for being our liaison with Parent Club. We thank our Vice Principal, **Katrena Paine**, for her insights and soliciting CSAC's input on important issues affecting our school. And we thank **Father Tom Lucas, S.J.** for leading us in prayer every meeting and for all his efforts to lead our parish and school.

Gratitude for our Retiring Staff Members

As we close the 24-25 school year, we will say goodbye to several staff members who have left an indelible mark on the fabric of Saint Ignatius. **Judy Yandell, Pat Friesen, and Deb Russell** have served our community with love, and we are grateful for their service to our children, to us as parents, and to the whole Saint Ignatius community. We wish them a joyful retirement,

And we will say goodbye to our principal. For 25 years, **Patty Lane** served as principal of our school community. She oversaw the education of hundreds of students, the building of a beautiful new school building, the recruitment of an exceptional staff, and countless other accomplishments. She guided a school that is a shining example of Catholic education at a time when many Catholic schools are struggling to stay open. Thank you, Patty, for your leadership and the love you have shown our children. We wish you peace and joy in your retirement.

For all that will be . . .

We also want to congratulate **Paula Romo**, who will become our new Principal in July. We pray for Paula and Father Tom as they lead our school community in the coming year. And we congratulate our new CSAC members for the 2025-26 school year:

President: **William Corns**

Vice President: **Erin Weeden**

Mission Effectiveness: **Anna-Marie Stouder**

Annual Fund: **Erin Weeden and Mark Gallo**

Finance: **Kevin Ahern**

Communications/Marketing: **Susan Siravo and Jenniffer MacDonald**

Facilities: **Alex Carl**

Member at Large: **Julianne Hobin**

Parent Club VP's: **Anne Cordisco and Fallon Neuvert**

It has been an honor to serve as President of CSAC this year. Know I will continue to pray for CSAC, our administration, and our school community in the new school year.

Your brother in Christ,

Mike Fazio

CSAC President