

St. Ignatius School Parent Club Meeting



September 9, 2026

6 – 7 pm

Garden Room

St. Ignatius Parish School is a faith community grounded on Jesuit principles, which cultivates excellence in mind, body, and spirit, sending forth students for and with others.

Contact Information: siparentclub@gmail.com

Opening Prayer

6:04 p.m. official start time.

S.I. School Staff Reports

- **Pastor's Report: Father Tom**
 - **Catechetical Sunday will be September 20 at 9:30 a.m.**
 - **The Parish Fall Festival will follow Mass from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and will include booths, lunch, games, and a performance by the Jesuit Jazz Band.**

6:04 beginning

Our father prayer.

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 - **The Parish Fall Festival, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. will be held in the school lunch area. This will include booths, a Knights of Columbus BBQ, cake walk, lunch,**

games, and a performance by the Jesuit Jazz Band.

- **Principal's Report:** Paula Romo

Over the summer, Paula and three teachers attended a conference in Los Angeles using Title funds for professional development. The conference provided practical strategies for teaching all types of learners.

- An MTSS committee has been established on campus.
- New eighth-grade enrichment courses include music, studio art, and stock market and financial literacy. Students will take one enrichment class each trimester.
- The TK program has been expanded to include an optional after-school enrichment program.
- Science has been added for Kindergarten.
- The eighth-grade retreat was held last week at the Jesuit Retreat Center. This is a longstanding tradition focused on leadership and unity among the eighth-grade students.
- Each 8th class has a motto and Mindset Mentors.
- Student Council proposed adding a prayer box in the school office. Students can submit their own prayers, and selected students will have the opportunity to read their prayers at Mass.
- This is an accreditation year. The school will review its programs and goals and participate in panel discussions and parent interviews to assess how it is doing as a school. Next year will be the official visiting year, when the accreditation team will evaluate the school's report.
- Arlene Goligowski shared her gratitude for a successful Annual Fund Week. Participation was strong, and she thanked everyone for helping make last week's drive successful.

Beautification Day- Dan Peterson

The maintenance team converted four HVAC units to heat pumps, allowing the Parish Center to move away from gas. Approximately half of the HVAC systems now run on electricity, with significant discounts available through SMUD.

- Dan would like to organize a Beautification Day at St. Ignatius to help improve the appearance of the school. Projects may include paint touch-ups, baseboard repairs, weed removal, and spreading bark.
- A date will be selected, and community members will be invited to help by volunteering or donating needed materials.

- **Faculty Liaison Report:** Cachele Thompson

- **Parish Liaison:** Michelle Wyatt

Parish Fest. - 9:30 mass 10 - 2 parish fest. Backpack mailers will go home next week and start appearing on the school news starting September 10th.

New staffers:

- Fr. Dennis Marzan will run our *Young Adult Ministry* and Madison Winn will be our new *Children's Faith Formation* coordinator.
- New Family Movie Night - once a month. First movie night will be on October 3rd. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6:45 p.m.. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided. The movie showing will be Cabrini.
- This year there is an emphasis on growing our children, family, and young adult ministries. Goal: to start a high school youth group after we launch our children's faith formation. Stay tuned for more information.

- **Campus & Facilities:** David Hills

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- Chairs planning a major event must submit security requests at least 30 days in advance. Event chairs should confirm that all security and facility needs have been coordinated.

Caritas Team: Anna-Marie Stouder, Ali Byers, Angela Harger, Katie Carl

- Email: StCaritasTeam@gmail.com

Anna-Marie explained that Caritas is a Parent Club committee created to support school families during times of loss or other significant need. Support may include meal trains, cleaning services, and prayer services.

- The committee is looking for additional volunteers.
- More information, including contacts for specific volunteer roles such as meal-train coordinator, is available in the St. Ignatius app.
- Parent Club suggested adding postpartum support as another area in which Caritas could assist families.

Executive Committee Reports

- **Co-Presidents' Report:** Anne Cordisco and Fallon Neuvert
 - Welcome & Meeting Overview

Meetings will be held on Wednesdays rather than Tuesdays this year.

- Three meetings will be held in the morning. Because of Tuesday Mass, the parent club meetings moved to Wednesdays. The board will evaluate whether morning meetings work well depending on attendance.
- Please check the school calendar for meeting dates and times.
- All meetings will be held in the Garden Room. Zoom will not be offered, as in-person attendance is encouraged so everyone can come together as a community.

- Parent Club Sponsorship Update

Sponsorships are going well, and three new sponsors have been added this year.

- September 15 is the deadline for sponsors who would like their names included on the Fun Run shirt.

- Check Request Update

Class funds will be handled differently this year and will now be processed through FACTS.

- Room parents must submit reimbursement forms. There are two different forms: one for room-parent expenses and one for event expenses. Please make sure the correct form is used.

- Major Fundraising Hours Reporting Reminders

Please be patient while fundraising hours are entered. There is no self-reporting for hours completed at a major fundraising event. The event chair will record those hours.

- A Google Form will be completed and submitted to the appropriate event chair.
- Annual Fund participation will be handled similarly. The \$250 credit for one hour will be reflected by the end of the year.
- Regular volunteer hours may still be self-reported. Hours from opportunities booked through Helper Helper will be recorded through the platform.
- Some activities, such as driving for a field trip, may need to be self-reported. If an activity has an event chair, hours must be submitted through that chair.

- Sees Candy/Charleston Wrap

Details are being finalized. The fundraiser will likely run from early November through early December.

- See's Candy sales will be offered for Christmas and Easter, but not Valentine's Day.

- Skate Night Returning

Skate Night will be held Thursday, November 19.

- Admission is \$7 per skater. Non-skaters do not need to pay.
- Skate helpers are available for an additional cost.
- The snack bar, admission, and skate helpers are cash only.

New events being considered include a Sacramento Kings game, Sacramento River Cats game, and Sacramento Republic FC game

- **Co-Vice Presidents' Report:** Dana Falvey and Jen Gallo
 - Catholic School Advisory Council/Commission (CSAC) Report
 - CSAC is an advisory board that works with school administration and the parish. Its current focus is accreditation, which includes several additional meetings.
 - CSAC will meet quarterly rather than monthly.
 - Jen and Dana will serve as liaisons between Parent Club and CSAC.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Adrienne Adams

Last year's fundraising goal was \$301,000, and the Parent Club raised \$306,000.

- \$3,548.61 was collected in August.
- Caritas: \$2,000.
- Sponsorships: \$16,500.
- Expenses must be submitted within 60 days of an event. Please save all invoices and original receipts.

Parent Club Board Member Reports

- **Social Media Coordinator:** Emilia Zuolaga
- **Communication Coordinator:** Nikki Le
 - Email: sicommunicationscoordinator@gmail.com

Requests for inclusion in the school news must be submitted at least three days in advance.

- If submitting a graphic or flyer, accompanying text must also be provided.
- Please use the communications email address rather than Nikki's personal email.
- Chairs may request that an announcement run more than once, but please be specific with when and how often.

Major Fundraising Event Chair Reports

- **Amazing Grapes:** Barbara Ching and Kendall Skillicorn

- Saturday, October 17, 2026
- Amazing Grapes is the first of the school's three major fundraising events.
- Early-bird tickets are currently \$65 and will increase to \$85 on September 18th.
- Early Access is now called "First Pour." First Pour tickets are currently discounted, but will also increase in price.
- The seven-piece band, Popular Demand, will provide live entertainment.
- YETI items will return this year in three styles. They will feature the school logo and say "St. Ignatius," rather than "St. Ignatius Parish School." Items will be available for pre-order.
- Returning Sign-Up Parties and several new offerings will be available. New parties include Mother-Daughter Sports Night, Mother-Son Silent Disco, Margaritas and Mahjong, and Braids and Brews.
- A live artist will create a watercolor painting of the school and church during the event. Raffle tickets for the artwork will be \$10 each.
- A photo booth will be available.
- Returning favorites include First Pour, with Canon sponsoring the food; the Champs Bar; Beer and Brats; and Jell-O shots.
- Sponsorship and donation opportunities are still available.
- Approximately 70 volunteer opportunities will be posted on Saturday, September 12th. Anyone needing additional volunteer hours should contact the event chairs as there is always a need for more help.

Family Fun Event Chair Reports

- **Mother/Son Wiffle Ball:** Sandra Keszthelyi, McClina Woods, Heather Chappell
 - Saturday, September 26

Purchase tickets early so the chairs can create the tournament brackets.

- Everyone is welcome, and there is no age restriction.
- Hats will remain available for purchase through Friday.

- **Grandparents and Special Friends Day:** Erin Biondi, Katie Chandler, & Erika Green
 - Friday, October 2

- The event will run from 8:00 - 11:45 a.m.
- An optional coffee-and-donuts reception will be held from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
- Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- After Mass, guests of students in TK- 8th grade may visit classrooms. All guests may participate in the outdoor activities.
- Invitations for students in Preschool - 8th grade will be emailed to parents this week

or next. No postcards will be mailed this year.

- Following the meeting, it was confirmed with Paula and Cachele that Preschool students may attend Mass and outdoor activities with their grandparents or special friends; however, the Preschool classroom will be closed to visitors.

- **Spooktacular:** Toni Manduca and Camille Runnels
 - Friday, October 30

Toph Buzzard will return.

- The event will include raffle baskets, numerous activities, pizza, adult beverages, a dessert bar, and glow items.
- The chairs are also working on several new activities for the event.

Parent Club Events Chair Reports

- **Room Parents and Trunk or Treat:** Kristen Vathis, Stephanie Byers, and Evelyn Wilder
 - Friday, October 30

Trunk or Treat will begin at 10:20 a.m.

- There are no major changes planned for this year.
- October 30th will also be a minimum day.

Parent Club Fundraisers Chair Reports

- **Christmas Plates:** Amy Becker

Flyers will go out Tuesday, and ordering will remain open through October 6.

- Room parents should coordinate with teachers to ensure that students complete their designs. Volunteers may be needed to assist.
- Each student's full name, first and last, must be written on the design sheet. Including student names on the plates is extremely helpful when organizing and distributing the finished plates.
- Please follow all directions carefully.

- **Tiger Den:** Alcidia Hogan and Mishaela Royball

Tiger Den will be open by the Parish Festival date.

Community Partnerships Fundraisers: Jackie Malhotra and Kelly Sacconi

- October: Bella Bru fundraiser.
- The Lyon Village Shopping Day will take place during the first week of December. Participating businesses will include Puddles, Yo-Yo, and the new mother-daughter boutique Moni Mia.
- Raising Canes fundraiser in February.

- 500° Pizza fundraiser during the spring baseball season.
- All proceeds from these community shopping and dining events will benefit the Caritas program.

Additional Information:

September 15: Fun Run shirt-design contest entries are due.

- Picture Day went well and had several parent volunteers. Picture retakes will be offered in October for anyone who is unhappy with their child's original photo.

New Business

- more to come

Closing Prayer