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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam
For the Greater Glory of God

~Mission Statement 2014~

St. Ignatius Parish School is a Roman Catholic Elementary School that actively strives to teach as Jesus taught. In the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the educational processes of St. Ignatius School are committed to developing students of faith, action, integrity, thought, and health. Grounded in Ignatian spiritual tradition that integrates the shared faith and values into the life and culture of the community, St. Ignatius Parish School provides a comprehensive Catholic educational experience for all its families.

Dear St. Ignatius School Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

With a grateful heart, we welcome our new and returning families for the 2014-2015 school-year. Our lives are enriched by the opportunity to work with your children in a faith environment that surrounds us with daily blessings. Above you will see our school mission statement. As the primary educator of your child, we enter this year together with great hopes and desires...our goal as always is to educate the whole child. We want the children to do their best academically, but more importantly to be,

“BOYS AND GIRLS FOR AND WITH OTHERS!”

The time is here! It is an exciting time especially for those new families who will be joining our St. Ignatius community for the very first time. This past summer has been one of the busiest that I can remember...and that is because our summer school was filled with children from our own SI community and across the diocese, as well as the time that our staff has spent preparing for the new-year. Parish leadership, new families, new staff, combined with our present community, offer a formula for success. We look forward to seeing everyone on that first day, Aug. 19 at 8:00am.

Parent Club, Advisory Council, Advancement Committee, and our Athletic Committee are just a few of the groups that have already begun meeting. Work in the classroom has been long underway as we prepare curriculum to challenge and inspire your children. Father Mike has set the schedule for the weekly visits by our parish priests to the classrooms, school masses have been scheduled, in-services/field trips already on the calendar....we are beginning the year, off and running....

One of the most important things you should do immediately is set the school's website on your favorite bar. Checking this site often will lessen the need for phone calls to the office. The calendar, hot lunch order forms/menu, athletics, faculty/staff contact information, the handbook, parent club fundraisers/forms, and even your child's classroom website will assist you throughout the year.

**As we add to our activities,
please check the calendar and school website on a regular basis.
www.stignatiussacschool.org**

Because many parents inquire about school and classroom needs, I have asked the classroom teachers to please include a wish list on their classroom website. If you would like to donate an item, please do so and then let Deb Russell, our Director of Annual Fund know, and then we can credit you and provide a tax receipt for your records.

On our website, you will currently find information on our first community get together for Movie Night on Friday Aug. 22nd. We are looking for volunteers and could use your help. We also have the annual Amazing Grapes on Saturday, Sept. 6th. We are celebrating our 60th year and look forward to an incredible evening with everyone. Alum are encouraged to attend and to reminisce about our storied past and hear about the future and our upcoming Capital Campaign hopes and dreams...as we take our children into the future.

Our educational ministry would not be possible without the leadership of our pastor, Fr. Mike and the commitment of our parish priests, Fr. Art, Fr. Phil, and Fr. Jerry. We look forward to another wonderful year working with them as we bring the good news to our children.

A few reminders:

All parents who would like to volunteer to help at school or drive on a field trip MUST have a fingerprint clearance on file in the school office. Once you have this done you do not need to do it again. Please check the Parent Student Handbook for specific information. There will be no exceptions. (handbook can be found at www.stignatiussacschool.org)

All parents who would like to volunteer to help at school or drive on a field trip must complete the Safe Environment Course at www.shieldthevulnerable.org You can find specific information in the Parent Student Handbook. This course take about 45 minutes to complete and you must present your Certificate of Completion to the school office. There will be no exceptions. (handbook can be found at www.stignatiussacschool.org)

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, August 17

10:30-11:00am

6:30pm

Mini Open House Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Classrooms
New Parent Social 3750 Random Lane

Tuesday, August 19th

8:00-11:45am

First Day of School

Coffee and Donuts 8am-9am PC Garden Room

Thursday, August 21st

5:30-6:15pm

Mandatory Athletic Meeting for 5th grade parents and new parents whose children will be participating in PAL athletics for the school year. **RETURNING FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED LAST YEAR ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND.** Meeting will be in the PC Garden Room

6:30-8:30pm

Back to School Night. **ADULT ONLY EVENING.** Begins in the Parish Center promptly at 6:30pm. This is a very important evening to hear your child's teacher share his/her classroom procedures and expectations for the school year. Important information will be provided.

Friday, Aug. 22

5:30pm-9pm

Movie Night at St. Ignatius! A great family night to spend as a community. See the website for more information.

Tuesday, Aug. 26**8:30am**

Student Council Speeches in the PC followed by the election

Wednesday, Aug. 27**1pm-5pm**

Diocesan Student Council Congress Workshop –officers will attend

Friday, Aug. 29**9am**

Mass of the Holy Spirit 9am (K & 6th) followed by Student Council Installation, and a reception for K & 6 families

Tuesday, Sept. 2**5:30pm**

Athletic Committee Meeting in Faculty Room. All parents are welcome to join the athletic committee. For more information contact our Athletic Director, Cathy Edwards at cedwards@stignatiussac.org We are always looking for volunteers to help with all facets of league nights, snack bar responsibility, equipment and uniform managers, tracking of hours, etc..... We also host tournaments throughout the year. This is a great way to earn your athletic hours (if necessary) AND regular parent hours. You do not have to have a child that plays PAL in order to volunteer.

Thursday, Sept 4**All day**

SCHOOL PICTURES. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN FORMAL UNIFORM ATTIRE FOR PICTURES ONLY.

6:30pm

Catholic School Advisory Commission Meeting (CSAC) in faculty room

Saturday, Sept. 6**6pm**Amazing Grapes! Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Ignatius School!

Join us for a fun-filled evening with friends while enjoying some of California's best wines and beers, sampling delicious appetizers from fine local restaurants, and bidding in the silent auction for terrific experiences taking place throughout Northern California. You won't want to miss the festivities as we gather to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Ignatius School! Online registration available <https://stignatius.webconnex.com/grapes14>.

Amazing Grapes, special message to our alum..... We would love to have all St. Ignatius Alumni and former teachers join us at the celebration! Prior to the start of Amazing Grapes a special reception will be held for former SI students and teachers, where friends can reconnect and reminisce. Information and special registration for Alumni can be found [here](#). Online registration available for alumni at <https://stignatius.webconnex.com/grapesalum14>.

Welcome to our new St. Ignatius Staff Members

Bob Christensen-Computers TK-8th Grade / Tech Support

Mr. Christensen earned his Bachelor's in Recreation from San Francisco State University and his Masters in eBusiness Management from Notre Dame de Namur University and has over 17 years of working in Catholic Schools. From 1997-2005 Mr. Christensen taught Computer Applications and PE/Health at Junipero Serra High School. From 2006-2009 he was a Computer Instructor for the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. From 2009-2013 he was the Academic Technology Specialist, Teacher, Webmaster, and Basketball coach at St. Francis High School. In 2012, Mr. Christenson began work as a consultant as the Ed Tech Coach, specifically with Professional Development for teachers. He has also worked with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt as a Content Specialist Consultant. Besides teaching and curriculum support on 1:1 initiatives, Mr. Christensen has extensive experience in teacher training and Common Core instruction, academic side-set up and implementation of policies, procedures, integration, support orientation, instruction, evaluation, professional development, and student help desk. He is a Google Certified Teacher. Mr. Christensen and his wife live in El Dorado Hills, and his daughter just graduated from Holy Trinity. Mr. Christensen enjoys anything with sports, and has coached high school basketball for 21 years and is currently a Varsity Basketball Coach at Oak Ridge High School and the co-director of the All Net Basketball Club.

Molly Frandrup – Classroom Aide 5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Frandrup earned her B.A. in Child development from Sacramento State and her Masters in Teaching from USF. She has been working within the diocese for close to ten years (first at Sacred Heart and then at St. Mary's). Mrs. Frandrup has been a nanny and has tutored for a few of the students at Sacred Heart. From the age of 4 to 24 she used to do Irish Dancing for the Whelan-Kennelly School. Mrs. Frandrup also played competitive soccer for Sac United and Greenhaven. Outside of work, Mrs. Frandrup likes to read books, play with her son, spend time with her family, and root for the Giants.

Jen Hammel-Science 5th- 8th Grade

Ms. Hammel earned her B.A. from Santa Clara University and her Multiple Subject/Clear CLAD Credential from San Jose State University. Ms. Hammel was the recipient of the American Society for Microbiology (undergraduate research fellowship) during the summer of 2005. She has taught at Aspire

Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento since 2006. Ms. Hammel grew up in Sacramento and went to St. Ignatius for grades 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. She also went to Sierra Oaks Elementary, Arden Middle School, and Loretto High School. Her hobbies and interests are traveling, where she has circumnavigated the globe and has been to over 15 countries, reading (every genre!), scrapbooking (wait till you see her classroom), working out, knitting, swimming, and playing with my dog, Squishy! Ms. Hammel's parents are St. Ignatius parishioners. Her sister is a pediatrician in Elk Grove (and an SI alumni), and her brothers all live out of town but they see each other as much as possible with their families and busy lives. Ms. Hammel is very close to her nieces and nephew. She has expressed that she is eagerly anticipating this new adventure of teaching my favorite subject, Science, full time! "I look forward to involving our SI families as much as possible in the classroom, on field trips and with their child's educational advancement. It's going to be a great year!"

Erin McGraw

Ms. McGraw is returning back to St. Ignatius, from St. Patrick's Academy, to be our 7th/8th ELA aide as well as our Religion teacher for 7th grade. Ms. McGraw earned her B.A. in History from University of California, Berkeley, M.A. in History from California State University, Sacramento, and her Single Subject Credential in English and Social Studies as well as her M.A. in Teaching from the University of San Francisco. Ms. McGraw just completed her first year of teaching at St. Patrick Academy, where she taught fourth grade, as well as 6th/7th History. From 2008-June 2013, Ms. McGraw had been a classroom aide at St. Ignatius. Ms. McGraw loves reading, traveling, and spending time with her corgi, "Berkeley."

Mary Pons-Librarian

Mrs. Pons earned her B.A. from Washington State University. She has worked as an Administrative Assistant at Kingsley Bogard LLP and for Gerry Kamilos, LLC. Mrs. Pons has also served as a Legal Assistant at Dahl Law Attorneys at Law. Mrs. Pons has been the librarian at Presentation Catholic School where she was responsible for providing opportunities for reading development, purchasing and coordinating the library and all that entails, providing curriculum support to the teachers, coordinated the Scholastic Book Fair, all while working with parents and various volunteers. Mrs. Pons enjoys time with her husband and weekend trips visiting her children in San Francisco. (son attended Jesuit and her daughter attended St. Francis). Mrs. Pons also enjoys gardening, cooking, traveling, and is an active member of St. Mel's Parish in Fair Oaks.

Thomas Roybal - Classroom Aide 1st Grade

Mr. Roybal earned his B.S. in Kinesiology with an emphasis on Physical Education from California State University, Sacramento, where he also earned his single subject Physical Education Teaching Credential for grades k-12. Mr. Roybal has coached Track & Field at Christian Brothers High School, and has tutored students in elementary school in math, reading, and science. Mr. Roybal loves sports especially basketball, ultimate Frisbee, and rode biking. He plays guitar, enjoys listening to music, studying German, collecting raw denim and cooking. Mr. Roybal is a huge Sacramento Kings fan! Next summer, Mr. Roybal is slated to teach abroad where he will be traveling to Germany with one of his professors from CSUS to teach an American-sports class to German P.E. students at the University of Ludwigsburg.

Rachel Spinelli – Classroom Aide 3rd Grade

Ms. Spinelli earned her B.A. in Sociology and Psychology at California Polytechnic State University. Over the last year, Ms. Spinelli has volunteered at Veteran's Services in various capacity. While in school, Ms. Spinelli managed the two most popular clothing stores and sold her paintings in local boutiques. She is currently a nanny for two young children and has assisted in coaching youth soccer. Ms. Spinelli has always wanted to work with children; she believes education is the key to molding children's minds and preparing them for the future. In her spare time she enjoys painting, exploring new places with her dog, and volunteering at Veteran's organizations. Ms. Spinelli also enjoys wondering around in the outdoors and believes we can learn a lot about life through nature. She hopes to backpack through Europe one day. Different cultures, architecture, artwork, and life fascinate her and she would experience them first hand. Ms. Spinelli is the daughter of our Advanced Math and Algebra 1 teacher Haidi Spinelli.

Amelia Zamora – Classroom Aide Transitional Kindergarten

Mrs. Zamora will be moving from our Extended Day program to be the classroom aide for our transitional kindergarten. Mrs. Zamora, formerly Schumacher, was just married this past July. She earned her B.A. in Child Development from California State University, Sacramento and is currently enrolled in the Master's in Teaching with Multiple Subject Credential Program at the University of San Francisco, Sacramento. Since March of 2011, Mrs. Zamora has held various positions at St. Ignatius Parish School, including time as a substitute teacher, computer teacher, extended day teacher, and as a summer school teacher/aide. Mrs. Zamora has volunteered for special needs children at Project R.I.D.E., is proficient in computers/technology, and working with children among many grade levels pre-school-8th.