



St. Ignatius Catholic School

Family E-Newsletter

August 18, 2022

Upcoming Events

Back-to-School Picnic

Thursday, August 18, 5-7 p.m. (Riverside Park, Kaukauna)

For all St. Ignatius students, families, and staff who RSVPed to join us, we are excited to see you this evening for the Back-to-School Picnic! A reminder, dinner will be provided, but please bring drink(s) for your family.



Supply Drop Off/Meet Your Teacher Day (3K-Grade 12)

Monday, August 22, 9 a.m.-Noon and 3-6 p.m.

Open-house style. Required for all students and families 3K-Grade 12. Drop off school supplies, make school tuition/fee payments, meet teachers, etc. See further details in the "Back-to-School Resources" section of this e-newsletter.

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 24

Welcome back, all 3K-Grade 12 St. Ignatius students!

First All-School Mass, Student Blessing, and Staff Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium

Thursday, August 25, 8 a.m., Holy Cross Church

Mark your calendars and please join us for this first all-school Mass of the new school year!

Picture Day

Wednesday, August 31

Picture day will be during regular school hours. Grades K-8 are required to wear their school uniform or church wear/Sunday best. Grades 9-12 are required to wear their school uniform. [See details here.](#)

Parent Orientation

Wednesday, August 31, 5:30 p.m.

Parent Orientation for 3K-Grade 12 parents/guardians will be on August 31 in the cafeteria. Orientation will include presentations from school administrators, highlight the upcoming school year, and provide time for Q and A. More details forthcoming.

For the 2022-23 school year calendar and more details about specific events, [click here.](#)

Important Updates

Family Handbook

The [St. Ignatius Catholic School Family Handbook 2022-23](#) is now available online [here](#).

All families are required to review the handbook, print off and sign the [family handbook agreement form](#) here, and return the form to the school office on Supply Drop Off/Meet Your Teacher Day or on the first day of school. *Hard copy forms will also be available at Supply Drop Off/Meet Your Teacher Day if needed.*

School Uniforms

Uniforms K-8

Due to shipping and production delays of the necessary items, St. Ignatius Catholic School will temporarily allow charcoal gray shorts and pants as well as purple polos for K-8 students for the 2022-23 school year from other retailers. Please do your best to find items that match the style and color in our [French Toast online storefront](#).

[Click here to order grades K-8 uniforms.](#)

Grades kindergarten-8 uniform guidelines and FAQs [here](#).

Grades 9-12/Chesterton Academy Uniforms

If your child(ren) has not yet received their uniform order, please have your child(ren) wear clothing that mimics the uniform dress code. For example, nice church slacks for young men or a solid color, church-appropriate skirt for young women. If your child(ren) already owns a blazer, please have them wear that to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Ms. Schmerbeck](#).

[Click here to order grades 9-12 uniforms.](#)

Grades kindergarten-8 uniform guidelines and FAQs [here](#).

Lunch Program

For the 2022-23 school year, all St. Ignatius Catholic School students are to bring a cold/bag lunch to school every day.

Milk - Milk will be available for students to purchase. Families must sign up and pay (\$90/child) upfront at the beginning of the school year for the milk option for the entire school year. Sign up and payment via check or card will be available at Supply Drop Off/Meet Your Teacher Day on August 22 and in the School Office thereafter.

Microwaves - Microwaves will be available in the cafeteria for student use during lunch.

Special Lunches - There occasionally will be a special meal offered for lunch (ex: pizza party, cookout, etc.) We'll keep you informed of those as they develop.

The Diocese of Green Bay and our school are aware of the USDA's clarification, issued on August 12, about the federal hot lunch program now exempting religious private schools from Title IX if there is a conflict between Title IX and a school's religious beliefs. Prior to this clarification, the WCRIS advised and our school decided to move forward with no hot lunch program this coming school year to ensure fidelity to our school's mission and to prepare school families for the change. We will monitor the situation as it evolves, and lunch program options may be reviewed for future school years. For the 2022-23 school year, St. Ignatius will still be cold lunch only.

Daily Mass Reminder

Grades 3-12 students attend 8 a.m. daily Mass (Tuesday-Friday), and all grades 3K-12 students attend 8 a.m. Mass on Thursdays. In preparation to receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist at Mass in accordance with Church teaching, grades 3-12 students are reminded to observe a one-hour fast prior to Mass.

Please plan breakfast time accordingly. A snack time in the morning some time after Mass is standard in homerooms.

Back-to-School Resources

Tuition/Fees and Payment

Tuition/fees bill and payment information were mailed to families earlier this week. If you have questions, please contact the Business Office at 920-759-4508.

Supply Drop Off/Meet Your Teachers Day

Monday, August 22, 9 a.m. - Noon and 3-6 p.m.

See you on Monday! This open-house style event is required for all students and families grades 3K-12. Drop off school supplies, make school tuition/fee payments, meet teachers, etc. Below are a few more details regarding the day:

- Please enter Door #3 (main school Doty St. entrance), Door #4 (Kaukauna St./gym entrance), or Door #7 (parking lot/playground).
- A yellow sheet regarding incidental payments was mailed with your statements earlier this week. Please have this yellow paper ready when you arrive for Supply Drop Off/Meet Your Teachers Day.
- Tuition and incidental payments are to be made at the concession stand near Door #4.
- For grades with multiple classes, class rosters will be available that day to know which homeroom class your child(ren) is in.
- Teachers will be in their classrooms waiting to greet you!
- Bring school supplies to drop off in classrooms and/or locker.
- Other staff and parent representatives will also be available to answer questions.

School Supply Lists

School supply lists for the 2022-23 school year are available.

[3K-Grade 2](#)

[Grade 3-5](#)

[Grade 6-8](#)

[Grade 9-12](#)

PowerSchool Reminder

Please fill out any health sections in PowerSchool if your child(ren) has an allergy or health concern. This is the only way for your child's teacher or the school office to be made aware of this allergy. Please contact the school office by [email](#) or phone with questions.

VIRTUS Training

All volunteers are required to be VIRTUS trained and have a background check before generously offering their time at St. Ignatius Catholic School in any capacity. For online registration VIRTUS training, [click here](#). For online registration instructions, [click here](#).

Athletics

There is still time to sign up and participate in school athletics (volleyball, golf, cross country, co-ed soccer) this fall. [Contact Athletic Director Lee VanderSanden](#) with questions or to connect with a coach.

School Office Hours

August 15-23: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

August 24 - the end of the school year: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Chesterton Academy Updates

Chesterton Academy Theology Books

All returning Chesterton Academy students are asked to please bring their Bibles and Catechisms to theology class with them for the first day of school.

Franciscan Advantage

Thank you to everyone who came to the presentation about Franciscan Advantage last week.

For those who missed the presentation, learn more at Franciscan's website. Regarding the question of GPA, should a student choose to attend Franciscan University after high school, their grades in the Franciscan Advantage classes will count in their cumulative GPA. If your student attends a different school after college, normally those credits are not counted in their cumulative GPA at that institution. You would need to verify that with the school your student intends to attend. You do have a little time to consider being involved or not; September 15 is the firm deadline. The cost is \$300 for Theology 11 and \$300 Philosophy 11. You can do one or both classes for college credit.

You do not have to pay when you register. Franciscan University will bill you at a later date. Please let me Mrs. Vande Hey know if you have further questions.

Parish Connection

Holy Cross Cemetery is in need of 3-6 volunteers from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, September 10. A large tree is being chopped down and help will be needed to lift and feed logs into a shredder and clean up. This is a great way to earn service hours! Adults and children over 14 may volunteer by calling Cheryl K. at the parish office at 920-766-1445.

In Case You Missed It ...

St. Ignatius Catholic School staff and faculty returned to school on August 18 for Staff Orientation. We are blessed to have a talented, dynamic, and faith-filled staff dedicated to joyfully serving your children, your family, and the mission of our school. We're excited to welcome your child(ren) back soon!



Chesterton Academy students and family members prepared and served a community meal at Pillars Inc. this month. We love seeing our students and their families leading lives of service, experiencing the joy of true community, and volunteering together!



St. Ignatius Catholic School and St. Ignatius Chesterton Academy

MISSION: We will meet the unmet demands of our students and families for a Catholic classical education to form a community of disciples of Christ.

VISION: As a Catholic community, we will increase the number of virtuous leaders, thinkers, and intentional disciples of Christ working to rebuild our culture.
