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# St. Ignatius Catholic School

## Family E-Newsletter

September 1, 2022

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### Upcoming Events

**Labor Day - No School**  
***Monday, September 5***

**Middle School Breakfast Club**  
***Friday, September 16***

[Breakfast Club](#) for grades 6, 7, and 8 will be in the cafeteria, beginning at 6:45 a.m. on September 16. Enjoy games, fun, and breakfast! Students should enter door #4 (gym doors.)

### **Parish Support Weekend**

#### **Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25**

St. Ignatius Catholic School families are encouraged to attend and volunteer School/Parish Support Weekend at Kaukauna Catholic Parishes the weekend of September 24-25. Serve, greet, or volunteer as a family at a Mass -- worshipping together and showing both gratitude and support for the local parish community that so greatly supports our school. [Please sign up here.](#)

### **Picture Day Retake**

#### **Monday, October 10**

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

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## **Reminders**

### **\*Safety first! Pick Up/Drop Off Procedures-**

To help keep all students safe, please review school drop off and pick up procedures at [www.stignatiuskaukauna.org/drop-off-pick-up-procedures](http://www.stignatiuskaukauna.org/drop-off-pick-up-procedures).

### **Lunch**

Please send napkins, plastic forks, spoons, etc. with your child if they will need one for lunch. Also, for safety reasons, no glass containers, please.

### **Reverence at Mass**

We ask that parents who wish to see their children after school Masses to please kindly offer a gesture to your child (a wave, blow a kiss, etc.) rather than approach them. This is requested in respect and reverence to the Lord, to maintain the sacredness of the holy space of the church, and to model such behavior for our students. Additionally, students and staff need to return to the school building in a timely manner to attend the following class.

*"[After the Mass has ended, the faithful often offer prayers of thanksgiving, thanking God] for the great gift that we have received in the Eucharist and in the mystery of our redemption ... The sacred space of the church should remain a place of quiet prayer at all times, even after Mass when we might be inclined to greet our neighbors." [Source](#) (We certainly encourage fellowship with other school families following Mass in the narthex or outside of the church!)*

### **Franciscan Advantage - Grades 11-12**

St. Ignatius Chesterton Academy students can concurrently enroll at Franciscan University of Steubenville and earn college credit while still at St. Ignatius through the recently launched Franciscan Advantage program. Learn more at [Franciscan's website](#) and register by September 15. Please let me Mrs. Vande Hey know if you have any questions.

### **Picture Day**

The due date to order pictures is **September 7. Picture retake day is Monday, October 10.**

If you need to sign up for retake day online, please follow the instructions on your handout. Any questions call Harman Studios.

### **Powerschool**

A Powerschool training tool will be coming home today. This is used for filling out your registration forms online as well as how to download the app. Please call or email the office with any questions.

### **Parish Opportunities**

Please check your students folder for a letter from Fr. Don Everts of Kaukauna Catholic Parishes regarding opportunities to get involved.

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# News and Announcements

## Parent Orientation Overview

Thank you to the more than 50 families who joined us for Parent Orientation on Wednesday evening. We know many others who would have liked to have joined us but, due to schedule conflicts, were understandably unable to do so. Below is some exciting news:

*In response to both the survey results, and in an effort to improve communication for our families and our staff we have added additional help.*

*We welcomed Krystyn Schmerbeck as Associate Head of School to help with our instructional goals. I am so grateful for her leadership and insights in the past month. Krystyn will be the point person for Chesterton Academy, and support the instructional needs of our entire school.*

*In our search for an Associate Head of School, we encountered a strong Catholic classical candidate that has a wealth of experience leading schools and is locked in on our mission. Yesterday, this candidate gave us an official start date of September 19.*

*We will be splitting the "Headmaster/System Administrator" roles. The new person will take the headmaster duties; in short, he has been hired to support the staff and families here at St Ignatius. The system administrator role, which tends to focus on the big picture, will remain on my plate. I will still be visible. I am 100% here and on mission to serve. I am not going anywhere. More information to come.*

*Peace and joy,*

*Nathan Vande Hey*

## Athletics

Fall athletics season is here. St. Ignatius offers a variety of athletics for boys and girls (grades 4-12) every season. [Watch the school calendar here](#) for upcoming games, meets, and matches to stop by an cheer on our teams!

Winter athletics season is just around the corner. If your grade 4-8 son or daughter is interested in playing basketball, please review, complete, and return the [boys basketball consent form](#) or the [girls basketball consent form](#) to the school office. Contact Coach Myron Geiser with questions at 920-759-9923.

## Careers at St. Ignatius

We're looking for an Educational Assistant/3K Aide to join the St. Ignatius Catholic School team! Refer interested, qualified, and on mission applicants to [www.stignatiuskaukauna.org/careers](http://www.stignatiuskaukauna.org/careers).



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## 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.*

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