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## **St. Ignatius Catholic School News**

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**August 17, 2023**

**19th Thursday in Ordinary Time**

Dear St. Ignatius Families,  
We are very excited to have this school year get underway! The teachers have been gathering this week to begin preparing their classrooms and prepare for the year. Please include the teachers

and staff in your daily prayers as a family, as in many ways they are acting as an extension of your family!

Earlier this week, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is one of many events in our Catholic faith that have inspired great literature and art throughout the ages. Take the following from Gerard Manley Hopkins-read this at home with your family, and talk about its meaning!

*The rose is a mystery-where is it found?  
Is it anything true? Does it grow upon ground?  
It was made of earth's mould, but it went from  
men's eyes,  
And its place is a secret and shut in the skies.  
In the gardens of God, in the daylight divine,  
Find me a place by thee, Mother of mine.*

Please take particular note of a couple things below. First, we ask that all families RSVP for our upcoming picnic. It is very helpful for us to know the number of people planning to attend so we can have the proper amount of food. This is a great opportunity to meet other families!

We look forward to seeing you tonight at the presentation by Prof. Jonathon Gregg from Hillsdale College!

Alex Wolf  
Head of Upper School



### August

- 17th** - Partners in Pedagogy, 6:30 p.m.
- 24th**- Back to School Picnic, 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.
- 28th**- Supply Drop-off/ Meet Your Teacher, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 3 p.m.- 6 p.m.
- 29th**- First Day of School!

### September

- 1st**- Picture Day
- 4th**- No School
- 4th**- Spiritwear Orders Due
- 15th**- Breakfast Club
- 29th**- Spiritwear Day

For the 2023-24 school year calendar and more details about specific events, [click here](#).

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## Announcements and Reminders



### Partners in Pedagogy

Join us August 17, 2023 from 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Ignatius Catholic School for Partners in Pedagogy- Supporting Your Child's Classical Education as Parents, a lecture by Jonathan Gregg, PHD. For more information please click [here](#), no RSVP is required.

### School Supply Drop Off/Meet Your Teacher

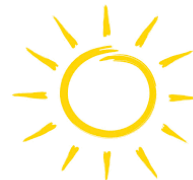
Mark your calendars, school supply drop off is Monday, August 28th. There will be 2 different times to help accommodate all schedules: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. Students can meet their teacher(s), drop off supplies for the school year, complete paperwork, and pay any fees. Click [here](#) to view our school supply lists. Our new Head of Upper School, Mr. Alex Wolf will also be available to meet with parents and students and will be happy to answer any questions you have.

### First All School Mass & Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium

St. Ignatius families are invited to attend our first All School Mass on Thursday, August 29th, at 8am. During Mass, our staff will be taking the Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. This beautiful practice demonstrates our staff's commitment to upholding Catholic teaching and values within our classrooms.

### Back-to-School Picnic

All St. Ignatius students, families, and staff are invited to this year's Back-to-School Picnic on August 24 at Riverside Park in Kaukauna from 5-7 p.m. Dinner, games, fellowship, and fun will be provided at this school event! Water will be provided with the meal. Picnic tables are available but limited, please feel free to bring a chair or blanket with you. Please RSVP by August 17th by clicking [here](#).



Home and School is in need of a few volunteers to help clean up after the picnic. Please reach out to Brittany Stolp at [stolpfamily@live.com](mailto:stolpfamily@live.com) if you're free to help with cleanup



## St. Ignatius & Chesterton Academy Spiritwear!

We invite St. Ignatius families, staff, and supporters to visit our spiritwear store and show your school spirit. Students will have a chance to wear their spiritwear once a month at school. Click [here](#) to visit the shop and make sure to get your orders in by September 4th!

### Lunch Reminders

No glass is allowed in the kitchen or cafeteria

If milk was not purchased, please bring your own water or beverage for lunch.

Please transfer canned food into a bowl before bringing it to school.

Please cut your food (fruits, vegetables, etc) at home.

The school will not be providing cups, plates, forks, spoons, napkins or condiments. Please bring from home, if needed.

### Picture Day

Picture day is fast approaching. Please see the flyer [attached](#) with more details. Hard copies will be available on supply drop off day. *A reminder that all students are asked to wear their normal school uniform for picture day. This is important not only for each student's official school identification photo, but also for consistency when taking class pictures.*



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We are again seeking volunteers to help with our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. The ideal volunteer will be able to commit to being here every week and have a desire to help the children to know Jesus and their faith. All volunteers must complete VITRUS training. CGS training is a plus but not required. Please contact Karen Hanagan at [khanagan@stignatiuskaukauna.org](mailto:khanagan@stignatiuskaukauna.org) to volunteer or for more information. We will be hosting volunteer orientation sessions before school starts. Please click [here](#) on the link below to sign up.

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is looking for a number of items on our Amazon wishlist. Many are resource books for the students to use. We greatly appreciate any donations given. Thank you [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3CM0J8QSMUMXG?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3CM0J8QSMUMXG?ref_=wl_share)

## Home & School

Home and School is looking for feedback from all St. Ignatius Parents as we work on planning our events for the 2023-2024 school year. Please [click here](#) for a brief survey.



### Save the Date!

The St. Ignatius Trunk n' Treat will be held October 20, 2023, more information to come.

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## Staff Updates

### Tamara Mercier

#### Special Education Teacher

My name is Tamara Mercier and I am excited to begin teaching at St. Ignatius Catholic School! I have a B.A. in Communications and obtained my Master's Degree in Special Education from Cardinal Stritch University.

This begins my 21st year of teaching! Three of those years were in Milwaukee Public Schools; I taught 4-K and then middle school. After leaving Milwaukee, I then went on to teach in the Neenah Joint School District where I have taught for the last 18 years. At Neenah, I worked in an elementary school for two years and then at the middle school for the remainder of my time there with students.



Outside of school, I enjoy cooking, walking, and spending time with my husband, Chris, our kitty (he's really a big, fat cat!) and our extended families. I also take pleasure in continuing to learn more about the Catholic faith. I am absolutely thrilled to be teaching here at St. Ignatius School and feel so blessed that I can now share my faith with students. My goal is to help students grow in their academics, but more importantly, to help them grow in their faith. I look forward to meeting all of you very soon! God Bless!



## **Linda Mongin**

### **Drama Teacher**

Linda has been teaching, directing and sharing music in the Fox Valley area her entire life. She started teaching guitar, singing for weddings and playing in the church folk group in middle school. She has continued to do so for over 55 years.

During her musical career she had the opportunity to perform at the halftime of Superbowl X and Superbowl XX with the international group "Up With People". She continues to tutor/teach privately in her home; reading, math, guitar and ukelele. As well as sing at weddings and funerals. She has teaching experience with students from kindergarten to high school, as well as teaching college courses. She was a middle school principal for nine years, and also enjoyed the opportunity of coaching and working with many teachers and students of all ages throughout her career.

Linda and her husband Eddy are very involved in Papermaker Players Family Theater. While Linda directs, Eddy acts and/or creates many of the sets. She has 2 daughters, as well as 3 grandchildren and is delighted when they perform on stage with Eddy or help behind the scenes. The casts are 8 – 81 years old and range in size from 17 – 110. In her lifetime she has directed over 25 productions. Becoming a part of the St. Ignatius staff is a true blessing and she looks forward to watching the students grow and develop in the art of public speaking and theater.

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## **Courtesy Announcements**

Does your child have a desire to serve at Holy Mass? Rob Buzaitis, Worship Director at Kaukauna Catholic Parishes, will be hosting **two altar server training sessions** this week and next. The dates and locations are as follows:

- **Friday, Aug. 18 at 9:00 a.m.** (St. Katharine Drexel - St. Mary Church)
- **Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 4:00 p.m.** (Holy Cross Church)

Please reach out to Rob ([rbuzaitis@kaucp.org](mailto:rbuzaitis@kaucp.org)) if you have any questions or for more information.

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## Careers at St. Ignatius

We are seeking qualified, mission-aligned people who are ready to join our school community in the following roles please [click here](#) for a list of open positions.



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CLASSICAL EDUCATION

### Substitute Teachers Needed

St. Ignatius is looking for quality, mission compatible substitutes for the 2023-24 school year and beyond. Those interested in joining a joyfully Catholic, faith-filled community where compensation is competitive with local school districts are encouraged to apply.

Interested applicants must have a bachelors degree and be Virtus compliant. If you are interested please visit the [careers page](#) on our website and click "Apply Now".



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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 joyful 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.