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## St. Ignatius Catholic School News

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August 10, 2023

**18th Thursday in Ordinary Time**

Dear St. Ignatius Families,  
Today is the feast of St. Lawrence. Lawrence was one of the seven deacons in Rome serving during the 3rd century. He worked very closely with Pope Sixtus II in helping to serve those in need. In 258,

the Emperor Valerian ordered that all ordained men in the Church should be immediately put to death. Before execution, Lawrence was asked to gather all of the wealth of the Church in that area, and turn it over to the Roman government. Instead of bringing money, he brought the poor citizenry of Rome, saying that they are the real crown of the Church. In response to this, the Roman prefect put Lawrence on a hot gridiron to be roasted alive. Shortly before he expired, Lawrence famously yelled out "I'm done on this side-flip me over!"



Throughout time, Catholics have received consistent persecution, even up until this day. Our modern culture often mocks the belief of Catholics, and promotes lifestyles that are contrary to the faith. However, our Lord promised consistent divine grace to help us when these persecutions arrive. Take this opportunity to speak with your children about the noble witness of the saints, and ways that they can grow strong in their faith.

Please be sure your calendars are marked for our evening with Jonathon Gregg. He is a dynamic speaker, and specializes in classical learning. It will be a fantastic talk and so we look forward to seeing you there! Feel free to bring anyone you know who might be looking to learn more about classical education. See below for more information.

Nathan Vande Hey  
Head of Lower School/System President

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

### September

- 1st**- Picture Day
- 4th**- No School
- 4th**- Spiritwear Orders Due

a.m.-12 p.m. & 3 p.m.- 6 p.m.

**15th-** Breakfast Club

**29th-** First Day of School!

**29th-** Spiritwear Day

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

*(Our school calendar is currently being updated)*

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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.

### 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! Please RSVP by August 17th by clicking [here](#).





## 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!

## 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.



## 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.

## Handbook Updates

The 2023-2024 [St. Ignatius Catholic School Family Handbook](#) and [Chesterton Academy Supplement](#) have been updated. Please read and sign the Handbook Agreement Form(s) found on the last page of each document. For your convenience both forms will also be available on August 28 during Supply Drop Off/Meet the Teacher Day.

## Before & After School Care

Sign up for Before & After School Care is available through PowerSchool. The [Before & After School Care Handbook](#) and form are available through our school website. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kathy Brennan, Director of Before & After Care at [beforeaftercare@stignatiuskaukauna.org](mailto:beforeaftercare@stignatiuskaukauna.org)



## Uniform Reminders

The 2023-24 uniform policy can be found on our website [here](#). As a reminder all polo shirts must be the purple polo from [French Toast](#) and have the St. Ignatius logo.

## Cyclone Corner



## Girls Volleyball

Girls volleyball is being offered to students grades 5-8 the school year. If your daughter is interested in playing, please complete the sign-up forms and email them to [lashauer@stignatiuskaukauna.org](mailto:lashauer@stignatiuskaukauna.org).

[Grade 5](#)

[Grades 6-8](#)



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## Staff Updates

### **Laura Preissner** Educational Assistant

Hello! My name is Laura Preissner, and I will be a teacher's assistant this year at St. Ignatius. I live in Hilbert with my husband David and 4 kids Mark (13), Adam (11), Alexander (8) and Shaun (5) who came to St. Ignatius last year. We also have 2 sweet floppy eared bunnies, Nala and Minty. We are members of St. Mary Parish in Hilbert where I had previously taught art part time for 5 years at the school. I love reading, arts and crafts, gardening and lounging on our huge L couch with my family! I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to meeting more students and families this new school year!



### **Suzanne Ostermann**

#### **3K Teacher**

Hello my name is Suzanne Ostermann. I am very excited to join the St. Ignatius family. My husband, Eric, and I have 6 children: Sara (23), Abby (20), Emily (19), Ryan (16), Andrew (15), and Jacob (13). When I am not doing laundry, I enjoy swimming, reading and going for walks. My favorite time is when I can get the entire family to hang out together at our pool. We also have 2 dogs, Mickey and Daisy. They have been part of our family for 9 years. They love to go on walks, and hang out with us by the pool. Daisy even likes to ride rafts in the pool! I am looking forward to meeting everyone and starting the school year!

### **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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## **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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## **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.*

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