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Dear Incoming Freshman Students and Families,

May the peace and the joy of Christ be with you.

On behalf of Fr. Raymond P. Guiao, S.J. '82, President and Chief Mission Officer of Saint Ignatius High School, our entire administration, our faculty and staff: welcome to the Saint Ignatius High School Family.

As Principal, my hope and prayer for you is that these next four years will be filled with deeply formative, memorable, and meaningful experiences. Our collective desire is to accompany and support your student as he grows into a young man who embodies the five *Characteristics of the Graduate at Graduation*: Loving, Religious, Intellectually Competent, Committed to Justice, and Open to Growth. We are here to support and accompany you on that journey.

This mailing includes important information to help your family navigate the beginning of the school year. For your convenience, all of this information can also be found digitally on our **Welcome Back to School Hub** at www.ignatius.edu/welcome2030.

Critical Action Item: Moving forward, **all essential school-related communications (course progress updates, teacher communication, schedule changes, etc.) will be sent exclusively to your official Saint Ignatius High School parent/guardian Gmail account.** If you are not yet or cannot access this account, please contact Nikki VanHise at nvanhise@ignatius.edu immediately.

Mandatory Freshman Orientation Days

Dates: Thursday, August 20 and Friday, August 21

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. daily (Arrival opens at 8:30 a.m.)

Location: Report directly to the Breen Center for the Performing Arts each morning.

Note: A limited lunch is provided both days. If your son has dietary restrictions, please have him pack a lunch.

To help our newest Wildcats transition smoothly, the two days have different purposes and dress codes:

- **Day 1: Thursday, August 20 - Community Building and Technology**
 - Focus: Meeting your new classmates, campus navigation, and social connection.
 - Dress code: Casual/activewear. Athletic shorts, gym shoes, and a t-shirt (preferably a Saint Ignatius t-shirt if you have one).
 - Technology: All freshmen will receive their school-managed **MacBook Neo**, along with a clear protective hard case, sleeve and a charger. *Note: This is the only device permitted on campus.*
- **Day 2: Friday, August 21 - Academic Readiness**
 - Focus: Receiving your schedule, meeting your teachers, getting your locker assignment and technology distribution.
 - Dress code: Full Standard Dress Code. Dress pants, a belt, dress shoes, a button-down shirt, a tie, and socks.

The first full day of school for the entire student body is Monday, August 24.

Key Policies & Daily Operations

- **School Hours:** Campus buildings open at 6:45 a.m. Students may complete homework or gather in Rade Dining Hall. The library opens daily at 7:15 a.m. Unless under the direct supervision of a coach, moderator, or teacher, all school buildings close at 6:00 p.m.
- **Class Hours:** On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, school begins at 8:20 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m. **Every Wednesday** is a Late Start Day with classes starting at 8:50 a.m. and ending at 3:05 p.m. to allow for ongoing faculty professional learning.
- **Phone-Free Policy:** To encourage genuine social interaction and community, we are a phone-free campus during school hours. Smartphones and other cell phones are not permitted to be out. At orientation, students will receive a secure Yondr pouch to store their locked phones during the school day. If a parent or a guardian needs to reach a student urgently, please contact the Main Office.
- **Summer Reading:** All summer reading should be completed by August 24. Summer reading requirements can be found on our Welcome Back page.

Next Steps and Required Forms

Please thoroughly review the materials enclosed in this packet and on the web portal, paying special attention to:

1. **REMIND App Flier:** instructions to sign up for emergency alerts, calamity day notifications, and other school messages.
2. **Health Forms** (Due August 7, 2026): Complete the Freshman Physical Examination Form and email it to freshmanforms@ignatius.edu. *If your son plans to play a sport, he must also complete the OHSAA Sports Physical Form found on the website before August 1.*
3. **Campus Map & Drop-Off Locations**
4. Yearly Planner, Supply List, & Dress Code Expectations
5. Freshman Checklist & “Who Do you Contact If…” Resource Guide
6. The Student Handbook can be accessed digitally and is linked each week in the Peek at the Week

Beginning **Friday, August 14**, I will send out a weekly “Peek at the Week” newsletter to all student and parent/guardian Ignatius email addresses. Reading this newsletter is the best way to be informed about our community and to stay up-to-date on upcoming events.

As I shared in my comments at your Freshman Family Welcome event last winter, thank you for choosing to partner with us and welcome to our community. Please never hesitate to introduce yourself on campus or reach out with any questions or concerns. I am here to serve you.

Gratefully yours,



Anthony T. Fiori '02, Ed.D.
Principal