



“THE LITTLE THINGS THAT WE DWELL ON IS WHAT MAKES LIFE
A MASTERPIECE.”

MAGIS TREASURE



Student Leader: Bella Fontanilla Class of 2022



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A Note From The Director of Equity and Inclusion

Dear St. Ignatius Students and Families,

Welcome to St. Ignatius College Preparatory and the Magis High School Program! I am so excited that we have chosen to spend the next four years together, some of your most critical developmental years. I am Maricel Hernandez and I serve as the Director of the Magis Center for Equity and Inclusion at SI. In this role, I help guide our community efforts in embodying the values central to our Jesuit school's identity and mission of *cura personalis*--caring of the entire person and their individual needs, to ensure that every student can bring their authentic self each day and *fully* experience all that St. Ignatius offers. In essence, this position is a ministry in which I serve as an advocate for our entire community, especially for folks who are minoritized and experience systemic injustice. I work with all constituents of the school in order to be a voice for racial equity, for justice, and for you.

Due to Covid-19, the start of the 2020-2021 academic year will be non-traditional for all members of our community. Together, we will continue to navigate these uncertain and difficult times in our educational and social experiences in the weeks and months ahead. However, there are a few things that *are certain* that I would like you to always keep in mind:

- you are an integral member of our community with valued life experiences and an important voice that makes SI a better, more loving place for all of us
- your voice and needs always matter despite any circumstance
- there is no shame in asking for help; the Magis family is here to accompany you through this transition to high school and ultimately to college, with love, compassion, and integrity

It is my prayer that as a member of the Magis family you take advantage of the academic support, social emotional programs, and community of support that the Magis Program provides. Things will not always be easy. You will have some shared experiences with your peers and unique experiences of your own that will result in personal growth and identity capital. As you anticipate your first few days at SI, I invite you to contemplate what motivates you and what support looks like for your growth and success. Share your thoughts with us so that we can best support your growth, success, and to uplift you through moments of challenge and accomplishment.

The pages that follow this letter were designed with you in our hearts and minds. Students of the Magis High School Program have poured their love, creativity, and dedication for the expanding Magis community into developing this incredible resource for you as you begin your journey at St. Ignatius. I hope that you will find their personal stories insightful and the information included as a helpful guide for your first few weeks, months, and years at SI.

Thank you for choosing the Magis Program as an extension of your SI family. I know the administration, faculty, and staff are eager to meet you and your family. I look forward to meeting you, learning from you, and collaborating with you and your families to learn about your hopes and desires for the next four years and beyond. Bring your whole self, take risks, get out of your comfort zone, love yourself, and reach out for help when you need it. With your strengths, talents, and leadership, let us build a memorable, fun, and loving four years together!

In community,
Maricel Hernandez (she/her)
Director of Magis Center for Equity and Inclusion



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**MAGIS Center
for Equity and
Inclusion**

MAGIS HS PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE MAGIS HS PROGRAM?

The Magis High School Program is an academic, social, cultural support program for students from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds. This includes students who are first generation college bound, are low-income, and/or traditionally underrepresented in higher education. Students may join at any point during their time at Saint Ignatius.

OPPORTUNITIES

The Magis Center offers many great opportunities to help students achieve success in their careers. Some programs offered are: tutoring, college workshops, college tours, SAT prep, film days, and many more. There is also an opportunity for incoming freshman that are going to be joining Magis, to meet with each other and get some advice/tips from older students and have a fun time. For college workshops, students have the opportunity to work with a college advisor, Anna Maria Vaccaro



SAFE PLACE

The Magis Center offers many forms of support for all the students to feel safe and have a place to go to when they are struggling. Magis offers a strong, diverse community for everyone can connect and feel comfortable being themselves.

ARRUPE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

S.I.'s Arrupe Assistance Program paves the way for qualified students receiving financial aid to achieve further aid, outside of tuition. Based upon ordinary and extraordinary participation in daily life, the Arrupe Assistance Program opens doors for Wildcats throughout S.I.

JON SOBRINO SCHOLARS

The Jon Sobrino Scholarship is available to students receiving \$15,000 or more, as well as families with more than one student receiving at least a total of \$25,000, in financial assistance. Sobrino scholars receive **important aid in academics such as free AP tests, no academic class fees, discounts for summer classes, and SAT/ACT waivers.** Additionally, recipients access **discounts on co-curricular activities, including credit for sports gear, along with MySchoolBucks credit, enrollment in the Freshman iPad Program, and more.**



Please contact Sr. Sharon Brannen, Financial Assistance Program Manager, at sbrannen@siprep.org for more information!



MATEO RICCI SCHOLARS

Mateo Ricci Scholars include S.I. students receiving \$14,999 or less in financial assistance. Those in this program are eligible to receive AP test and academic class discounts. Ricci scholars can also gain access to **\$75 credit for mandatory sports gear and discounts on add-on extracurricular fees.**

ATHLETICS

To nurture the whole student, SI encourages all Wildcats to participate in the passionate and vibrant athletic community. From football to field hockey, the spirit for athletics runs throughout SI!



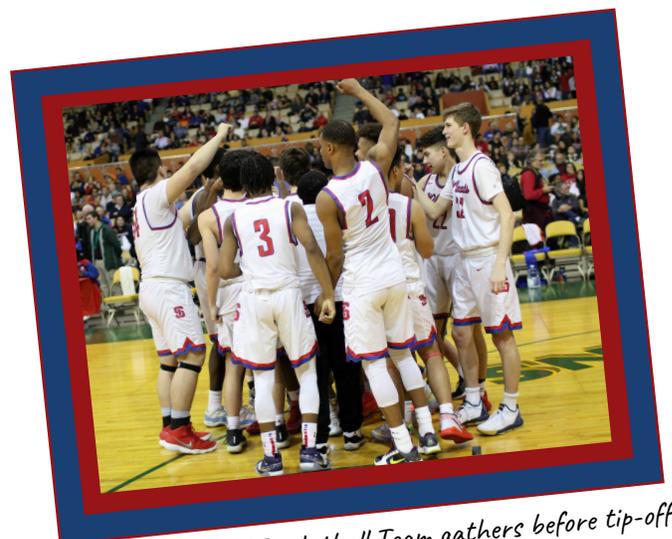
The Varsity Football Team lines up for a Bruce-Mahoney game



Varsity Field Hockey takes the field for SI



Varsity Girls' Basketball huddles as a team



The Varsity Boys' Basketball Team gathers before tip-off

So many more sports await in SI's gallery of athletics!



COMMUNITY SERVICE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Be men and women with and for others. Be committed to a faith that does justice.



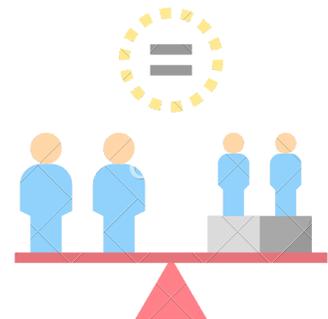
Community Service Program

We post Canvas reminders when service opportunities arise for the community. Also remember to log your service hours on x2vol.



Networking for Justice

We send students to the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in the fall and to the Arrupe Leaders Summit in the winter. Get involved and learn more about social justice!



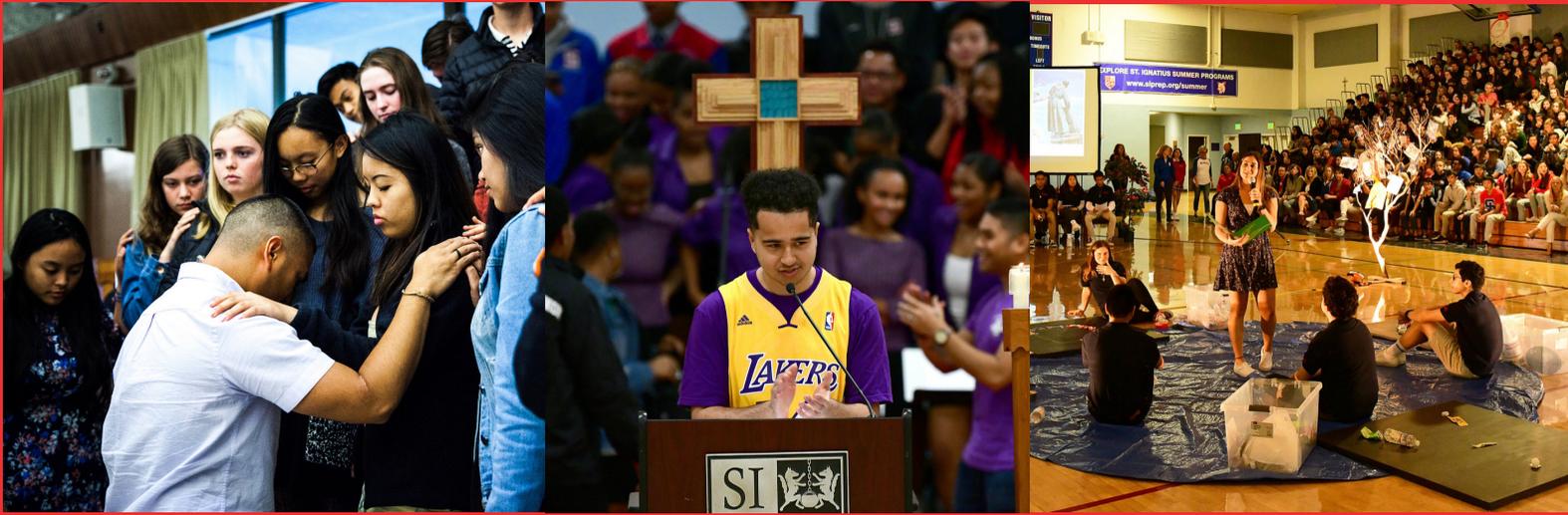
Social Justice Clubs & Arrupe Council

Join the variety of social justice clubs at SI ranging from Cancer Awareness Club to Green Team. The Arrupe Council also supports student organizations through fundraising. Get involved!

Remember you need 40 core hours and 60 additional hours to graduate!

Contact Ms. Ana López at alopez@siprep.org with any questions

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Campus Ministry is a major part of the development of an SI's student mind, body, and heart and includes numerous opportunities for the sacraments, for spiritual direction, and for translating faith into action. This program offers liturgical programs, from the Mass of the Holy Spirit that begins the school year, to the Baccalaureate Liturgy, which concludes the senior's SI experience. Campus Ministry also hosts weekly Friday Morning Liturgies (FML) in Orradre Chapel and serves as one of the many places that students can come for comfort or a time of need.



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technology is best when it brings people together

TOP 10 APPS YOU WILL NEED AT SI



CANVAS



NOTABILITY



DRIVE



IMOVIE



GARAGEBAND



HEADSPACE



LOCKDOWN BROWSER



ZOOM



REMEMBER THE MILK



CHROME



Interested in BUILDING APPS?

SI Videos here>

<http://bit.ly/2lelKo4>

EQUITY & INCLUSION in STEM, see past events

<http://bit.ly/2oj9Jra>

Did you know about these stats?

Forbes Magazine predicted that "there would be 1.4 million open computer science related jobs and only 400,000 qualified candidates." Coding is not just for Math and STEM kids. Reach out to Mrs. GS to learn more about the stats! email. jsantos@siprep.org

"As technology use continues to grow, the number of technology related jobs will grow as well and Silicon Valley won't be able to pull from just a portion of the population to meet that demand." (www.forbes.com, Consumer Tech)

1

CONSIDER

visiting ONE Robotics, Girls Who Code or Girls in STEM meeting, ask questions, meet members

2

VOLUNTEER

StreetCode.us is looking for **Teen Mentors** in East Palo Alto, live the SI mission in tech

3

MEET

with SI's STEM coordinators, Ms. Dunne and Ms. Cody, they are great resources!



SI has **OPEN positions** for Girls Who Code & Girls in STEM club email jgs@siprep.org

INTRAMURAL SPORTS



An opportunity for SI students to participate in a variety of sports competition and physical activities.



Designed to meet the needs and abilities of all participants to facilitate a total educational experience.



GYM RULES

- Must wear tennis shoes
- No food or drinks in the gym
- Use Student ID to check out equipment

SPORTS OFFERED

- Volleyball•Dodgeball
- Basketball•Ping Pong

TIME

Monday through Thursday
Lower and Upper Lunch

STRUCTURE

Monday and Wednesday:
free days for students

Tuesday and Thursday:
different competitions held

Feel free to reach out to Mr. Nick Calabrese, the Director of the Counselor's Office, through email @ncalabrese@siprep.org for more information!!

SI's counseling program provides personal, academic, college and wellness counseling services to help meet the needs of their students.

The Counseling Department is structured so that students will have a personal/academic counselor beginning in 9th grade through 12th grade and a college counselor from the second semester of 10th grade through 12th grade. Our wellness program provides extra support and education to empower students to cultivate a state of life-long health in mind, body, and spirit.



SI *counseling* COUNSELING



Personal & Academic Counseling ~

Students meet their Personal and Academic Counselor during freshman year. They continue to meet one-on-one and in groups through their senior year to talk about academics, scheduling, and any personal needs.

College Counseling ~

Students meet their College Counselor at the end of sophomore year. They meet one-on-one and in groups through their senior year to discuss college research, the application process, standardized testing, scholarships, and future career paths.

Wellness ~

Students use the Wellness services to discover healthy lifestyle strategies and to cultivate a state of life-long health in mind, body, and spirit through a variety of school-based support services.

STUDENT AFFAIRS



ACADEMIC CLUBS

Clubs that pertain to certain academic interests on campus

Ex. Bio SI, Girls Who Code, Robotics Club

SERVICE CLUBS

Clubs that serve our school community by assisting with certain events and/or providing a service to our school community

Ex. Service Club, S.O.U.L. Food Initiative, Wildcat Welcoming Club



SOCIAL CLUBS

Clubs that promote the recreational interests of the student body

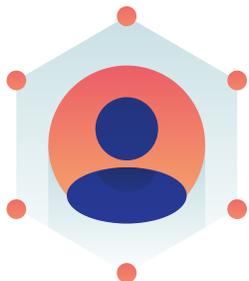
Ex. Gaming Club, Irish Club, MedCats



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLUBS

Clubs pertaining to promoting social justice

Ex. Cancer Awareness and Support Club, Familias Sin Fronteras, GEAR Club



AFFILIATE CLUBS

Clubs that are affiliated with a nationally recognized organization

Ex. Model United Nations, Red Cross Clubs, UNICEF Club

AFFINITY GROUPS

Groups that promote awareness and respect for diversity at St. Ignatius

Ex. ALAS, ASC, BSU, LGBTQ+, AMA, JAG, Disability Rights



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN A CLUB!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Along with participation in extracurriculars and athletics, SI encourages students to take part in Student Government, which leads school activities, plans events, and represent the student body!

Serving as voices for students, Class Officers made up of sophomores, juniors, and seniors represent the diverse aspects of the school community, from affinity groups, clubs, and performing arts to athletics and campus ministry. Each officer is committed to bringing community, energy, and school spirit to SI.

 **BACK-TO-SCHOOL**

 **HOOPCOMING**

 **WINTER FORMAL**

 **A NIGHT IN VEGAS**

 **SPIRIT EVENTS AT GAMES**

 **PROM**

 **MORE!**



Student Council welcomes returning students and incoming Freshmen on the first day of school!



Student Council helps lead the Red Sea in cheering the SI Football team

Feel free to contact Ms. Finn (Director of Student Activities) at mfinn@siprep.org and/or Mr. Glosser (Assistant Principal for Student Affairs) at jglosser@siprep.org for questions or more information! Also visit <https://www.siprep.org/life-at-si> for additional information.

THE LEARNING CENTER

MISSION

Empower students on their journey to become independent learners within the SI community.

Give students who have unique learning differences the academic support and accommodations they need to be successful

PURPOSE

APPROACH

Students with documented learning disabilities and/or ADHD work closely with LC staff to meet individual academic needs

MEET THE LEARNING CENTER STAFF!

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Director of the Learning Center
Email ggalletta@siprep.org

Nick O'Shea

Academic Support Advisor
Email noshea@siprep.org

Blythe Hurley

Learning Center Testing Coordinator
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HOURS

Monday through Thursday
7:45 AM – 3:30 PM
Friday
9:20 AM - 2:30 PM

LOCATION

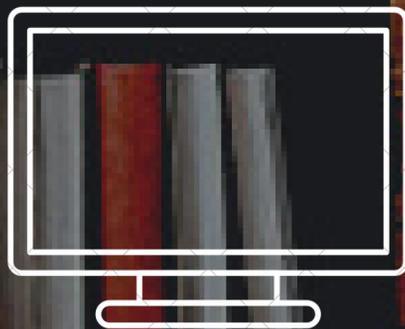
In the corner of the student center,
left of Wilsey Library

WILSEY LIBRARY

Need help with research for a paper?
Forget your calculator? Need a quiet work
space? Check out the Wilsey Library!



Selection of
12,000 books



32 computers
available for student
use



Research databases
available 24/7



Library desk lends a
variety of school
supplies



Librarians available via
LiveChat during
distance learning



Community and
private working
spaces provided

Contact Ms. Wenger or Ms. Brancoli at si_librarians@siprep.org with questions

When it came to making my decision, I ultimately decided to go with where I felt I would be greeted with support and given an opportunity to be successful. I am the second to last child in my family with four other siblings. My dad and my cousins all went to SI, so the school's reputation was seen as very positive in my family. I was the only one who got accepted into SI, so my parents were very proud to see that I could fall into the footsteps of my dad. I wanted to make them proud. Although I was the only person from my middle school that ended up going to SI, I saw the experience as an opportunity to start fresh.

I remember my shadow experience from eighth grade when I got to see the campus. It was actually on my birthday, so that was definitely a moment I wouldn't really forget. I got to see the hallways that my dad walked in when he went there. Not only did I get to eat the really good commons cookies, I also got to notice how the community works. The teachers were so supportive when it came to their students and seemed to care about their well being. The school's community didn't seem anything like the movie Mean Girls either... if that's what you thought it would be like. All the students really enjoy helping each other, and honestly I was surprised at how prideful and positive they were. I was really attracted to the school from the moment I found out my dad went there to the first time I stepped into the campus.

My freshman year at SI was very intimidating. I saw a big campus with lots of students roaming around the halls. I found my friend group since I went to the Cat Camp program that allows freshmen to meet their class in the summer before the academic year starts. I honestly thought I would end up not having any friends, but it turns out the odds were in my favor. Yes, I was still scared as I would be walking down the hallways with the upperclassmen. I was a freshman. However it helped when I adjusted into the mentality that I am definitely not alone in feeling that way.

There are always those moments in life where the voice in the back of your head makes you worry about so many things. Where you feel like you're not fitting in or that everyone is judging you. It helps to think that nobody is actually paying attention to you. I mean, hey, you're walking around in a school with about 350 students in each grade... yep each grade so multiply that by 4 and you'll understand what I mean. Not all eyes are on you! So don't stress that you tripped on your own shoe in the hallways or fell off a chair for some reason because chances are only a few people saw. They'll most likely forget about it.

If you ever find trouble with adjusting, just talk to any staff member that you'd feel comfortable talking to. Chances are that they're willing to listen to you, especially your counselor. The staff is so supportive towards freshmen because everyone there knows what it feels like to adjust into an environment they aren't familiar with. There are also other freshmen who are in the same position as you, and you'll be surprised at how many other students, no matter what grade, are cool with having small chats with you. I usually would talk to any staff I usually see. I hang out in Campus Ministry sometimes, so I'd talk to Mr. Dilag or Ms. Miguens. Then I also would talk with my counselor during scheduled meetings. My friends helped me get through my freshman year cause we knew we were all in it together!

One day in freshman year, my friends and I found out about the Magis program since we'd get emails about it. I had an interview with one of their staff members and they told me all about what they do. We ended up going to the Magis office often because we saw it as a safe space. To me, Magis is a program that gives people a chance to succeed. They care about the students and only want to see them thrive. Majority of the program involves people of color. Being a POC myself, I find it very assuring to be surrounded with people that look like me.

The Magis program offers constant support throughout high school and college. I've joined the many programs that they offer. I would usually go to the meetings and workshops they hold during lunch or after school. The main purpose is to teach students about the college process and for us to know what we're looking for when the opportunity to apply comes. Those meetings not only taught me so many things I never understood in the beginning but also gave me the chance to sign up for the Magis SoCal College Tour last October. This program allows sophomores and juniors to tour around six different colleges in SoCal. The colleges you visit tell you what they look for when you apply and the types of people they're interested in seeing walk on their campus. There was also the second college tour I went to in the spring that really helped me understand the difference between the UC's and CSU's.

The Magis office is definitely a good place to hangout with friends. Freshman year I saw a lot of upperclassmen sitting outside so sometimes I would be scared to go in, but honestly don't mind them cause they don't bite. The office has an endless amount of supplies to use, and people to talk to when you're having another one of those rough days. Not to mention the chairs and couches are super comfortable. If you just need a power nap I definitely recommend taking it there! I think of Magis as a wingwoman (or man if you'd like) because they are always there to offer help for you to reach your full potential. Use their resources and take advantage of what they have to offer for you!

At SI, I'm involved in their Performing Arts program. I've been in their mixed chorus group ever since freshman year, but I only join in the winter because spring is usually busy for me. Singing is really my strong suit when it comes to hobbies (plus I'm Filipino so it kind of runs in my family). Not only did I perform in the mixed chorus' concerts, but I also sing for Campus Ministry! I absolutely love the environment there!! I was so surprised everyone was supportive and they'd cheer you on whenever you have a solo to sing. It is also how I met Mr. Dilag, the choir director, and we ended up forming a pretty cool bond :). I definitely recommend joining Campus Min cause we can use another voice that enjoys singing or just wants to vibe and have fun!

In sophomore year, I decided to join Dance Workshop in the winter and Cabaret in the spring and I definitely did not regret my decisions whatsoever. I got to meet and work with the most positive and pure director, Ms. Shick. She is honestly just so amazing and funny and one of those people that you can talk to about anything cause they're just so relatable. I never really danced before, but I still had fun as we were prepping for our concert. She made me develop a love for dance that I thought I would never have. I definitely recommend joining!!

I say that you try something new... even if it's something that you never thought of doing. Take any chances that you can get because you never know the possibilities of your future. Hey, you could be a total legendary player in lacrosse even though you've never picked up the stick in your life. Join any clubs you find interesting! I'm in the Polynesian dance club (which I find really fun and you should definitely join) where no experience is even required!! Freshman year tip: just be yourself. I know super generic. But it's tough being surrounded by so many people that you forget who you are, and then you start acting like someone you're not without even noticing. Also don't be afraid to talk to someone you don't know! You never know what someone is going through so a simple "hey" or "how's your day?" could brighten their day! If you ever need help with anything, you can find me in the foyer, Campus Ministry, or the comfy library chairs. I'm pretty short so it might be hard to spot me... buuut you can reach out to me on instagram @bfontanilla_ :). Have fun in your freshman year! Try not to stress yourself out and give yourself breaks between work. Be wise with your free time, and I'd hate to say it... but sometimes doing your work during your resource period is helpful.

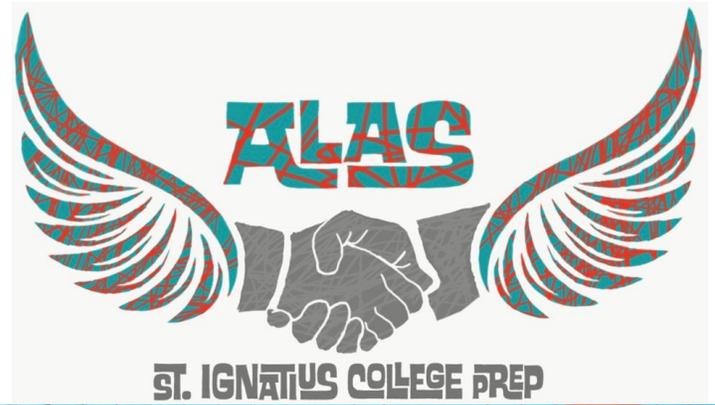
Welcome to SI, wildcat. All love,
Bella Fontanilla '22 <3

Pro tip: Don't stand in the middle of the hallways or walk super slow with your friends in a row blocking up all the space. You'll understand when it happens to you, I promise.

Association of Latin American Students

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to create a community of Latinx students where we are able to explore our identities and share our experiences as one. We build a safe space for open dialogue and discussion where we teach the support and the empowerment of our fellow Latinx students. We bring to light current issues that affect the larger Latinx community in order to better help us build a more inclusive and diverse environment at St. Ignatius. In ALAS, we celebrate our beautiful cultures, histories, and experiences as one family.



Events:

- Latinx Lunes (weekly performances throughout Latinx Heritage Month)
- Bilingual Friday Morning Liturgy
- LatinXcellence Showcase
- Latinx Summit
- Monthly Socials
- Monthly General Meetings
- Magis Program and Affinity Groups
- End-of-Year Celebration
- Latinx Applicant Evening
- Fundraisers throughout the year

ASIAN STUDENTS' COALITION

Mission Statement:
The Asian Students' Coalition is an affinity group that creates community for Asian and Asian-American students at St. Ignatius College Preparatory. ASC provides a place to explore, share, and discuss the various Asian and Asian-American heritages, cultures, and identities. ASC promotes ongoing education and dialogue about Asian-American issues and seeks to support and empower students to contribute to an inclusive school community.



Events:

- Beginning-of-the-year Kick Off
- Students and faculty dance at the annual Pasko ("Christmas" in Tagalog) celebration.
- Chinese New Year Parade
- Various events throughout May for Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM)
- 2-3 identity formation events throughout the year



BLACK STUDENT UNION

Mission Statement:
BSU exists to show students of color that they are not on the outside looking in and can make a difference in what goes on around them. Members of the BSU strive to learn and teach the St. Ignatius community about the richness of African American culture, past and present.



- Events:**
- BSU BBQ
 - BSU Showcase
 - BSU Bowling
 - Monthly General Meetings
 - Black Applicant Evening



LGBTQ+ AFFINITY GROUP

MISSION STATEMENT:

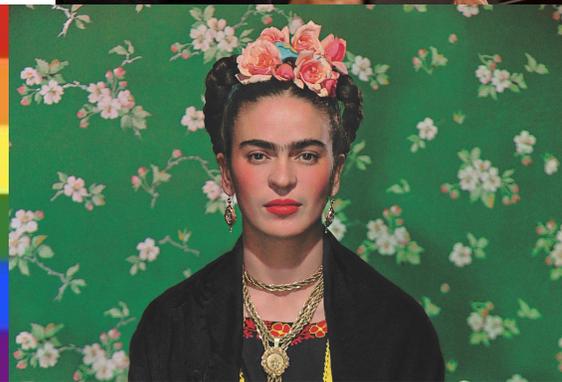
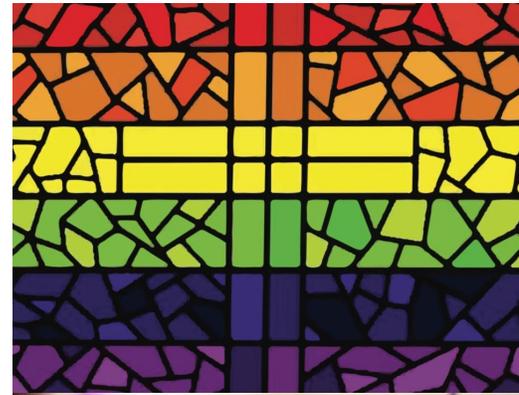
THE LGBTQ+ AFFINITY GROUP GIVES SELF-IDENTIFIED STUDENTS A CONFIDENTIAL AND SUPPORTIVE SPACE TO TALK ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS, QUESTIONS, AND ISSUES THEY'RE FACING AT HOME, AT SCHOOL, AND IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES.

PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO SELF-IDENTIFY, WHETHER PUBLICLY OR NOT, AS LGBTQ.

THE GATHERINGS FOCUS LARGELY ON CREATING A FUN AND SAFE PLACE FOR STUDENTS TO MEET OTHER LGBTQ STUDENTS, MAKE FRIENDS, AND SHARE COMMON EXPERIENCES.

EVENTS:

- DAY OF SILENCE IN APRIL



this sign affirms that support and resources are here for you.

this place is safe to be who you are!

safe space

lesbian • gay • bisexual
transgender • questioning
straight • youth

• 9 out of 10 LGBT youths are harassed at school because of their sexual orientation.
• two-thirds of LGBT youths are harassed at school because of their gender expression.
• nearly a third of LGBT youths miss at least one full day of school a month because they feel unsafe.

MAKE YOUR SCHOOL A SAFE SPACE.



Jewish Affinity Group

Mission Statement:

JAG provides a community within SI where students and faculty, who identify as either culturally or religiously Jewish, can talk about the challenges of being Jewish in a Catholic school and share holidays and other cultural commonalities.



Events:

- Hide the Afikomen during Passover (It is a way to share the important holiday of Passover with the SI community in a fun manner.)

Arab Middle Eastern Association

Mission Statement:

AMA was created in response to serving the needs of our Arab and Middle Eastern Students at SI. As a group of diverse students with backgrounds from more than 20 different countries, we aim to create a safe community to explore our cultural similarities and differences and provide education to the larger student body about our rich histories, cultures, and traditions.



Events:

- A variety of informational and celebratory events
- Monthly General Meetings

Disability Rights Affinity Group

Mission Statement:

DRAG strives to create a community which is accepting and supportive of the differences that people have because of disabilities and to improve disability awareness at SI.



St. Ignatius Parents Asian Club

Mission Statement:

SIPAC is a parent group at St. Ignatius College Preparatory with four main goals-

1. To create a social network that can provide support, advice, mentorship, and assistance predominantly, but not exclusively, to the Asian parent community and parents of Asian children at SI.
2. To celebrate and increase awareness of Asian culture and heritage within the SI community.
3. To support ASC in its activities and goals.
4. To increase our members' level of participation in and contribution to the SI community, particularly through outreach with the overall SI parent community.



Events:

- SIPAC Orientation Meeting in August
- Pasko (Christmas celebration) in December
- Monthly General Meetings (2 of which are in conjunction with AALPA)

SIPAC Goal:

Our goal is to position SIPAC as a resource for all SI families, new and returning alike, and we encourage you to take advantage of several activities that will help you navigate through SI, an engaging, college preparatory high school. Get to know fellow SI parents and get involved with the SI community. We look forward to seeing you at the following upcoming activities.

For more information, visit <https://www.siprep.org/parent-portal/parent-clubs/sipac>



African American and Latino Parents Association

Mission Statement:

AALPA is a multicultural, multiracial group of volunteer parents, grandparents, and guardians. AALPA promotes family equity, education, support, and mentorship via social and networking opportunities.

Through outreach efforts in our communities, AALPA seeks to raise awareness of the educational opportunities at SI for Latinx and African American students. AALPA partners with the Admissions Department to enhance enrollment diversity. AALPA supports SI's mission of enhancing the diversity of cultures in the school and is committed to fostering safe, welcoming environments wherein all forms of diversity are honored and valued.



Events:

- LatinXcellence Showcase
- BSU Showcase
- Latinx Applicant Evening
- Black Applicant Evening
- MLK March/Week
- Monthly General Meetings (Potluck style)



Other Goals:

1. Support the student efforts of ALAS and BSU
2. Collaborative efforts with SI Parent Groups, The Ignatian Guild, SI Father's Club, and SIPAC

For more information, visit <https://www.siprep.org/parent-portal/parent-clubs/aalpa>



"I regularly check in with Magis staff, especially Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Brian, and they are ALWAYS here, along with the rest of the Magis staff, to support YOU in any way they can!"
- Jamie Gatus '21



"The Magis Center became my safe space where students were welcome to express their cultures and beliefs without fear of persecution!"
- Edgar Ryan Silva '21



"As a Freshman, Magis presents new opportunities and allows the formation of new friendships and relationships!"
- Jack Quach '23



"Magis means 'more.' The way I interpret this in the context of SI is that the Magis office is helping us to be more-- to be all that we can be!"
- Delfina Bell '21

