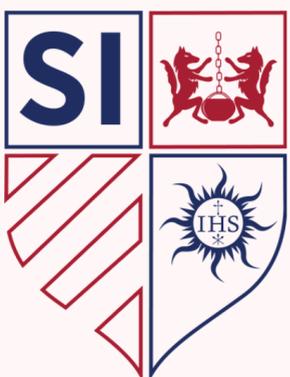




IT'S NOT WHAT YOU ARE THAT HOLDS YOU BACK, IT'S WHAT YOU THINK YOU ARE NOT -DENIS WAITLEY

MAGIS TREASURE

Student Leader: Delfina Bell Class of 2021



2020 - 2021 Academic Year



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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.**



COMMUNITY SERVICE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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



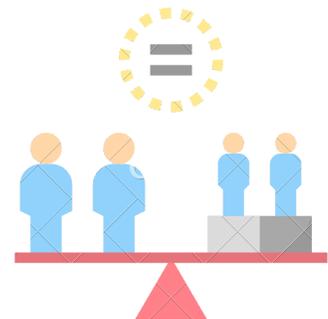
Community Service Program

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.



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!



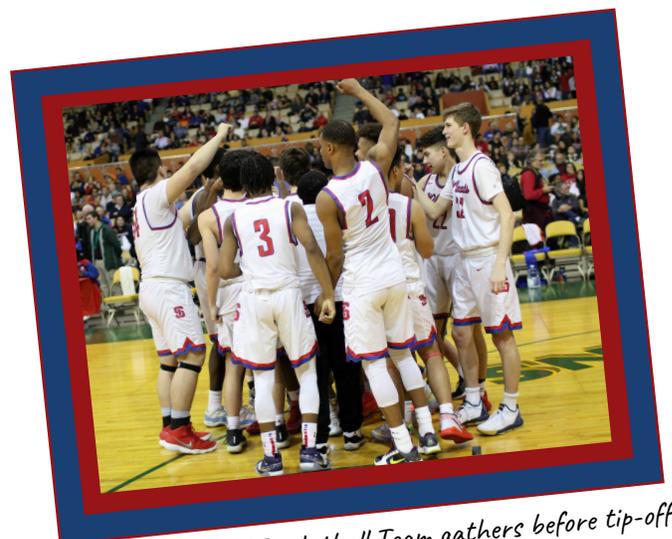
The Varsity Football Team lines up for a Bruce-Mahoney game



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!

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

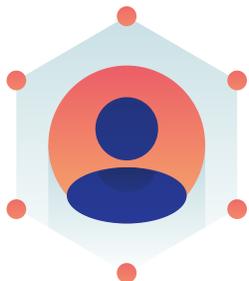
Ex. Gaming Club, Irish Club, MedCats



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!

Gianna Galletta

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
Email bhurley@siprep.org

HOURS

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

LOCATION

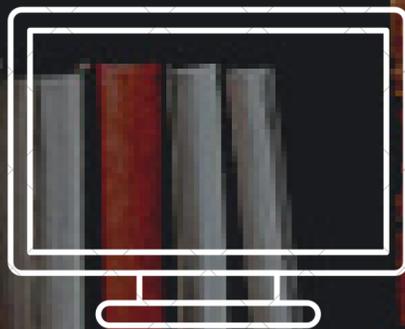
In the corner of the student center,
left of Wilsey Library

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

ed tech & innovation

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!



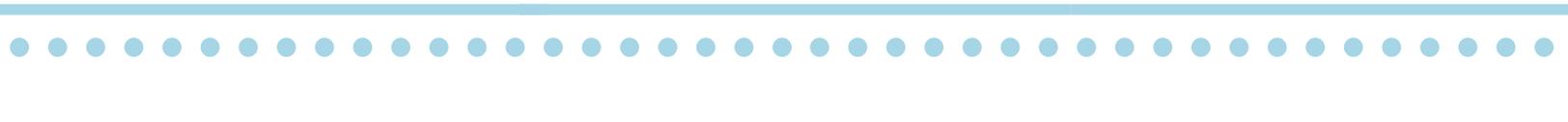
SI has **OPEN positions** for Girls Who Code & Girls in STEM club email jgs@siprep.org



The first time I ever visited SI was during my shadow day. I can recall being overwhelmed by the crowded hallways and the seemingly confusing campus layout. Coming from a middle school of about 150 students, SI was quite large. What eventually led me to choose SI was my initial impression of it-- that SI had a strong community. During my shadow day, there was a palpable sense of community at SI evidenced by the interactions among students and teachers. Despite the strong community that exists at SI, I was still overwhelmed at the beginning of my freshman year. The transition from a small middle school to a large high school was a significant undertaking; there were various aspects of a large school to which I had to grow accustomed to. Now, well into my four years at SI, I can absolutely confirm the hopes of my eighth-grade self that I would attend a high school that valued community.

My tight-knit community at SI is found with my friends. Finding a solid group of friends was not easy. I was the only person from my middle school to attend SI, so as a freshman I knew very few people. Finding a group of friends with which I felt absolutely comfortable took a while, though now that I have found these friends I know I have people that I can lean on in times of need. Beyond my group of friends, I find community at SI in my extracurriculars and my affinity group. I am part of Dance Workshop, a dance group that meets once a week and has several shows at the end of each semester. Dance Workshop provides a space for people at all levels of dance. I had not taken any dance classes prior to attending Dance Workshop, so I was incredibly nervous to join. On the day of auditions I walked into Wiegand and immediately felt welcomed into a community that I have now been part of for multiple years. I am also a member of the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS). ALAS is an affinity group for people who identify as Latin American. My involvement in this affinity group manifests itself in dancing at the Latinx Showcase, attending meetings, and participating in Latinx Lunes. I did not join ALAS until my sophomore year, but I am so grateful that I eventually joined. The students and teachers that I have met and gotten closer to through ALAS have become a truly important community for me.

Prior to entering high school, I heard many people recommend that I join as many groups, clubs, extracurriculars, etc., as possible; however, I did not take this information to heart. Freshman year I did not participate in many activities. It was only my sophomore year that I really began getting involved at SI. Looking back, I wish I had taken that advice earlier and participated more at SI in my freshman year. It has been through extending myself out of my comfort zone and joining new groups and activities that I have been able to meet so many new people and form lasting friendships. Had I not joined ALAS or Dance Workshop my sophomore year I would not have gotten to know a lot of the people that I now consider very close friends. The new communities that I became part of by getting more involved at SI have greatly enriched and given meaning to my high school experience. So to repeat everyone who gave me this suggestion before high school, my one piece of advice to freshmen would be to get involved in anything that is inspiring.

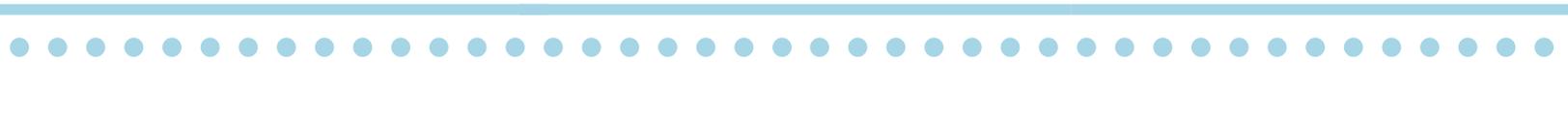




Reflecting back on my experience at SI, an important factor was the counseling department. Sometimes all I needed was to voice my feelings, and my counselor was always available to help me process those emotions. High school, no matter how positive your outlook or how efficient your work ethic, has lots of ups and downs. My counselors were definitely important in helping me navigate high school. Another group that provides guidance is the Magis Office. Magis means “more.” The way I interpret this in the context of SI is that the Magis Office helps us to be more-- to be all that we can be. The Magis Office is a place where one can go for any kind of support. For homework questions, other academic support, help with college applications, or just to talk, the Magis Office is always open. For me, the staff have been the highlight of Magis. The faculty members involved in Magis are unbelievably supportive. Ms. Vacarro has been crucial in helping bolster my applications for college. Not only has she encouraged me to look at different extracurricular opportunities and apply for scholarships, but she has also helped me to see the value in experiences that I otherwise would not have thought to reference in my application. Whether it be Magis staff or even fellow students, Magis provides incomparable support for all aspects of the high school experience.

High school will undoubtedly be a time of highs and lows. Luckily, SI has numerous resources for students to make the most of their high school experience-- the Magis Office being a standout. I have had many enriching experiences with members of the Magis community that have been instrumental in my development through these past few years. As I mentioned earlier, I encourage everyone to take full advantage of the different opportunities available at SI and to get involved, and I especially recommend exploring Magis’ resources and joining the Magis community.

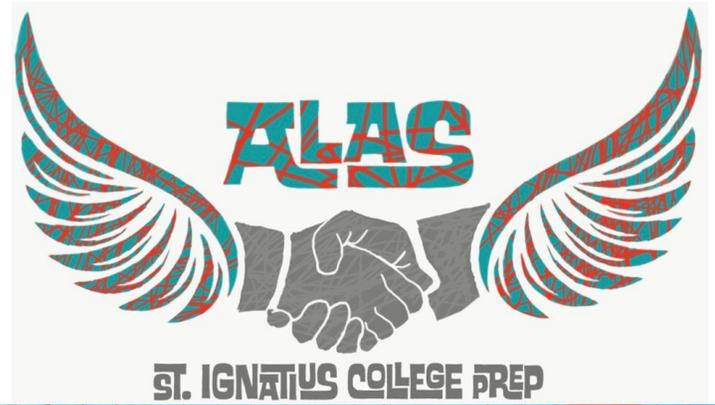
Delfina Bell '21



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:

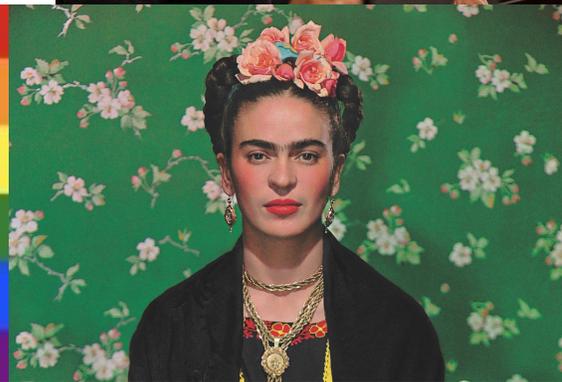
THE LGBTQ+ AFFINITY GROUP GIVES SELF-IDENTIFIED STUDENTS A CONFIDENTIAL AND SUPPORTIVE SPACE TO TALK ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS, QUESTIONS, AND ISSUES THEY'RE FACING AT HOME, AT SCHOOL, AND IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES.

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.



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>

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.



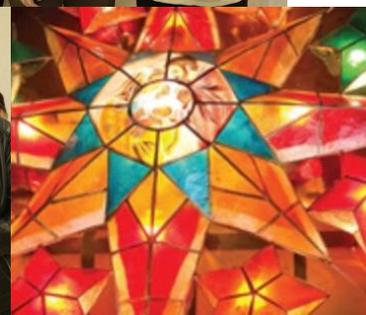
Events:

- 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>





"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

