

THE PARENT PLEDGE PROGRAM

What is a parent pledge?

A parent pledge is a contribution, over and above tuition and fees, asked of all parents each year to help cover the annual deficit gap between tuition and what it actually costs Saint Ignatius to educate one student for one year.

Why does the school ask current parents to help make up the difference?

We are asking current parents to be primarily responsible for the costs of annual operations since their children are the primary beneficiaries of all the school's programs. We also recognize and celebrate the socioeconomic diversity of the Saint Ignatius College Prep community and, as a result, we make an effort to keep tuition affordable for as many families as possible. **However, the difference between the cost of tuition and what is actually charged per student is more than \$2,000 per year.**

What exactly does Saint Ignatius College Prep expect from parents in the program?

You will be receiving your Parent Pledge Form in a packet at the Freshman Family Interviews in March. Should you have any questions, you'll have the opportunity to ask them at that time. A fair and specific pledge must be made by **June 15, 2010** so that the school knows what to expect in parent contributions to help balance the budget. Fulfillment of that pledge by **May 1, 2011** is appreciated, unless some significant hardship precludes you from doing so. In those cases, all we ask for is an honest communication about such problems.

How do I meet the pledge?

In one or more of several different ways:

1. Annual Auction – February 26, 2011: purchase sponsorships, auction items or raffle tickets;

2. Make an outright gift to the school.

We accept cash, checks, credit cards and gifts of stock. 100% parent pledge credit will be given for raffle tickets or items purchased at the Auction. Family and friends can also make purchases or monetary donations to be credited toward your pledge. Visa, MasterCard and American Express charge cards are accepted for any of our events, as well as cash and checks. ***Note: Gifts of goods and services are not credited to your pledge since cash is required to balance the school budget. However, gifts of this sort are listed in your family's gift record and are gratefully received.***

If we give \$2,500 or more, are there any special gift clubs for us?

Yes, with a gift of \$2,500 or more, you will become a member of the President's Club and are then invited to the President's Dinner. You will also receive a copy of the semi-monthly President's Newsletter.

NOTE: Your registration is not complete without the completed parent pledge form which you will be receiving at Freshman Family Interviews in March.