

*The Saint Ignatius High School Choral Program is recognized as one of the premier choral programs in the state of Ohio. Students of all abilities and experience levels are welcome to participate in one or more of our offerings.*

## FAVORITE MOMENTS

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

### AUGUST

- The first day of school fell on the Solemnity of the Assumption. Seniors in Chorus got to sing with a group of faculty and staff to kick off the year at an All-School Mass.

### SEPTEMBER

- The Cat-o'-Tonics provided the music for the inaugural Welsh Academy Mass of Gratitude, the Grandparents' Day Mass (for all freshmen and their grandparents), and had a retreat to learn new music, play games, and eat a homemade meal prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Croglio.

### OCTOBER

- The Chorus was invited to participate as a featured choir in a day-long Men's Chorus Festival held at Baldwin Wallace University.
- Thanks to the generosity of our audience, the choral groups raised nearly \$600 at their annual Fall Concert for a local organization supporting children battling cancer, Prayers from Maria.

### DECEMBER

- The Cat-o'-Tonics brought Christmas cheer to those living at the Normandy Care Center in Rocky River and Ennis Court in Lakewood. This allowed them to live out the corporal work of mercy, "visit the sick," in a way that gave the young and old alike a chance to share in some Christmas joy.
- The annual Rini Family Christmas Food Drive Mass and Lessons and Carols service were perfect Advent reminders of what the Christmas season is all about.

### JANUARY

- The Chorus joined the Praise Team from Mt. Zion Congregational UCC to lead the music at a school-wide Memorial Prayer Service for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

### MARCH

- The Chorus participated in the Ohio Music Education Association District Adjudication at the highest level of difficulty (Class AA) in March. The Chorus earned the top rating from all four adjudicators at this event.



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# CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## CURRICULAR COURSES

### AM I ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CHORUS AND SPORTS OR OTHER EXTRACURRICULARS?

**Absolutely!** There are a number of students in Chorus who also play sports and are involved in other extracurriculars. In the rare circumstance that conflicts arise for an event, the director will work with students to find a compromise.

### IS PARTICIPATING IN CHORUS EXPENSIVE?

**No.** All necessary Chorus materials are provided by the school.

### DO I NEED TO BE A GREAT SINGER TO PARTICIPATE?

**No.** The goal of the Choral Program is to help students develop their musical skills to be all that they can be. Everyone is able to sing and can learn how to get better. Singing is a skill, just like throwing a baseball or learning a language.

### DO I NEED TO HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE TO JOIN?

**No.** Students are able to learn to sing in choir without any prior experience.

### IS CHORUS A LARGE TIME COMMITMENT?

The Chorus and Freshman Chorus rehearse during the school day. There are no rehearsals outside of school (except on Open House night). The only times that there will be events outside of the school day are for concerts, adjudications, and Masses.

### ARE THERE ANY CLASSES THAT WILL PROHIBIT ME FROM JOINING CHORUS?

On some rare occasions, classes may overlap. The best way to approach this is for students to have a discussion with their counselor.

### DO I HAVE TO TAKE SUMMER CLASSES IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN CHORUS?

**No.** Students enrolling in Chorus are able to complete their graduation requirements without taking online or summer classes. Summer classes are offered to give students more flexibility in scheduling.



## CURRICULAR COURSES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

### FRESHMAN CHORUS GRADE 9

The Freshman Chorus is the entry-level choral group at Saint Ignatius. Students who join the choral program during their freshman year are placed in this ensemble. Emphasis is placed on healthy vocal development and producing good choral tone. Music literacy is introduced in this ensemble. The Freshman Chorus performs at four major concerts each year and will sing at some of the school Masses. Additionally, students will perform at the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event.

### CHORUS GRADES 10-12

The Saint Ignatius High School Chorus is open to any sophomore, junior or senior. The Chorus members sing at multiple concerts throughout the year, and will provide the music for numerous Masses as well. The group occasionally will be asked to perform for community events or festivals, and also performs at the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event each year. The Chorus performs high-level male choral music from a variety of cultures and styles.

## A CAPPELLA ENSEMBLES EXTRACURRICULAR GROUPS

### WILDFLATS GRADES 9-12

The Wildflats meet once per week after school. The Wildflats group is open to any student at Saint Ignatius High School and an audition is not required. The group is designed to be a feeder ensemble to the Cat-o'-Tonics, with students having the opportunity to build skills in pop *a cappella* singing. The Wildflats rehearse on Mondays from 3-3:45. The group performs at three concerts during the year.

### CAT-O'-TONICS GRADES 10-12 MUST BE MEMBERS OF CHORUS

The Saint Ignatius High School Cat-o'-Tonics was founded in 2005 by Saint Ignatius President, Fr. Ray Guiao, S.J. '82. Around 15 members of the Saint Ignatius Chorus are admitted into this group by audition each year. They specialize in singing *a cappella* pop music. The ensemble rehearses after school on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3-3:45. The Cat-o'-Tonics are invited to sing at a variety of school and community events annually.