



# REACHING MAGIS

**REACHing Magis is a program for 5th through 8th graders to help prepare them for the academic, social and spiritual challenges they may encounter as students in a college preparatory high school setting.**

## **RECRUITING EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND MORE**

*Magis* is a Latin term that means *more*. The term is a favorite of Jesuits, who feel that we are all constantly called to do *Magis*, or *more*. The Magis Program is our effort to do *more* to prepare students who have been traditionally underrepresented at Saint Ignatius High School for the academic, social and spiritual challenges they may encounter as students in a college preparatory high school setting.

The program's purpose is consistent with the school's mission to develop young men to achieve academic excellence, be open to growth, to be religious and committed to a life of service and justice. MAGIS students are referred by their teachers, principals, pastors, community leaders or Saint Ignatius alumni and must possess a standardized test score (Iowa, CAT, Stanford) above 50%, and maintain good academic and conduct records. Students will be admitted to the program during their 5th grade year.

### **SCHOOLS REPRESENTED:**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Urban Community School, Metro Catholic, St. Rocco's, St. Ignatius of Antioch, Holy Name, Our Lady of Peace, St. Francis, St. Mary - Collinwood, St. Thomas Aquinas, Riverside, Luis Munoz Marin, and several other inner-city schools

### **STUDENT PROFILE:**

MAGIS students are composed of the following demographics: African American, Asian American, Caucasian, Latino American, Middle Eastern, those who identify as Multi-racial

**\* Approximately 55% of MAGIS graduates matriculate to Saint Ignatius High School**

## ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT:

### Saturday Academic Program

Every student begins his REACHing MAGIS experience with the Saturday Academic Program, which starts in the fall and concludes in the winter. Accelerated and remedial classes are offered and designed to improve each student's skills in Language Arts and Mathematics. The program also incorporates Lego Robotics (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Graphic Arts, Web Design, Entrepreneurship with "Pitch" experience, and Test Preparation for any standardized test.

The Saturday Academic Program consists of:

**5th Graders**  
20 Saturdays

**6th Graders**  
24 Saturdays

**7th Graders**  
25 Saturdays

**8th Graders**  
15 Saturdays

The focus is on the core academic principles of: grammar, spelling, vocabulary, creative writing, reading comprehension, basic math skills, decimals, fractions, pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, study skills, time management, test-taking strategies, design software, basic computing, communication skills, and business fundamentals.

Classes during the Saturday Academic Program are held from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

### Summer Achievement Program

The Summer Achievement Program is an important component of this year-long program. Each rising 7th and 8th grader from the Saturday Academic Program is eligible, as long as he has successfully earned his credits by exemplifying 80% attendance, good grades and conduct, within the program and school community. The summer program focuses on academic retention and acceleration; team building, communication, and problem solving through a wide variety of athletics and social activities.



REACHing MAGIS will host scholars in conjunction with the Summer Enrichment Program. The Summer Achievement Program's curriculum is a continuous evolution from the Saturday Academic Program and the progress of each individual scholar. Areas of concentration remain the same, featuring Language Arts, Mathematics, Web Design, Entrepreneurship, Test Preparation, and personal development skills.

The Summer Achievement Program is held from mid-June through mid-July from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.



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Interim Director  
of REACHing  
MAGIS Program



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Leadership institutes work to define leadership, build respect, trust and honesty. Students are encouraged to foster teamwork and lay the foundation for a motivated life. After each activity, students participate in both large and small group discussion and reflection.

### **Fall Leadership Institute**

Students are challenged to act as leaders to reflect, regroup, and relaunch through various activities that allows them to learn from their past to make better choices for tomorrow.

### **Winter Leadership Institute**

The Winter Leadership Institute is designed to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It motivates young men to understand equality and become the leaders of a more just society.

### **Le'Charles Bentley 5th Grade Leadership Academy**

The Le'Charles V. Bentley '98 5th Grade Leadership Academy supports 35 future leaders from the Greater Cleveland Area who attend various Catholic, private and public grade schools.

The Academy focuses on language arts, mathematics, handwriting, typing and leadership development. The goal is to provide each young scholar with 18 intensive academic Saturdays from October through February with emphasis on core values. Each student who successfully completes the program will transition to the sixth through eighth grade REACHing MAGIS Program components which include language arts, mathematics, Lego robotics, test preparation and an entrepreneurial program including website and mobile app design. Ultimately, students who successfully complete both components will transition to Saint Ignatius High School or another high school of their choice.

### **The Verneda Bentley Endowed Scholarship**

The Verneda Bentley Endowed Scholarship Program was established by Le'Charles V. Bentley '98 in December 2006 to honor his mother, Verneda Bentley, for her encouragement of and commitment to his high school education. The endowment was created to provide substantial scholarships for select REACHing MAGIS graduates enrolling at Saint Ignatius High School. The program seeks to encourage and enable highly motivated students of exceptional promise to pursue academic and social opportunities available to them throughout high school. The Verneda Bentley Endowed Scholarship program is unique to the REACHing MAGIS program and Saint Ignatius High School and therefore cannot be transferred to any other high school.

Consideration for this scholarship shall be given to an African American or Hispanic American (Latino) student who resides in the City of Cleveland and attends a Catholic or public grade school. Each candidate must successfully complete the REACHing MAGIS program with full participation, attendance, exceptional progress reports, grades, and leadership qualities and demonstrate financial assistance.

This scholarship is renewable each year as long as the selected student maintains a 2.5 GPA or higher and remains at Saint Ignatius High School.

