

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School

Monday News

November 13, 2018

*“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.
I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God
has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

~ Philippians 3:13-14

Message from Principal Angie Krauss:

Dear Families,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am taking a moment to pause and reflect on our theme for the year, *“Growing Gratitude--Everyone Leads at St. Al’s.”* I have witnessed so many St. Al’s staff members, parents and students stepping up and being leaders in a myriad of ways: in their classrooms, organizing a community building event, supporting children or fellow parents who need a helping hand and the list goes on and on. I am thankful each day for our amazing St. Al’s community and the simple everyday blessings that give my life such significant meaning.

Our Annual Report was recently published, and **we have already received \$6,750 of our \$25,000 Annual Fund goal!** I encourage all families to contribute to our annual fund and be part of our St. Al’s legacy. This year, we have some fun incentives to inspire participation! See details below!

- **K-8 Class Competition!** The first K-8 class to have all families make a donation to our Annual Fund will receive a one-day ALL CLASS FREE DRESS PASS AND A PIZZA & MOVIE PARTY!!!! (One donation per family will count for any classes in which you have children.)
- **ELC Class Competition!** The first ELC class to have all families make a donation to our Annual Fund will receive a CLASS PARTY with age appropriate snacks!!!! (One donation per family will count for any classes in which you have children.)

In Christ’s Peace,

Angie Krauss

Message from ELC Administrator Julie Simmons:

Greetings ELC Families!

Hope this finds you all well and that you enjoyed the long weekend. Miss Mary and Miss Joanne collaborated to deliver the kids' artwork and care packages to our friends at the VA Hospital yesterday. Such a heart-warming gesture, so very much appreciated, and given to those so deserving of our respect and gratitude!

We're looking forward to sharing more moments in thanksgiving with all of you at our Pie Social @ 2:00 this Friday! Hope you are able to break away from your busy schedules to join your child and all of us for some yummy pie and a blessing from Father Tom Lamanna! Please see your child's teacher for sign up information.

Reminders:

- **On Wednesday, November 21 the ELC will close at 3:00 p.m. for the Thanksgiving Holiday-we will reopen on Monday, November 26, 2018.**
- On Thursday, December 13 we will host our annual Christmas Program for families.

Here are the specific performance times for our early Pre-PreK classrooms:

Chickadees: 2:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

Owls: 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Center

Blue Jays: 4:20 p.m. in the Activity Center

Montessori: 4:40 p.m. in the Activity Center

Hawks/Tigers: 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Center

We will gather for cookies, apple cider, and milk in the cafeteria following each performance. Stay tuned for more details from your child's teachers.

Have a wonderful week. Thank you for your partnership!

Blessings,
Julie

ALL-SCHOOL: Mark your Calendars:

- **Nov 14: Parent Advisory Meeting**
- **Nov 16 ELC Pie Social- 2pm in the Cafeteria**
- **Nov 21: Early Dismissal-12pm dismissal for K-8th/ ELC Closes at 3pm**
- **Nov 22-23: Thanksgiving Holiday- No School/ELC Closed**
- **Nov 30: Individual Picture Retake Day
Last Day of 1st Trimester**
- **Dec 6: Immaculate Conception All School Mass**
- **Dec 13: ELC/Mont Christmas Program- More info to come**
- **Dec 18: K-8 Christmas Program- More info to come**
- **Dec 20-Jan 2nd: K-8 Christmas Break**
- **Dec 24-Jan 1st: ELC Christmas Break-Building Closed**
- **Jan 2: ELC school Resumes**
- **Jan 3: K-8 School Resumes**

- **Jan 10:** Christmas Season Mass
- **Jan 16:** Teacher in-service- No school/ELC Open
- **Jan 21:** Martin Luther King Day- No school/ELC closed
- **Jan 27-31:** Catholic School's Week- More info to come

Important Notes & Reminders:

5th-8th grade Basketball signup- Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, November 14 to guarantee a spot. After that date, teams will be formed and there may or may not be room for additional teammates.

<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/st-aloysius-gonzaga-school> All St.

Aloysius Gonzaga students in grades 5-8 are invited to develop their skills and passion for basketball, playing games against others. Season runs from December 3 through end of February and practices are two days a week and for most teams from 3:00 to 4:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays (a few teams may practice from 4:30 to 6:00) in the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Garco Gym . Students should be able to participate in both the school play "Annie", and basketball. Games are on Sundays for grades 7 & 8 and Wednesdays for 5 & 6 grade. This program is directed Coach Jim Stone.

Student Athletes are asked to provide designated basketball practice court only shoes for practice.

Questions? Call **Pete Hanson** at 509-362-4411

Sports Uniforms: Please turn in your sports uniform in a **Marked bag with your child's name on it.** Uniforms will not be accepted if not in a marked bag.

St. Aloysius Parents interested in playing some basketball- Contact Dave Paluch (509-939-0420) or Nick Nolte (509-994-4304). Parent Pickup Basketball, will be 8PM Mondays nights in the St. Aloysius Gym.

Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising:

- **Annual Fund:**
 - **We have already received \$6,750 of our \$25,000 Annual Fund goal!** We would love to see 100% family participation! Join us and be part of the St. Al's LEGACY! **Follow the link below to GIVE TODAY** or submit your donation using the remit envelope that was included in your Annual Report.
<https://forms.donorsnap.com/form?id=3370495a-e17f-4fe7-bff1-90ccda2f603a>
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- **Christmas Cards ON SALE NOW!**: We have partnered again this year with our wonderful St. Al's Parish Knights of Columbus to bring you Christmas cards featuring the artwork of our Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest winners from last year. Each \$15 set contains 10 cards with unique artwork and 10 envelopes. If you would like cards that feature just one student's artwork, please contact Cami Carlson for details at ccarlson@dioceseofspokane.org or 509-489-7825 ext. 238. Please complete the attached order form and submit with payment to Mrs. Kelly at the upstairs front desk.
- **Photos, Website, Social Media:**
 - **WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!!!** We love to incorporate your SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLASSROOM photos on our website and in our social media posts! Please send pics to Cami Carlson at ccarlson@dioceseofspokane.org.
 - Please remember to "like" and "share" our Facebook and Instagram posts! Thank you!
- **Auction 2019: BUILT ON A LEGACY - Friday, February 8, 2019**
 - **Procurement:** We have already received several donations from local businesses, and they're sure to keep rolling in!
 - That said, **WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!** We will be sending information home with school and ELC families very soon with information about how you can support our auction efforts.
 - **We STRONGLY SUGGEST that all families donate items for our auction with a retail value of at least \$100.** This does not mean you have to spend \$100! There are many ways to procure wonderful items for our annual auction.
 - Shop Black Friday sales for discounted items!
 - Ask businesses that you frequent to donate items, services or gift cards.
 - Contribute time, talent and/or treasure to your child's class project.
 - Give cash so the auction team can purchase items to complete themed baskets, etc.
 - Be an auction sponsor! Details attached!

Volunteering:

Auction:

Our next auction committee meeting will be held **TONIGHT Tuesday, November 13 @ 5:30pm**. If you are interested in any way with volunteering for the auction, email Aleisha Webb at awebb@dioceseofspokane.org or at 509-489-7825 ext. 244. Other ways you can help are with set up before the event, working the night of, or helping with clean up. To sign up for any of these opportunities, please follow the Google link below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1umtAGe9RjfLexDu_gCFhBviHu4_cmy3-xtGJq5-fOtE/edit?usp=sharing

Track it Forward:

I wanted to thank you all for your patience in transitioning to the new volunteer hour tracking program, Track it Forward. I have received quite a few emails saying that families are receiving “access denied” messages when trying to access the “Event Sign-Ups” section. I spoke with the company, and they informed me that the issue has been resolved. If you previously received this message, please give it a try again on the website and email me a screenshot if you receive another error message. This information will be very helpful for me in problem solving these situations. Please email me at awebb@dioceseofspokane.org with any questions you may have. Thank you!

Luncheon:

Thank you so much to all the families that contributed food for the luncheon last week! Our school staff really appreciated it!

Leaf Raking:

WEATHER PERMITTING! We are looking for volunteers the morning of Saturday, November 17, to help rake leaves at school. We are planning to work from 8:00am -12:00pm. Donuts, coffee and hot cocoa will be provided, but please bring your own rakes and come ready to work! To volunteer, please follow the link below:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/378748/event/442644>

OR

- 1) Log on to Track it Forward
- 2) Click on Event Sign-ups
- 3) Click on Saturday, November 17

Email Aleisha Webb with any questions you may have at awebb@dioceseofspokane.org.

Christmas Program:

The annual Christmas Program will be on Tuesday, December 18 and I wanted to get a list of volunteer opportunities out ASAP! I am in need of volunteers on Monday, December 17 and Tuesday, December 18 to help with set up, clean up, plating cookies, and helping with setting up and serving at the Cookie Social. To sign up for any of these volunteer opportunities, please follow the steps below:

- 1) Sign in to Track it Forward
- 2) Click on Event Sign-ups
- 3) Scroll down December
- 4) Select which volunteer opportunity you would like to participate in.

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Amazon Smile:

Help support our school! If you have not yet signed up for the Amazon Smile Program, now is a great time! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1433780 or smile.amazon.com every time you shop online, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to St. Al's School.

Box Tops:

This is a great time of year to collect Box Tops! You can find Box Tops on many products you will use for Thanksgiving dinner. Don't forget to pick up a November Box Tops collection sheet at the Box Tops board in the Jr. wing.

STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers:

- We pray for all of the wonderful people that serve our country in the armed forces, keep them safe as they work to establish peace in our world. Also a prayer of gratitude for all of the veterans in our community!
- We pray this week for the national Bishop conference and for safe travels for Bishop Daly.
- A prayer of thanksgiving for all of the volunteer support that our community offers to the school daily! This partnership works to make St. Al's a joyful place.

Attachments:

- Christmas Card order form
- Parish Bulletin