

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School

Monday News

November 19, 2018

Message from Principal Angie Krauss:

Dear Families,

I wish you all a fun-filled and restful Thanksgiving week! Many students have said they are traveling to a relative's house or cooking dinner at home for family and friends. Whichever it may be, I hope you see God's love in those around you and in his beautiful creation.

We have already received \$9,125 of our \$25,000 Annual Fund goal! We would love to see 100% family participation! We have some fun incentives to inspire participation! Every gift, regardless of the amount, makes a huge difference to our operating budget. To date, 14 of our 295 school & ELC families have contributed. That's only 5%. Please don't wait! **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>

REMEMBER to sign up for After Care on Wednesday if you are not picking your child up at noon when school is dismissed. The After Care program will be open from noon to 3:00 PM. **Our whole school, K-8 and ELC, will be closed at 3pm this Wednesday. please plan accordingly.**

Finally, thank you for coming together as a community to support our Operation Christmas Child efforts. We dropped off 68 boxes filled with toys, supplies, and hygiene items along with \$860!

I look forward to seeing you all after break and beginning our Holy Advent season together.

In Christ's Peace,
Angie Krauss

Message from ELC Administrator Julie Simmons:

ELC Holiday Special! We are excited to announce our ELC Holiday Special promotion! Any St. Al's ELC or K-8 family that recruits a new family that officially registers their child(ren) in our ELC by January 18, will receive a \$100 tuition credit! Please help us spread the word about availability in our ELC and make sure your new recruits tell us

who suggested they come to St. Al's! Please contact our ELC director, Julie Simmons, if you have any questions. jsimmons@dioceseofspokane.org

Reminders:

Annual Christmas Program coming...Thursday, December 13!

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

Blessings,

Julie

ALL-SCHOOL: Mark your Calendars:

- **Nov 30:** Individual Picture Retake Day
Last Day of 1st Trimester
- **Dec 6:** Immaculate Conception All School Mass
- **Dec 13:** ELC/Mont Christmas Program-see schedule above
- **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 18:** Teacher in-service- No school/ELC Open
- **Jan 21:** Martin Luther King Day- No school/ELC closed
- **Jan 27-31:** Catholic Schools Week- More info to come

Important Notes & Reminders:

2019 Little Zags Winter Basketball Camp: January 6th, 2019, from 1pm to 6pm at the McCarthy Athletic Center. It is open to grades 1st through 6th and the cost is \$70 per attendee. Click on the link to register <http://www.gonzagabasketballcamps.com/>

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 at 8PM on Monday nights in the St. Aloysius Gym.

Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising:

- **Annual Fund:**
 - **We have already received \$9,125 of our \$25,000 Annual Fund goal!**
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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.

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- **Class competition UPDATE:** Thank you to all families who have already contributed! After Thanksgiving break, we will announce participation status for each class. Also, as a token of our gratitude, we decided to give rewards to classes as they hit participation marks of 25%, 50%, and 75% of families contributing to our Annual Fund. We appreciate you!!!
- **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.)

- **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.

- **Auction 2019: BUILT ON A LEGACY - Friday, February 8, 2019**
 - **Procurement:** Your **AUCTION BREAD & BUTTER KIT** is coming home today! Look for it in the RED FOLDER and/or BACKPACK of your youngest child. It includes:
 - Procurement explanation for families
 - Procurement letter
 - Procurement form
 - Sponsorship Info & Registration Form
 - **Tuition Credit Drawing!:** Auction donations from our families are of the utmost importance. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity! We are asking that family donations be turned in by December 13, 2018. ***Families who turn in their auction donations on or before Dec. 13 will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$200 tuition credit!*** The drawing will take place on Dec. 14, so turn in your auction items ASAP!
 - **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:

Leaf Raking:

Saturday we had an amazing crew come out and helped rake leaves all around the school property. Thank you so much to these families: Duffy, Cable, Hart, Young, Webb, Forrest Higgins, Kelly Cooper, and Mr. Hanson!

Data Entry:

I am in need of a volunteer to do data entry, print and assembly for a teacher's class project. The time frame to complete this would be from December 3-December 14. This is a project you can take home! If you are interested please contact Aleisha Webb at awebb@dioceseofspokane.org Thank you!

Christmas Program:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! The annual K-8 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 to December
- 4) Select which volunteer opportunity you would like to participate in.

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

Auction:

There are many ways you can volunteer to help out with the auction!

- Decorations Committee
- Check In/Check out at the event (Feb. 8)
- Set-up of silent auction on Thursday, February 7
- Help with silent auction during the event (Feb. 8)
- Work the back room at the event (Feb. 8)
- Clean up crew after the auction (**offering DOUBLE volunteer hours**)

- Procurement Committee

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

Please email Aleisha Webb at awebb@dioceseofspokane.org with any questions or follow the Google link to sign up!

Simple Ways to Support our School:

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.

Fred Meyer:

Did you know that you can link your Fred Meyer card to our school and help us earn money? Fred Meyer makes donations to non-profit organizations on a quarterly basis. To link your Fred Meyer card, simply follow these steps:

1. Log into your Fred Meyer account at fredmeyer.com
2. In the top right hand corner, click "my account"
3. Next, click "community rewards"
4. In the search window, enter our school code: **KM924**
5. Your Fred Meyer card is now linked to our school! Thank you!

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

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 Junior High hall.

STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers:

- Dear Lord give me confidence in you when I face turmoils of everyday human life.
- A prayer of Thanksgiving for the beautiful gift of family and friends and time spent with them.
- Father, today when I am tempted to dwell on the troubles in my heart, help me instead to focus on the treasures!
- Father, help all those in distress during the holiday season due to emotional, spiritual or financial struggles. May they experience your peace and comfort.

Attachments:

- Christmas Card order form
- Parish Bulletin
- Auction Procurement & Sponsor Info (5)