

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School

Monday News

December 17, 2018

“Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice!”

~Philippians 4:4

Message from Principal Angie Krauss:

Dear Families,

I treasure the third week of Advent and the theme of Joy as we anticipate the coming of Christ's birth! It coincides perfectly with our Christmas Program: *Heaven's Greatest Gift tomorrow night at 6:30pm at Saint Aloysius Parish*. I love the positive energy in the school as the students make their final preparations and wear their "Sunday best" that evening. This event truly exemplifies our Catholic Identity and I am so grateful for the leadership of Mr. Barfield and Ms. King, our students, staff, and school community which make this such a joyous occasion.

Reminders for Christmas Program:

- Please dress nicely for this event; "Sunday best" is encouraged
- 8th grade actors who need to change into a costume please arrive at 6pm
- All K-8 students report to their assigned class spot with their teacher at 6:15pm
- If your child is in 5th-6th band, please report at 6:15pm to O'Malley Hall located in the basement of the church
- Please respect this sacred space and do not bring food and drink into the church
- Following the Christmas Program there will be a cookie reception located back at the school in the cafeteria for all who attended the program
- There is an attachment to order DVDs of the Christmas program below

I wanted to remind you that our Christmas Break begins on December 20th. We will provide Before and After Care on December 20 and 21st. Please make sure you have made arrangements for child care if needed from December 22nd until January 2nd. We will resume normal operating hours on January 3rd.

Annual Fund Class Competition Update:

We have received \$22,115 toward our \$25,000 goal! We are almost there, I can't begin to express our heartfelt gratitude for making this possible. **MAC class is still in the lead with 65% of families participating, and K-All Day is coming on strong with 53%!** Don't forget each class is given a reward at the 25% and 50% participation markers as well. **First, sixth, seventh and eighth are so close to the 25% reward!** Let's see who will be in the lead after we return from break.

- **K-AM = 8%** **K-All Day = 53%**
- **1st = 21%** **2nd = 39%**
- **MAC = 65%** **3rd = 30%**

- **4th** = 42%
 - **6th** = 23%
 - **8th** = 23%
- **5th** = 17%
 - **7th** = 24%

I hope you have a joy filled week!

In Christ's Peace,
Angie Krauss

Message from ELC Administrator Julie Simmons:

Greetings ELC Families!

Wow! Another successful, joy-filled Christmas program...the children were stars all afternoon and evening...such a testimony to the love shared in our community, definitely served as a powerful reminder to me to reflect on my priorities each day and to place Him at the center of everything I do! Thank you parents, grandparents, and families for your tremendous support! We love our St. Al's ELC family!

Just remember too, we will hold hallway Advent prayer today, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week from 8:50-9:10 a.m. and you are very welcome to join us! The toddler rooms are also holding Advent prayer immediately afterwards. A huge thank you to John and Beth Hart for coordinating our special prayer time, for John's guitar accompaniment, and to Emily McCulloh, 8th grade student for her assistance with music accompaniment as well!

Reminder regarding upcoming dates on our ELC calendar: Our center is open normal hours through December 21, 2018. We are closed the week of Christmas and will reopen on Wednesday January 2nd, 2019. We will also offer school age care on Thursday & Friday, Dec. 20 and 21, 2018 for our families upstairs.

ELC Holiday Special! *Our holiday special continues!* 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

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- **Chickadees** = 20% **Owls** = 7%
- **Bluejays** = 17% **Hawks** = 6%
- **Tigers** = 18% **Montessori E** = 33%
- **Montessori W** = 20%

Also, a big thank you to all the families in the ELC that have already contributed to the Annual Fund.

Blessings to you all for a peace-filled, joyous holiday,
Julie

ALL-SCHOOL: Mark your Calendars:

- **Dec 18:** **K-8 Christmas Program**
- **Dec 20-Jan 2:** **K-8 Christmas Break**
- **Dec 24-Jan 1:** **ELC Christmas Break-Building Closed**
- **Jan 2:** **ELC school Resumes**
- **Jan 3:** **K-8 School Resumes**
- **Jan 7:** **Ventriloquist Program for PreK 9:30 a.m.**
- **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:

4th-8th grade Christmas Eve Children's Choir at St. Aloysius Church: For children who like to sing in 4th-8th grade this is a great opportunity to continue to build music skills, sing some fun Christmas carols and lead the congregation in song! Rehearsals led by parish music director Andrea Timm take place after the 11am Mass at St. Aloysius during Advent!

Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday / December 9th / 12:15-1:00pm
Sunday / December 16th / 12:15-1:00pm
Sunday / December 23rd / 12:15-1:00pm
Tuesday / December 25th (Christmas Eve) / 3:30pm

Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising:

- **Annual Report:**

- **We have received \$22,115 toward our \$25,000 goal!** Thank you to all families who have already given! Your support is so very much appreciated!
 - **K-8 Class Competition Update!: MAC class is still in the lead with 65% of families participating, and K-All Day is coming on strong with 53%!** 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.)

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- **Christmas Cards ON SALE NOW!: WE HAVE A FEW SETS LEFT!!! GET YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS TODAY!** 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**
 - **Tuition Credit Drawing!: AND THE WINNER IS...The Wyborney Family!!!** Thank you to all families who already gave items and money to help our auction efforts! And...
 - WE STILL NEED FAMILIES TO DONATE ITEMS FOR OUR AUCTION!!! **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 holiday sales for discounted items!
- Ask businesses to donate items, services or gift cards.
- Contribute time, talent, items and/or cash to your child's class project.
- Give cash!
- Wine! Wine! Wine!
- Create a themed basket! Here are some theme ideas:
 - Coffee
 - BBQ
 - Hiking, skiing, boating, fishing
 - Gluten free
 - Baby
 - Movies
 - Fun & games
 - Spokane or Coeur d'Alene
 - ETC.
- Be an auction sponsor! See attached info and then submit your sponsorship registration at school or follow the link below!
<https://forms.donorsnap.com/form?id=01300f96-d537-4404-8ccc-1c7d9c2460fa>

Volunteering:

Track it Forward:

If you have not yet logged into Track it Forward please do so ASAP! This is the ONLY way to record volunteer hours and the main sign up for volunteer opportunities throughout the school. If you are in need of your login information, please contact Aleisha Webb at awebb@dioceseofpsokane.org.

BAKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS:

- Thank you to all that helped out with the staff breakfast last Thursday! The teachers really appreciated your hard work and all the delicious food items that were brought in. Please remember to record your volunteer hours!
- **If you are interested in bringing cookies in for the Christmas Program Cookie Social, please have them delivered to school by 9am on Tuesday, December 17.** When recording volunteer hours, please record them under the "Baking" category.

2 dozen cookies = 1 Volunteer Hour

Christmas Program:

If you signed up to volunteer at the Christmas Program in any capacity, please check your email for a reminder of date and time from Track it Forward. If you have any questions, please contact Cami Carlson at ccarlson@dioceseofspokane.org.

Christmas Program Props:

Thank you to everyone that purchased prop items for the Christmas Program! Not only does your support help us control costs, it also helps you get volunteer hours! THANK YOU!

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!

Auction Meeting: There is still time to join in the fun! Our next auction meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8 at 5:30pm

Looking Ahead...

The Parish Thank You Reception(s) will be on Sunday, January 27 for both the 8:00am and the 11:00am Mass. We will need volunteers to help with set-up before the Mass, helping during the reception and clean up after the reception about 12:00pm. Please email me at awebb@dioceseofspokane.org if you have any questions. To sign up for this volunteer opportunity, please follow these steps:

- Sign in to Track it Forward
- Click on Event Sign-ups
- Scroll down to January
- Select Sunday, January 27
- Choose either the 8:30am Mass or the 11:00am Mass

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 your holiday baking! Don't forget to pick up a December Box Tops collection sheet at the Box Tops board in the Junior High hall.

STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers:

- Lord help us rejoice, during this 3rd week of Advent!
- We pray for the success of the K-8 Christmas Program this week, and the gratitude we have to share in our joy!

Attachments

- Christmas Program DVD
- Parish Bulletin