

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School

Monday News

December 3, 2018

*“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”*

~ Pope Francis

Message from Principal Angie Krauss:

Dear Families,

My heart is filled with gratitude that the Advent season began yesterday. This holy time of year gives us an opportunity to reflect on the birth of our Savior. His presence in this world gives us hope and peace beyond human understanding.

We will be having Advent hallway prayer beginning at 8:35am by the upstairs office. This is a tradition at St Als and provides a way for our whole school community to engage in Advent reflections together. If you come in late please know the main office area upstairs will be filled with students singing beautiful Christmas music.

Currently, we have received \$15,735 toward our \$25,000 Annual Fund goal! The Mac class is in the lead but several classes are close to the 25% participation goal and are eligible for their first class prize.

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 - **5th** = 10%
 - **7th** = 5%

If you have not had a chance to contribute please follow the link below and know how grateful we are for your amazing support.

<https://forms.donorsnap.com/form?id=3370495a-e17f-4fe7-bff1-90ccda2f603a>

Important Reminders:

- Kindergarten through eighth grade teachers will prepare report cards that will be sent home on Dec. 10. All K-8 students will receive feedback on their progress towards our SLEs (Schoolwide Learning Expectations) of Respect, Responsibility, and Reflection. Students will receive a D for Developing Habits, E for Exhibiting Habits, or M for Modeling Habits for Others in various aspects of the SLEs. If you have questions on this or any other aspect regarding the report cards please don't hesitate to ask us.

K-8 Christmas Program Date/Times:

- December 18–Dress Rehearsal at 10am at St. Al's Church
- December 18–Christmas Program at 6:30pm at St. Al's Church. **Please be mindful that the Gonzaga Men's Basketball Team has a home game that evening so finding parking may take more time.**

I hope you have a joy filled week!

In Christ's Peace,
Angie Krauss

Message from ELC Administrator Julie Simmons:

Greetings ELC Families!

Advent is upon us, and we are so excited to welcome this holy season in our early learning center! As we wait in joyful anticipation for the birth of our Lord, we will gather in the main hallway three mornings per week to light our Advent candle, decorate our Jesse tree, sing a Christmas carol, and say a prayer. If you are able to break away and join us, please come on down to the main reception desk MWF around 8:50 a.m. We will hold hallway prayer three mornings each week until Dec. 21. If your child attends our infant/toddler program, please check in with your teacher for details on the special ways they plan to celebrate our holy season.

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

Annual Fund Class Competition!:

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

ELC Class Competition Update! Bluejays and Montessori East are tied for the lead with 17% of families participating! 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.)

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- Teddy Bears = 14% Koalas = 7%
- Chickadees = 13% Owls = 7%
- Bluejays = 17% Hawks = 0%
- Tigers = 9% Montessori E = 17%
- Montessori W = 0%

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:

- Dec 6: Immaculate Conception All School Mass-10:15 am @ St. Al's Church
- 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/>

Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising:

● **Annual Fund:**

- **We have already received \$15,735 toward our \$25,000 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>

- **Class competition UPDATE:** Thank you to all families who have already contributed! We appreciate you!!! Class competition results to date are below. ***The class competition for Annual Fund donations will end on Friday, January 11! GIVE TODAY!***

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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.

- **Auction 2019: BUILT ON A LEGACY - Friday, February 8, 2019**
 - **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 holiday 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! 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:

Christmas Program:

We need your help and I'M OFFERING DOUBLE VOLUNTEER HOURS!!!

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.

Christmas Program Props Needed:

Below is a link to items that we need for the Christmas Program. Each item purchased is worth 1 volunteer hour. When you record your volunteer hours, please make sure to put in the notes section which items you purchased. Please email Aleisha Webb at awebb@dioceseofspokane.org with any questions you may have. Thank you so much for your help!

<https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/b6niQa1>

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

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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:

- Lord, help us to keep the true meaning of Christmas this Advent season.
- We pray for all of those that struggle during the holidays to feel loved, may they find the gift of peace.

Attachments:

- December Lunch Menu
- Christmas Card order form
- Parish Bulletin