

# **St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School**

Monday News

January 7, 2019

*“If we pray-we will believe.  
If we believe-we will love.  
If we love-we will serve.”*

*~Mother Teresa*

## ***Message from Principal Angie Krauss:***

***Dear Families,***

I hope your New Year is off to a great start! My family was able to enjoy some rest and relaxation with relatives and friends and reflect on all our many blessings. I would like to thank our school community for showering our staff with words and gifts of appreciation during the holiday season. We felt so loved and special.

I also would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your support in helping us achieve our Annual Fund goal. We hoped to raise \$25,000.00 but we were able to far exceed that by raising to date \$47,000.00! This would not of been possible without the support of you, alumni, grandparents and organizations that believe in our mission. We are humbled by your loyalty and devotion to Catholic education and the difference it can make in a child's life.

Also, we received word over Christmas break that we were awarded two grants from the Nazareth Guild totaling \$15,000.00. These grants will be used for facility improvements and expanding the number of chromebooks in our media lab. We are so grateful for all the Nazareth Guild has done for our school and Catholic schools in Eastern Washington.

If you can join us for our All School Mass on Thursday at 10:15 a.m. at St. Al's Parish we would love to worship with you. Also, the Auction tickets are now on sale on our website and we are preparing for a great event on February 8 held at our St. Al's Garco gym.

Have a very blessed week.

In Christ's Peace,  
Angie Krauss

***Message from ELC Administrator Julie Simmons:***

Greetings ELC Families,

It's wonderful to have all of you back, the children have been so excited to share their adventures from the holidays with all of us. I hope you all enjoyed your time with family and friends!

I'm very pleased to announce two exciting developments for our Early Learning Center. First, our remodeling work for the old toddler room was completed during Christmas break thanks to our friends at Yost Gallagher Construction and our own school maintenance team. After a final licensing inspection tour, we have been cleared to re-open this classroom, and starting today you will find this bright, sparkling room to be the new home for Miss Mary and Miss Beth's Chickadees classroom. Thanks to our teachers, our maintenance staff, and the crew from Yost Gallagher Construction to make this happen for our kiddos!

Second, we're pleased to announce the opening of our third toddler classroom in the infant/toddler building beginning today. We are very happy to be opening this additional space to accommodate our growth in numbers! Many thanks to Miss Shannon, Miss Alyssa, and the rest of the toddler team along with our maintenance crew for their hard work over break to make this possible today! It is truly a bright and fun room to welcome our newest students!

***ELC Holiday Special!*** *Our holiday special continues, but time is running out!* 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](mailto:jsimmons@dioceseofspokane.org)

Blessings,  
Julie

***ALL-SCHOOL: Mark your Calendars:***

- **Jan 10:** Christmas Season Mass-10:15 am at St. Al's Church
- **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
- **Jan 31:** Special Person's Day- More info to come
- **Feb 5:** Accreditation PreVisit
- **Feb 8:** Annual Auction- See info below
- **Feb 15:** Teacher In-Service- No School/ ELC Open
- **Feb 18:** President's Day Holiday- No School/ELC Closed
- **Feb 21-22:** Open House
- **Mar 5-7:** Accreditation
- **Mar 6:** Ash Wednesday Mass-St. Al's Church @ 12:15PM
- **Mar 8:** Diocesan In-Service- No School/ELC Closed

- **Mar 21: Lenten Season Mass**

***Important Notes & Reminders:***

***Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising:***

- **Annual Fund:**
  - **WE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!!** Actually, we far surpassed our goal bringing in over **\$47,000!!!** Thank you to all families who have already given! Your support is so very much appreciated! **Families can still contribute!** We will wrap up the class competition next Friday, January 11.
  - **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.)
 

K-AM = 8%	K-All Day = 53%
1st = 21%	2nd = 39%
MAC = 65%	3rd = 30%
4th = 42%	5th = 21%
6th = 23%	7th = 24%
8th = 23%	
  - **ELC Class Competition Update!** **Montessori East is in the lead with 38% of families participating, and Tigers aren't far behind with 27%!** 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.)
 

Teddy Bears = 14%	Chickadees = 20%
Owls = 7%	Hawks = 6%
Blue Jays = 17%	Tigers = 27%
Mont East = 38%	Mont West = 20%
Koalas = 21%	Giraffes = 22%
Lambs = 0%	
- **Auction 2019: BUILT ON A LEGACY - Friday, February 8, 2019**

- **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!** Follow the link below to purchase your tickets or visit our website and follow the auction link on the homepage. <https://stalsschool.ejoinme.org/builtonalegacy>
- **WE STILL NEED FAMILIES TO DONATE ITEMS FOR OUR AUCTION!!!**  
We need all items submitted by THIS FRIDAY, January 11, in order to be included in the auction program book. There are many ways to procure wonderful items for our annual auction.
  - **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! Please register by this Friday, January 11, to be recognized in our auction program book.  
<https://forms.donorsnap.com/form?id=01300f96-d537-4404-8ccc-1c7d9c2460fa>
  - Contact Aleisha Webb [awebb@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:awebb@dioceseofspokane.org) or Cami Carlson [ccarlson@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:ccarlson@dioceseofspokane.org) if you have any questions.
  - **Watch for weekly auction update emails!**

### **Volunteering:**

### **Auction:**

**We are only 31 days away from the auction and we need your help!** There are many ways you can volunteer to help out with the auction!

- Decorations Committee
  - We will need volunteers on Thursday, February 7
- 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](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1umtAGe9RjfLexDu_gCFhBviHu4_cmy3-xtGJq5-fOtE/edit?usp=sharing)

Please email Aleisha Webb at [awebb@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto: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 11:00 am Mass. We will need volunteers to help with set-up before the Mass, helping during the reception and clean up after the reception about 12:00 pm. Please email me at [awebb@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto: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 8:30 am Mass or the 11:00 am Mass.

### **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.

### **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@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:awebb@dioceseofspokane.org).

### **STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers:**

- We pray for the start of a New Year that God will direct our path and we will listen to his voice.
- We pray for all families dealing with a death of a loved one and that you will comfort them during this difficult time.

### **Attachments**

- January Lunch menu
- Parish Bulletin

