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St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School

Monday News

September 23, 2019

“The world needs to be transformed, and nobody is in a better position to do that than Christians. In fact, I would argue that if Christians do not change the world, it will not change for the better.”

~Matthew Kelly

Message from Principal Angie Krauss:

Dear Families,

I was able to attend the Nazareth Guild Gala on Saturday and the speaker, Sister Claire encouraged us to ponder the significance that Jesus loves us, **unconditionally**. It is such a gift to know you are loved for just being you. Our students remind me of this everyday when they greet others with Christ like love and acceptance. The staff and I are grateful to work with them each day!

We are getting into a routine now and students are busy learning and growing their faith. As I visit classrooms, I witness engaged learning and earnest prayers for others and the world we live in. It is such a gift to see the Holy Spirit at work at our school each day.

We have our first All School Mass on Thursday at 10:15 am at St. Al's Church. We would love to have you join us if you can. Also, Blessing of the Animals is next Thursday, October 3rd. Students are welcome to bring a pet or a picture of one to be blessed by our priests.

I have attached our annual asbestos letter to the AM news please let me know if you have any questions. A reminder we don't have school on October 4th, so please make sure to sign up for care ahead of time if needed. The sign up sheet will be downstairs by the receptionist desk.

I hope you have a great week!

In Christ's Peace,
Angie Krauss

Message from ELC Administrator Julie Simmons:

Greeting ELC Families:

Greetings ELC Families.

Our classrooms are humming with activity and it is so gratifying to share in the moments of delight with your children everyday!

Thank you for returning your portion of the ASQ-3 Questionnaire as promptly as possible. We so appreciate your partnership!

We are learning prayers of thanksgiving to say before our meals, learning to make the sign of the Cross, and reading stories together from the Bible. This year, our staff has adopted the theme "Building Community-One Holy Spirit Moment At a Time." Be looking for signs of our theme posted around the building and to references from your child's teachers in your newsletters and daily communication. We have committed to sharing and receiving Holy Spirit moments throughout our days!

"Heavenly Father, all good things come from you. Thank you for the many signs of your love I received today." (Busted Halo)

Make it another wonderful week!

Blessings,

Julie

Mark your Calendars:

- **Sept 26: All School Mass of the Holy Spirit-** 10:15am @ St. Al's Church
- **Oct 3: Blessing of the Animals-** 2:30 @ St. Al's School
- **Oct 4: Diocesan Teacher In-Service Day-** K-8th&Mont Closed/ELC Open
- **Oct 9: K-8th Grade Individual Picture Day**
- **Oct 10: ELC/Mont Individual Picture Day**
- **Oct 10: Ordinary Time All School Mass-** 10:15am @ St. Al's Church
- **Oct 11: Teacher In-Service Day-** K-8th&Mont Closed/ELC Open
- **Oct 25: Hallowfest-** More info to come
- **Nov 1: All Saints/All Souls Mass-** 12:15pm @ St. Al's Church
- **Nov 7&8: K-8th/Mont Parent/Teacher Conference-** K-8th&Mont Closed/ELC Open
- **Nov 11: Veterans Day Holiday-** School Closed/ELC Closed
- **Nov 22: Individual Picture Retake Day**
- **Nov 27: Early Dismissal- K-8th&Mont 12pm Dismissal/ELC Closing at 3:00pm**
- **Nov 28&29: Thanksgiving Holiday-** School Closed/ELC Closed

Important Notes & Reminders:

- School dismisses at 3:00pm all students in grades K-3 must be picked up by their parent/older sibling or designated care provider. Grades 4-8 are dismissed to the parking lot. If you have not picked up your child by

3:15pm they will be checked in to aftercare for their safety.

Community Connections:

- St. Al's is looking for someone to join our team in the kitchen! Must have a food permit and be able to handle a physically active position. This is a sub-position, could be a morning phone call for that day. Please contact Pat Klumb for more information.
- There will be an opportunity to volunteer at Blessings Under the Bridge this Wednesday, September 25 from 5:30-7:30. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Louise at 509-326-7528 or by email at bicycling4lou@gmail.com.

Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising:

Building The Future Capital Campaign, Phase 3 - Full STEAM Ahead:

- We are close to finalizing Phase 3 plans with Garco to finish the second floor of the new building! Stay tuned for exciting Phase 3 announcements!...

Social Media and Website:

- We are looking to share "Holy Spirit Moments" from our St. Al's community and families. Please share those moments with us, together we can make a difference. Look out for forms at the front desk of both buildings or please email them to bbarbieri@stalsschool.org
- Fall Sports have started be sure to check out the sports schedules on the website and supports those Stag athletes!
- As we work to update staff email addresses on our website, **please note that all emails sent to old email addresses WILL BE FORWARDED to the recipient.**
- We love to incorporate your photos on our website and in our social media posts! Please send pictures to Brianna Barbieri at bbarbieri@stalsschool.org.
- Please remember to "like" and "share" our Facebook and Instagram (@st.alsgonzaga) posts! Also, be sure to Tag your posts of your students with the hashtag **#wearestals**. Your efforts make a huge impact on the scope of our marketing audience. Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Donations for Volunteer Hours:

Luncheon supplies for volunteer hours! Throughout the year I will have many staff luncheons that will require plates, napkins, cups and silverware. Follow the

Track It Forward link below to sign up for this volunteer opportunity. Please have your item donations turned in to the front desk by Monday, October 4 with your families name written somewhere on the package. Please make sure to follow instruction per item.

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/378748/event/501377>

Staff Luncheon:

The first staff luncheon will be held on Friday, October 11 and I will need 2 volunteers to help with set up and clean up starting at about 10:15. If you are interested in helping, please email Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org. Link for donating food items will be out on Monday, September 30.

Hallowfest:

Hallowfest is one month away! Please join us on Friday, October 25 for a night filled with fun, games and of course, CANDY! Here are a few different ways your family can receive volunteer hours for Hallowfest:

- Set up on Thursday, October 24 (time TBD)
- Volunteer (in school) and help prep for the big night!
 - During the month of October, I will be needing volunteers to come in and help prepare for Hallowfest. Every Friday will be open volunteering from 11-3. If you have an hour or so free and would like to volunteer, please email me at awebb@stalsschool.org.
- Volunteer the night of Hallowfest at the many different games and activities. More information about this will be distributed soon.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please email Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org

Community Contribution Programs:

Box Tops Program:

The next submission deadline for Box Tops is coming up! There are a lot of amazing products out there right now that offer bonus Box Tops for purchasing school supplies, food/snacks, and household items. Make sure to clip your Box Tops and submit them by **NOVEMBER 1**.

If you wish to participate in the Box Tops Program, there will be a stack of collection sheets available on the bulletin board outside of Mrs. Devita's classroom. This board will also have our updated totals. Here are a few helpful tips when submitting Box Tops:

- Box Tops can be taped or glued to the sheet (no staples, please) or you

can submit them in baggies.

- You may claim 1 hour of volunteer time for every 50 Box Tops submitted.
- Please make sure to write your family name and grade on the sheet or baggie so that your child's class receives credit.
- Each family is required to record their own hours. Please record these hours under the category "Box Tops".
- Box Tops are a great fundraiser for our school! Last year our school received \$547.50 from the Box Tops program. Please help us reach our goal of \$700 this year!

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. During the 2018-2019 school year, you help our school earn \$560.64.

STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers:

- A prayer of gratitude for our parish leadership and church that support our school's mission in so many different ways.
- A prayer for all those who are struggling with physical illness that you may bring them comfort and healing.

Attachments

- St. Al's Church Bulletin
- Asbestos letter

Aleisha Webb

Parent Volunteer Coordinator

Safe Environment Coordinator

Administrative Assistant

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School

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ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION LETTER

September 5, 2019

Dear Parents,

In past years asbestos in many forms has been used in most school buildings in a large variety of building materials. Although asbestos has been determined to be a health hazard, it is not a hazard as long as it is well maintained and the fibers do not become airborne.

Our school has an asbestos plan book that outlines where asbestos material, if any is located, the condition of that material and what actions are being taken to repair any damaged material.

The most recent inspection has confirmed the presence of small amounts of asbestos material which is maintained in good condition; therefore it should be present no health risk to the students or other persons using the school building. A small area of flooring was professionally abated in August 2013.

The asbestos plan book is located in the office and is available for your review. Please contact the school office at 489-7825, if you require additional information or wish to review the book.

Sincerely,

Angie Krauss,
Principal

