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St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School

Monday News

September 16, 2019

*“This is the most significant fact in the history of Christianity:
Whenever and wherever you find men, women, and children striving to
create Holy Moments Christianity has always thrived.”*

~Matthew Kelly

Message from Principal Angie Krauss:

Dear Families,

I hope you had a chance to enjoy our nice weather this weekend, the temperature is getting colder as we embrace the fall season. I wanted to thank everyone who was able to come to Back to School Night last week. We enjoyed trying something different and giving you an array of information that supports the education of the whole child and our mission to “graduate leaders in action modeled on Christ.”

The annual Nazareth Guild Gala is this Saturday evening which is a fundraiser for Catholic education in grades K-12. Please join me in praying for the success of this event and for our two St. Al's students that have the opportunity to emcee this event: Joe Leone and Emma DeLeon. We are so proud of them for representing our school community and supporting this organization's mission to provide financial assistance to students who desire a Catholic education.

We are switching over our email system to Gmail this week. If you notice a different email address by the end of the business day tomorrow this means the switch over is complete. We will still receive emails from our old account, they will be forwarded to us. You will notice the teachers messaging you their new email address in their newsletters this week.

Please be mindful to allow sufficient time in the mornings and afternoons to drop your child off and pick them up. **It is of the utmost importance to use the crosswalk for your safety and the safety of your child.** Thanks for your partnership in following the safety protocols.

Here is to a great week, go out and create some HOLY MOMENTS!

In Christ's Peace,
Angie Krauss

Message from ELC Administrator Julie Simmons:

Greetings ELC Families:

We are loving our ease into fall weather...thank you for sending an extra jacket for your child to wear for our chillier moments during morning recess!

Last week we shared information with you about our new assessment, the Ages & Stages Questionnaire, Third Edition, or ASQ-3. We are really excited to be moving forward with this developmental screener and to our partnership with you to complete the questionnaires. Measuring and recognizing your child's milestones along the developmental continuum are so important to inform our daily instruction and the information gathered serves as the building blocks for all future learning. We will administer the ASQ-3 fall, winter, and spring during the 2019-2020 school year. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions about this process.

I'm also very excited to announce that again this year we will be partnering with Eastern Washington University to complete pre-literacy screening for our kiddos heading to kindergarten next fall. Many thanks to Lesli Cleveland, Associate Professor and Chair for Communication Sciences and Disorders, Occupational Therapy (and Montessori mom!) and to her graduate students for helping us add this piece of information to your child's portfolio and to assist us with transition plans to kindergarten in 2020!

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:

Social Media and Website:

- 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 staloysius@dioceseofspokane.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:

Thank you to all the families that stopped by the Volunteering table at Back to School Night! If you were unable to attend Back to School night and have questions about Track it Forward, I will be offering two time frames for families to stop by the volunteer office:

- Wednesday, September 18 from 8:30-9:30
- Thursday, September 19 from 2:00-3:30

Please check in at the front office and Mrs. Kelly will direct you where to go.

For any questions you may have about volunteering, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Aleisha Webb, at awebb@dioceseofspokane.org or you can stop by the Volunteer Information board.

Virtus:

We will be offering one more opportunity to go through the Virtus Protecting God's Children training. Please follow the Google links below to sign up for the session you would like to attend:

- Saturday, September 21 at 10:00am
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10SI9J8liBueeF2N8U8c41tSvneCOUyENbhOGEEnxu5uc/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions or aren't sure if you need to attend one of these trainings, please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator, Aleisha Webb, at awebb@dioceseofspokane.org.

Track it Forward:

Track it Forward is the online program that we use to track volunteer hours. If you are a new family, I will be providing you with your account information. Please do not try to create your own. K-4 families, Information on how to login and record hours will be coming home TODAY! Montessori families, your information will be coming home tomorrow.

STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers:

- A prayer of gratitude for a wonderful Back to School Night and our partnership with parents.
- A prayer for our staff as they teach and nurture the hearts and minds of our students.
- A prayer for all those around the world who are displaced from their home that your comfort and provision.

Attachments

- St. Al's Church Bulletin
- St. Al's School & ELC events description



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