

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School

Monday News

October 14, 2019

*"No matter what happens in life, be good to people.
Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind."*

~Taylor Swift

Message from Principal Angie Krauss:

Dear Families,

I am so excited to announce that our new boiler is up and running! I am so grateful for your patience during this process. You can forget how important the simple things are, like heat, until you don't have them. Also, our evacuation drill went very well to Fourth Memorial. Each time we do it we learn ways to make it more effective and things we can tweak to keep your child's safety and well being our top priority.

Last week, several of our students and staff were able to attend an assembly featuring astronaut Anne McClain at Gonzaga Prep. It was an amazing experience for them! She reminded all of us to follow your dreams and that it is ok to be afraid at times, but we just need to be a little more brave than we are afraid. She urged us to venture outside our comfort zone and work toward our goals.

Her closing remarks emphasized that we are all more alike than different, and to cherish those around us. She encouraged us to ponder, what can we do to help others and make this world a better place? I am going to reflect on that this week and ask the Holy Spirit to guide me **in doing his will not mine**. Enjoy the last bits of fall, before winter arrives!

In Christ's Peace,
Angie Krauss

Message from ELC Administrator Julie Simmons:

Greetings ELC Families:

- **K-8th Picture Day has been rescheduled to 10/16/19:** Students may wear “nice clothes” free dress.
- **Yoga Mats Needed:** The St. Aloysius Gonzaga PE Department is in need of 15 yoga mats. Any donation of **unused** mats is appreciated!
- **K-8th Wrestling:** The program starts on October 29. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Aloysius, St. John Vianney, St. Thomas More, and All Saints. Practice times vary based on location. Tournaments are at Gonzaga Prep on November 17, November 24, and December 8. Contact Danny Pearson or your school's coach for more info. St. Al's coaches = Cory Mauss - Cory1919@aol.com; South Coaches = Mike Bradley - mike.bradley@beaconnw.com; Dean Gable - dgable@gmail.com; Tony Ball Ben Wyborney - wyborneyb@gmail.com St. Thomas - TBA Valley - TBA
Cost for the season is \$35 and includes a t-shirt.
Registration link - [Grade School Wrestling](#)

Community Connections:

- Grade 7 and 8: St. Al's Parish needs 6 students that are trained Eucharistic Ministers to serve at the 11:00am Mass at the Parish on 10/20
- There will be an opportunity to volunteer at Blessings Under the Bridge next Wednesday, October 16 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:

- **Annual Fund:** Our annual report will be published and mailed at the end of this month. Our annual Fund goal this year is \$30,000 and we would love to see 100% family participation! Join us as we move **Full STEAM Ahead!**
- **Auction 2020:** Just a reminder that our annual auction will take place on April 17, 2020! Remember to mark your calendars and communicate this later than usual date with your classroom families.
- **Social Media and Website:**
 - We are looking for **Fall Sports** photos! Please send your Fall Sports Photos 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:

Hallowfest:

Hallowfest is 12 days 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, starting at 5:30pm
 - <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/378748/event/505684>
- **Volunteer (in school) and help prep for the big night!**
 - Volunteers needed! During the weeks leading up, I will have open volunteering from 11-3 on Thursdays and Fridays this month. 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 booths and activities. To sign up to volunteer at your classes game booth, follow the Track it Forward “Events” link and see time spots available for your child’s class. If you have any questions, please contact Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org.
- **Volunteer at the Glow Booth, Cake/Book Walk or help out in the kitchen.** Please follow one of these links:
 - Glow Booth: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/378748/event/505675>
 - Cake/Book Walk: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/378748/event/505674>
 - Kitchen Help: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/378748/event/505677>
- **Hallowfest Candy:** Each family is asked to donate 2 bags of small wrapped candy or individually packaged healthy treats that we use as prizes at Hallowfest. You can drop them off with Mrs. Kelly at the front desk at any time. Thank you!
- **Booth Sponsorship:**

There are two levels of sponsorship available. A business or individual/family can sponsor either the Glow Booth or The Haunted House for \$100 or any of the game booths for \$50. Each sponsorship will have a “Booth sponsored by” sign recognizing their generosity AND you will receive volunteer hours for your donation! A \$100 sponsorship is worth 5 volunteer hours and a \$50 sponsorship is worth 2 volunteer hours. Booth Sponsorship forms are available at the Volunteer Information Board in the Jr. High wing.
- **Hallowfest “pre-sale” tickets:** Pre-sale tickets are ON SALE TODAY, and they are 5 for \$1! Pre-sale ticket orders will only be accepted until Thursday, Oct. 23, at 5:30pm. Tickets will go up to 4 for \$1 on Friday, October 25 and will only be available for purchase at the event. Tickets will not be for sale during the day on Friday. Your ticket order will be filled and returned to teachers for distribution or you can choose to pick them up at the “Will Call” ticket counter the night of

Hallowfest. Hallowfest ticket order forms are available at the Volunteer Information Board in the Jr. High hall.

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

Community Contribution Programs:

Box Tops:

The next submission deadline for Box Tops is coming up! There are many 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, Box Tops can be taped or glued to the collection 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".

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 at awebb@stalsschool.org.

STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers:

- A prayer for all those suffering from physical injuries or sickness that God's healing comfort will shower down upon them.
- A prayer of thanksgiving for all our 155 student athletes and their continued safety and passion for their sport.
- A prayer for all of those people who work in education that you will continue to strengthen, guide and lead them in their mission centered work.

Attachments

- St. Al's Church Bulletin
- Gonzaga Prep Open House
- Wrestling Flyer
- New Boiler Picture
- Hallowfest Intro