

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School

Monday News

November 12, 2019

"Learning to be joyful even when things don't go your way is one of the ongoing invitations of the spiritual life." ~Matthew Kelly

Message from Principal Angie Krauss:

Dear Families,

I am very grateful for all the wonderful insights and conversations that we enjoyed during conferences. We are so blessed to have such amazing parents to partner with in order to provide their child/ren with the best possible Catholic education.

We will begin practicing for our annual Christmas program which is scheduled for December 17th. We are blessed that Michael Barfield wrote a new script for our program that incorporates our theme of "building community, one Holy Spirit moment at a time." Please mark your calendars and don't miss this awesome event. Also, our deadline for registering for basketball is this week on Thursday, November 15th, so please make sure you register your child if interested.

Dawn Manfred and I will be gone Wednesday through Friday this week at a professional development conference in Portland. We are excited to learn new ideas and grow professionally, so we can bring these ideas back to our school community. Our leadership team will be assisting the front office in our absence.

Last, but not least, please look at our parking lot document which outlines the flow of traffic with important safety reminders for all of us to follow. One I would like to highlight is using our designated crosswalk in the morning to avoid walking in our drive through lane. If you have any questions on these protocols please let us know.

Hope you have a blessed week and have a moment to reflect on your many blessings this Thanksgiving season.

In Christ's Peace,
Angie Krauss

Holy Spirit Sharing:

- “My holy spirit moment was when I raked leaves for the L”Arche community during leadership class.”
- “My holy spirit moment was when I fell down and someone helped me up.” shared by Second grade

Message from ELC Administrator Julie Simmons:

Greetings ELC Families:

Recently, as part of our shared services pilot project with Educational Service District (ESD) 101, several of our ELC staff members attended a day long training entitled Positive Behavior Supports. During this training we learned new approaches to our classroom arrangement, schedules, and daily routines with the children. In the coming months, we will be discussing ways we can implement or just tweak a current routine by following five universal practices:

1. Positive Attention (making sure we are providing lots of praise throughout the day)
2. Predictable Schedules (kids thrive, feel safe & secure and in control when they know “what’s coming next”)
3. Routines (explicitly teaching routines within routines)
4. Expectations (explicitly teaching our expectations for behaviors during routines)
5. Teach Positive Peer Related Social Skills (sharing, paying compliments, play organizing)

These new concepts dovetail nicely with our previous work in Conscious Discipline, our social-emotional development program that is helping us create resilient classrooms and teach children self-regulation skills. Be sure to ask your child’s teacher about the designated “safe space” inside the classroom, the breathing techniques being learned/practiced, our picture schedules, and greeting routines.

You are invited to attend an Early Literacy info night sponsored by Eastern and Washington State University students on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pizza and drinks will be served and children are also encouraged to attend! Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Please mark your calendars now for our upcoming Pie Social to be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 @ 2 p.m. Father Lamanna will be with us to give us a special blessing, and this is another great opportunity to come together as a faith community. Look for more details upcoming in your child’s classroom newsletters.

“There is no promise God cannot keep, no prayer God will not answer, and no problem too hard for Him to solve.” ~Adrian Rogers
Blessings,
Julie

Mark your Calendars:

Nov 22: Individual Picture Retake Day/ Jr. High Dance

Nov 26: Pie Social- ELC @ 2pm

Nov 27: Early Dismissal- K-8th&Mont 12pm Dismissal/

ELC Closing at 3:00pm

Nov 28&29: Thanksgiving Holiday- School Closed/ELC Closed

Dec 9:Immaculate Conception Mass 12:15 parish Mass

Dec 12: ELC/Mont Christmas Program- More info to come

Dec 17: K-8th Grade Christmas Program- 6:30 pm

Dec 19: Advent Reconciliation- 10:00am @ St. Al's Church

Dec 23-Jan 3: Christmas Break- School Closed/ELC Closed

Jan 6: School Resumes

Jan 16: Epiphany All School Mass- 10:15am @ St. Al's Church

Jan 20: Martin Luther King Day- No School/ELC Closed

Jan 26-Feb 1 Catholic Schools Week-More info to come

Jan 31: Friends and Family All School Mass- More info to come

Feb 6&7 Open House

Feb 13&14 Teacher In-Service Day- No School/ELC Open

Feb 26 Ash Wednesday All School Mass- 12:15pm @ St. Al's Church

Important Notes & Reminders:

- **5th-8th Grade Basketball:** The Season runs from December 2 through the end of February and practices are two days a week and for most teams from 3:00 to 4:30 (a few teams may practice from 4:30 to 6:00) in the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Garco Gym . Students/families need to choose between basketball and school drama (Peter Pan) because practices and events will conflict. Deadline to sign up is November 15 to allow time for coach placement. Almost all coaches are Gonzaga University students. Games are on Sundays for grades 7 & 8 and Wednesdays for 5 & 6 grade. Please click the link below to register.

<https://www.familyid.com/st-aloyisius-gonzaga-school/2019-2020-basketball-grades-5-8>

Community Connections:

Liturgical Ministers

Grades 4 and up: We're looking for children and teens in 4th Grade and older who want to be readers and ushers at our 11:00 children's masses. Anyone interested should email Solveig at sheigberg@dioceseofspokane.org or call 509-313-7020 to schedule training.

Christmas Eve Children's Choir

Grades 4-8: For children who like to sing in 4th-8th grade this is a great opportunity to continue to build musical skills, sing some fun Christmas carols and lead the congregation in song on Christmas Eve at 5pm Mass! Rehearsals led by parish music director Andrea Timm take place after the 11am Mass at St. Aloysius during Advent!

Contact Andrea with any questions at atimm@dioceseofspokane.org

Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday / December 1st / 12:15-1:00pm

Sunday / December 8th / 12:15-1:00pm

Sunday / December 15th / 12:15-1:00pm

Sunday / December 22nd / 12:15-1:00pm

Tuesday / December 24th (Christmas Eve) / 3:30pm

Location: St. Aloysius Church

Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising:

- **Annual Fund:** You should have received our 2018-19 annual report in the mail this past weekend! 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!** Please email Cami Carlson if you did not receive a copy of the annual report. ccarlson@stalsschool.org
- **Social Media and Website:**
- Our teachers and staff are sharing some wonderful classroom events! Be sure to view your students classroom page and electives for views within our school.
- Please remember to "like" and "share" our Facebook and Instagram (@st.alsgonzaga) posts! Also, be sure to Tab 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:

Volunteering:

Staff Luncheon: Here is another “Baking for Volunteer Hours” opportunity! We will be having a luncheon this Thursday, November 14. To donate food items, please follow the Track it Forward link below:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/378748/event/509718>

Leaf Raking:

Saturday we had an amazing crew come out and helped rake leaves all around the school campus. Thank you to all of these families for helping: Allore, Baumgartner, Bolling, Callahan, Dickinson, Duffy, Epps, Hart, Higgins, Hodgson, Hotaling, James, Kelly, Lopez, Morse, Nguyen, Nichols, Ogrin, Pielli, and the Young family. Last but not least, Thank you so much to Mr. Hanson for leading this team of families!

Christmas Program:

The annual K-8 Christmas Program will be on Tuesday, December 17. We will need volunteer help on both Monday, December 16 to help set up and tear down risers at the church and on Tuesday, December 17 to help set up risers at the church and plate cookies at the school. Please follow the Track it Forward link below to sign up for any of these opportunities:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/378748/events>

Please email Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org with any questions you may have.

Auction:

Our annual auction will be held on Friday, April 17, but we are starting to plan NOW and would love for you to join our auction committee! The auction committee is a great way to earn volunteer hours and connect with other families in our school community. There are many ways you can help! Please email Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org if you'd like to help with any of the following committees:

- Decorations Committee
- Silent Auction
 - Basket Making Date and Time TBD
- Backroom at the event on April 17
- Procurement
- Games & Raffle
- Check In/Check out at the event (April 17)

- Set-up on Thursday, April 16
- Help with silent auction during the event (April 17)
- Work the back room at the event (April 17)
- Clean up crew after the auction (**offering DOUBLE volunteer hours**)
- Procurement Committee

*Sign-up sheets are available at the front office for you to sign up for any of these volunteer opportunities.

***Our first auction committee meeting will be held this Wednesday, November 13 at 6pm.**

Community Contribution Programs:

Box Tops:

I hope you all had an opportunity to look over all of the new Box Tops program information! Here are some important reminders:

- Please make sure to save and scan your receipts for all participating Box Tops items.
- “Give Credit” to your family on the Box Tops App which will give your child's class credit for their class total.
- Take a look at the Box Tops participating products list when you do your Thanksgiving shopping.

Please feel free to email Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org with any questions you may have.

STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers:

- Heavenly Father we are grateful for all the wonderful conversations at conferences and how supportive our parent community is for our school.
- Heavenly Father we pray to heal all those who are suffering from sickness bring them healing and to full health soon.

Attachments

- Parent Directory Form
- Parking lot procedures
- St. Al's Church Bulletin