

St. Al's Monday News

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School | January 21, 2020

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the full staircase." ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Message From Principal Angie Krauss

Dear Families,

I can't believe that Catholic Schools Week (January 26-31) is almost here! We look forward to this special week every year. Our leadership class, under the direction of Mrs. Padon, has organized many fun activities and dress up days to celebrate our Catholic Identity. I will be sending out an email outlining the events and highlights later this week.

Please join us for one of our **Parish Appreciation Masses at St. Aloysius Church this Sunday** at 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM. Come help us thank our church community for all they do for us spiritually and financially. The church contributes \$120,000 annually to our operating budget along with their amazing commitment to our students' faith formation.

Our **annual Open House dates are scheduled for February 6 & 7** for prospective parents in both our ELC and K-8 programs. Please share this with family and friends who may be interested in touring our St. Al's community. If anyone you refer for a tour enrolls, we will award you a \$100 tuition credit. Our best advertisement is our families who attend our school and do so much to make it vibrant and thriving. Thank you!

I would like to thank the **Nazareth Guild** for supporting Catholic education in an incredible manner. In December, we applied for six Nazareth Guild grants (4 teacher initiative grants, 1 School Partnership grant, and 1 Bishop Brigade grant). We are thrilled to report that we received a check for \$9,792.15 to fund every grant for which we applied! We are so grateful to the Nazareth Guild and other community partners that help us provide a quality Catholic education. Throughout our diocese, the Nazareth Guild awarded over \$170,000 to our catholic schools.

Finally, thanks to the Nollette Family, **we have WCC Tournament tickets and Las Vegas accommodations to offer as a pre-auction sale!** Watch for the email later today and GO ZAGS!!! I hope you all have a very blessed week and see the Holy Spirit at work in your life in a powerful manner!

In Christ's Peace,

Angie Krauss

Holy Spirit Sharing

The look of wonder and excitement as the students played in the snow and appreciated God's creation. ~ St. Al's Staff

Message From ELC Director Julie Simmons

Greetings ELC Families:

Thank you for continuing to send your child(ren) prepared for winter weather! Provided our temperatures with wind chill factors do not dip below 20 degrees, we will go outside for recess. On super chilly days, we will give the kids opportunities for large motor activities inside our gym spaces.

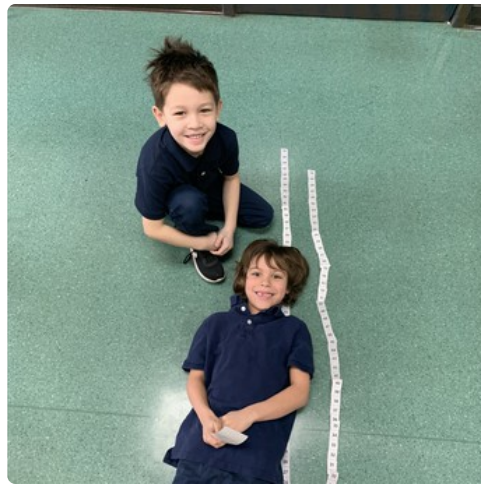
This year we have been one of six sites selected to participate in a Shared Services Pilot with Educational Service District 101 (ESD 101). Through this partnership, we have attended high-quality training on trauma informed practices, social-emotional development, and best practices to help all of our children develop resiliency skills-namely being able to "bounce back" in times of adversity. We know that helping children acquire and practice these skills at an early age sets the stage for future success and coping capabilities well into adulthood. In February, our entire staff will be participating in an intensive training on the use of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional (ASQ-SE) led by ESD 101 early childhood coaches Bobbi Cobb and Katy Chapman. We are very excited to learn more about the potential information this screening tool can provide us as we plan lessons designed to maximize your child's potential. Stay tuned for more information in the coming days and weeks.

Wishing you a very blessed week-

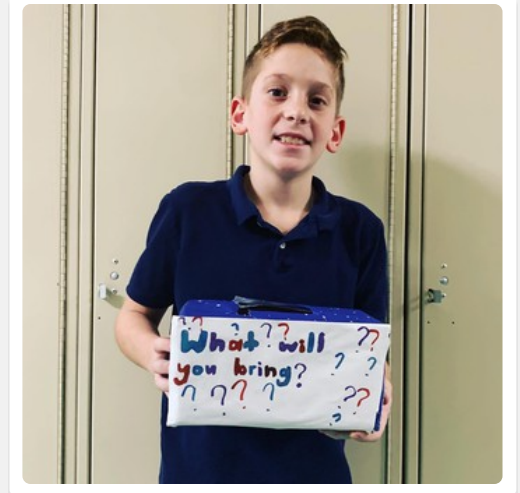
Julie



Thank you students for keeping the sidewalks safe!



First grade teamwork



What gifts would you bring?

Mark Your Calendar

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: Teacher In-Service Day- **No School/ELC Open**

Feb 14: Teacher In-Service Day- **No School/ELC Open**

Feb 14: ELC Parent/Teacher Conferences-No Childcare- More info to come

Feb 17: **No School/ELC Closed**

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

Mar 12: Lenten Season Mass

Mar 20: Parent/Teacher Conferences- **No School/ ELC open**

Mar 26: Lenten Reconciliation- 10:00am @ St. Al's Church

April 3: Stations of the Cross

April 6-10: Spring Break- **School & Mont Closed/ELC Open**

April 13: Easter Monday- **No School/ELC Closed**

April 17: Auction

Important Notes and Reminders

- Please *Mark Your Calendars* for many upcoming events in the next couple of weeks.
- Catholic Schools Week Calendar of Events is coming out this week from Mrs. Krauss!

Community Connections

- We are looking forward to our Generation Alive kickoff assembly this week to help support Second Harvest Food Bank! What a wonderful way for our students to actively live the mission of being leaders in action modeled on Christ!

Mission Advancement: Friendraising and Fundraising

Annual Fund:

- Gifts continue to come in! Our community is so awesome! Thank you for supporting our annual fund. ***Full STEAM Ahead!***

Auction 2020:

- Our annual auction will take place on **Friday, April 17**. Tickets will be available mid February. Procurement is in full-swing. Please see details below and attached about how you can help bring in auction items.

Important Auction Info:

1. Our annual auction will take place on **Friday, April 17**
2. Family auction item procurement deadline to be entered in our \$200 tuition credit drawing is **February 20**
3. Final auction item procurement deadline is **March 19**
4. All families are encouraged to donate items worth \$100 retail value
5. Auction sponsor opportunities will be available again this year--SOON
6. All auction procurement documents will be posted on the website
7. Contact Cami Carlson or Aleisha Webb if you have questions
ccarlson@stalsschool.org awebb@stalsschool.org

Pre-Auction Item: WE HAVE WCC TICKETS AND ACCOMMODATIONS!!! Watch for your Pre-Auction email later today!

Social Media and Website:

- Be sure to check our Instagram Page for updates and new "link in Bio" additions.
- 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

Catholic Schools Week:

Catholic Schools Week runs from Sunday, January 26 through Friday, January 31 and it is always a fun week of celebrating our school and community! Here is a list of volunteer opportunities that will

be available during this time:

Sunday, January 26: Parish Thank You Mass and Receptions

Volunteers will be needed for both the 8:30am and the 11:00 am Mass to help with set-up before the Mass, helping during the reception and clean up after the reception about 12:00 pm.

Wednesday, January 29: Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Please watch for an email from your classes Room Parent with information about volunteering and a “Baking for volunteer hours” opportunity!

We are still in need of classroom volunteers and many food items! Please check the Staff Appreciation Breakfast event to see sign ups still available.

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

Track It Forward

Community Contribution Programs

Amazon Smile:

Help support our school! If you have not yet signed up for the Amazon Smile Program, NOW is a great time! Please go to www.smile.amazon.com/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.

STAG Pride/Kudos/Prayers

- God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
- Eternal God, help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, a better distribution of wealth, and a brother/sisterhood that transcends race or color.
- We pray for all of the Gonzaga Prep students as they complete finals this week. May the Holy Spirit grant them the gift of wisdom as they study.

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