# St. Al's Monday News

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School | February 26, 2024

"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus."

-Father Mike Schmitz



# **Message From the Co-Principals**

Dear Families,

As I write the Monday News, I can hear from my office the joy and energy of the children learning throughout the school! I am often awe struck by the learning opportunities that take place at St. Al's. This past week, the 8th grade students went to Immaculate Heart Retreat Center for their class retreat, 7th grade students buddied up with kindergarten to create resurrection eggs (telling the story of the Stations of the Cross), EWU literacy centers worked with all primary classes, GU climate literacy classes visited grades 5-6, and the GU counselors worked with students in grades 3-8! All of these community partnerships add to the success of our overall school programs and the vibrancy of St. Al's!

You should have received an email from us last Friday outlining tuition for the 2024-25 academic year. Below, we have also included important enrollment information.

### **Enrollment:**

- Thank you to everyone for sending in your intent to return information! This helps us determine where we can start exploring openings on our waitlist this week!
- Please make sure your tuition is current to be able to register on time. Registration will open for current families on March 11.
- FACTS tuition grant is open. This is a great time to set up your FACTS account.
- The 2024-25 tuition rate will be \$7,267 (3% increase). We will be sending out registration materials via FACTS on March 11. Please expect an email the week prior that will outline instructions for registration.

Blessings,

Dawn Manfred & Angie Krauss Co-Principals

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- 2/28: Fire drill @ 9:00AM
- 2/29: 5th & 6th Chapel Mass
- 3/7: All-school Lenten Mass @ 9:30 at the Church
- 3/8: NO SCHOOL: ELC, Montessori & K-8, Diocesan In-Service
- 3/11: Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens for current families
- 3/14: 3rd & 4th Chapel Mass
- 3/15: Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year closes for current families
- 3/18: Report Cards will be sent home
- 3/20: 7th & 8th Grade Lenten Reconciliation Service at 9:30 AM, at the Church
- 3/21: 3rd-6th Grade Lenten Reconciliation Service at 9:30 AM, at the Church
- 3/22: NO SCHOOL: ELC, Montessori & K-8, Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/29: Stations of the Cross at 10 AM, at the Church

# **Important Reminders from the Co-Principals**

Online Store: Our St. Al's Online Store is OPEN!

• The St. Al's Online Store closes Monday, March 4.

# **School Store**

### **ELC Reminders from the Co-Directors**

- We would like to thank John Hart for sharing his musical talent with our classrooms during the month of February. Music class has been amazing. We are looking forward to having Ms. Sonia back next month.
- Soccer Tots is back, starting March 15. Please see the flier attached below to sign up.
- This year we will be moving all enrollment to take place online through FACTS. More detailed information will be coming soon! Please make sure that your account is current.
- We will be closed on Friday, March 8, for teacher in-service.
- Spring parent-teacher conferences will be March 22. There is no childcare on this day.

### **STAG Prayers**

- God, may you continue to journey with me during Lent and always.
- May we stand in solidarity today with all of our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in God's love, and may we work to build your kingdom here on earth.
- Heavenly Father, be with us for the moments where we miss the mark. We ask for your forgiveness and the <u>strength</u> to better follow Your call tomorrow.

# Shine Christ's Light







# Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising

**ONLINE STORE:** It's that time again! Our St. Al's spring 2024 online store is NOW OPEN, and we have lots of new STAGS swag! The store will close on Monday, March 4, at 11:59 PM. All items will

**ANNUAL AUCTION:** SAVE THE DATE for our annual auction on Saturday, April 27!!! Tickets will be available for purchase by the end of February! Watch for your invitation to arrive in your mailbox! We can't wait to celebrate with our St. Al's community again in our beautiful Garco Gymnasium!

Our annual auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and donations and help from our St. Al's families are the foundation for our success! Thank you in advance for your help making this the best auction yet!!



What is procurement? Procurement is helping us secure awesome items for our auction! Donations from our families are of the utmost importance. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity! We are asking that family donations be turned in by March 1, 2024.

### And, drum roll, please...WE HAVE TWO FUN PROCUREMENT INCENTIVES FOR YOU!

Families who turn in their auction donations on or before March 1, will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$200 tuition credit! We will draw one family for ELC and one for K-8! The drawing will take place on March 4, so turn in your auction items ASAP!

#### AND

Families who turn in their auction donations (items, cash, sponsorships, etc.) on or before Friday, March 1, at 3:00 PM, will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win 2 tickets to the auction!

This includes donations already received!

- The drawing will take place on Monday, March 4.
- Item donations with a \$100+ FMV (fair market value), \$50+ cash donations, and Auction Sponsorships & Ads will qualify for the drawing.

### HERE ARE SOME GREAT WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR AUCTION!

- Purchase merchandise worth \$100 retail value and donate it to the school.
- Donate items according to your class theme. See themes, ideas, and Amazon links below.
- Ask for donations from local businesses you frequent.
- Build a Basket: Donate a complete theme basket, filled, wrapped, and ready for display.
- Cash Donations: If you are unable to do any of the above, simply give a cash donation of \$50
  to the school specifically for the auction. Cash donations can be given online by following the
  link below or dropped off at school.
- Be an Auction Sponsor! You can do this by following the link below or filling out a procurement form and returning it to school. Sponsor details are attached.

### **AUCTION DONATIONS:**

- 1. Please drop off all auction donations at the upstairs front desk in the main building.
- 2. Please complete a procurement form for each donation. <u>Donations must be accompanied by a completed procurement form in order for families to receive credit for the tuition credit drawing.</u>
- -Completed procurement forms are critical for record keeping and catalog purposes.
- -Procurement forms are available at all check-in desks and in the Advancement office.
- -You can also print and complete the attached forms.
- 3. The final deadline for submitting auction donations is Friday, March 29. All items must be turned in by this date due to data entry and packaging deadlines for the event.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE:**

• Follow us on social media: Facebook: St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School-Spokane, Instagram: st.alsgonzaga **Cash Donations & Auction Sponsors** 8th Grade 7th Grade **6th Grade** 5/6 MAC 5th Grade 4th Grade 3/4 MAC **3rd Grade** 2nd Grade

# 1/2 MAC

### 1st Grade

### **Kinder-Kraut**

### **Kinder-Williams**

### **ELC**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**AUCTION VOLUNTEERS:** Auction Volunteers Needed! We are only 61 days away from the auction! Our annual auction will take place on Saturday, April 27, and we need LOTS of volunteers leading up to the auction to help us get ready! Below is a list of volunteer opportunities with dates and descriptions. Please watch this section for more auction volunteer opportunities and follow the Track it Forward link below to sign up.

### **Auction Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Saturday, 3/23: Basket Making 9:00-12:00 in the Activity Center. Come help us get all of the silent auction baskets ready and make them look pretty!
- Wednesday, 4/24: Volunteers needed for various tasks throughout the day 8:30-3:00
- Thursday, 4/25: Set-up of tables, chairs, etc. starting @ 5:15 PM (approximately 2-3 hours)
- Friday, 4/26: Silent Auction and table decor Set-up from 8:45-3:00 in the Garco Gym
- Saturday, 4/27: Auction night! This is a general sign-up to help at the auction. Volunteers will be placed in different sections as we get closer and information sent.
- Sunday, 4/28: The auction may be over but we will still have LOTS of work left to do! Coffee and donuts will be provided, and you will receive **DOUBLE VOLUNTEER HOURS!** We will be starting at 9:00 AM and will go until everything is all cleaned up.

The auction may be over but we will still have work to do!

• Wednesday, 5/1 - Friday, 5/3: Have a free hour or two to volunteer? We will still have many things to organize after the auction and would love some help!

### **Auction Committee Meetings:**

Next Auction Committee meeting is **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 PM, in the Randall Conference Room (upstairs Garco building)**. All auction meetings are now available for you to sign up for in Track it Forward! RSVP to any/all auction committee meetings, and Track it Forward will send you an automated reminder 2 days before each meeting!

- Tuesday, 3/26: Auction Committee meeting @ 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, 4/9: Auction Committee meeting @ 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, 4/16: Auction Committee meeting @ 6:00 PM

# **Volunteer Opportunities**



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