

St. Al's Monday News

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School | January 16, 2024

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



Message From the Co-Principals

Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed the three day weekend! We are preparing for our Open House tours for ELC, Montessori, and K-8, which will be held on January 23 and 25. Please invite your family or friends to come for a personalized tour. We will be offering a \$100 credit to any family who refers a family that enrolls next year.

We will be taking our Leadership class to the Cathedral on January 24, to celebrate Mass with Bishop Daly. This is a wonderful way to jumpstart Catholic Schools Week, featuring a nation-wide theme, *United in Faith and Community*. Please refer to the Important Reminders section below for more detailed information about Catholic Schools Week dress-up days and activities. We look forward to this week every year as a chance to celebrate our Catholic identity and grow our faith formation as a whole school community.

A huge thank you to all of you who have already donated to our Annual Fund. Your support, both financially and spiritually, means the world to our staff and students. The class competition for the grand prize is heating up and it will be exciting to see who takes the lead this week!

May you lean into God's grace and strength in 2024!
Grateful,

Angie Krauss and Dawn Manfred
Co-Principals

Mark Your Calendars

- 1/18: 7th & 8th Chapel Mass
 - 1/19: Fire Drill at 10:30
 - 1/23: Open House Tours
 - 1/25: Open House Tours; 5th & 6th Chapel Mass
 - 1/28: Catholic Schools Week begins - Parish Appreciation Mass at 11 AM
 - 2/2: Friends & Family Mass at 10 AM at the church (please note time change)
 - 2/8: 3rd & 4th Chapel Mass
 - 2/13: Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras celebrations with free dress
 - 2/14: Ash Wednesday 12:15 Mass
 - 2/16: NO SCHOOL K-8: In-service Day; ELC & Montessori OPEN
 - 2/19: NO SCHOOL K-8, ELC & Montessori - President's Day Holiday
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Important Reminders from the Co-Principals

- Catholic Schools Week Daily Themes:
 - Sunday, Jan. 28: **Parish Appreciation at 11:00 Mass**
 - Monday, Jan. 29: **Nation Appreciation - Decades Free Dress** (dress up in clothes and accessories from any past decade...or the future!)
 - Tuesday, Jan. 30: **Teacher and Staff Appreciation - Match with Friends** (plan with a friend or group of friends to dress in similar clothes or coordinating colors)
 - Wednesday, Jan. 31: **Community Appreciation - Favorite Sports Team** (including GU, G-Prep, and St. Al's gear)
 - Thursday, Feb. 1: **Student Appreciation - Pajamas and Crazy Hair or Hat** (NO hair dye)
 - Friday, Feb 2: **Friends and Family - Uniforms**
- Parking lot reminders: With winter weather, please still use the crosswalk to drop off and pick up students. Also, if students in grade 4-8 are not picked up by 3:15 PM, they will be checked into After-Care.
- Please don't forget to notify the front office in the morning if your child will not be at school. If your child needs work sent home, this allows time for the teachers to prepare their homework.

ELC Reminders from the Co-Directors

- On Friday, January 19, at 10:30 AM, we will be having our monthly fire drill. Please do not drop off or pick up at this time.
 - Last Thursday, January 11, the ELC and Montessori celebrated the Epiphany. This is the day that the three kings visited each of the classrooms to explain how they brought special gifts to celebrate Jesus' birth. You will notice upon entering your child's classroom that the door jamb has 20+C+M+B =24 written on it in chalk; this is to remind us of Jesus's love and to be kind to our family, friends and teachers.
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STAG Prayers

- Dear Jesus, please keep all our families and the greater Spokane community safe as we experience frigid temperatures and possible snow storms.
 - Dear Jesus, as we enter a new year, may we be grateful for all our many blessings and give thanks for our successes and challenges.
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Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising

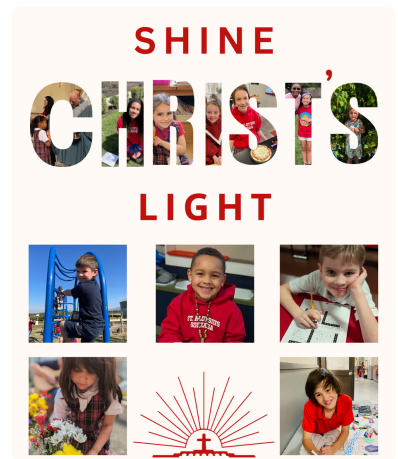
ANNUAL REPORT: Hopefully you received your Annual Report last week! If not, please let Cami Carlson know at ccarlson@stalsschool.org. We would be happy to send one to you!

ANNUAL FUND & CLASS COMPETITION: Our community is SO AWESOME!!! We have already raised over \$103,000 toward our ultimate Annual Fund goal of \$200,000!!! We need your help to reach our goal! We ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to support our Annual Fund this year. Every gift makes a positive, lasting impact on our students and staff.

Thank you to the generous families who have already helped us raise over \$103,000 toward our goal! **If you have not yet given, please click the button below to give online, or submit a gift using the envelope in your Annual Report.** Thank you in advance for your support as we embrace 2024!

We are well underway with our Annual Fund Class Competition!!!

Every #GivingTuesday and Annual Fund gift received through February 2, 2024, (even gifts that came in before #Giving Tuesday) will count toward our Annual Fund Class Competition! Please see our class competition update below!



- **K-8 Class Competition:** The first K-8 class to have all families make a donation to our Annual Fund will receive a one-day ALL CLASS FREE DRESS PASS AND AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY!!!! (One donation per family will count for any classes in which you have children.) Students will receive small prizes along the way as they reach 25%, 50%, and 75% family participation! So far, **Ms. Beall's 2nd Grade Class is in the lead with 36% of families participating, but Mrs. Williams' Kindergarten class and Mrs. Mills' 1/2 MAC class are very close behind with 35%!**

K-8 Results as of 1/10/24:

- Kinder-Kraut: 12%
- Kinder-Williams: 35%
- 1st Grade-Croft: 10%
- 1/2 MAC-Mills: 35%
- 2nd Grade-Beall: 36%**
- 3rd Grade-Schmidt: 21%
- 3/4 MAC-Manfred: 21%
- 4th Grade-Tweedy: 18%
- 5th Grade-Chavez: 26%
- 5/6 MAC-Sofio: 17%
- 6th Grade-Padon: 20%
- 7th Grade-Devita/Sells: 22%
- 8th Grade-Conroy/Holland: 23%

- **ELC Class Competition:** The first ELC class to have all families make a donation to our Annual Fund will receive a CLASS PARTY with age appropriate snacks!!!! (One donation per family will count for any classes in which you have children.) Students will receive small prizes along the way as they reach 25%, 50%, and 75% family participation! So far, **our Giraffes are in the lead with 38% of families participating!**

ELC Results as of 1/10/24:

- Giraffes: 38%**
- Lambs: 25%
- Teddy Bears: 7%
- Koalas: 6%
- Pandas: 27%
- Chickadees: 6%
- Owls: 0%

Hawks: 12%
Montessori East: 19%
Montessori West: 10%

ANNUAL AUCTION: Save the date for our 2024 St. Al's Auction on Saturday, April 27! At this point in the game, **IT'S PROCUREMENT TIME!!!**

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. 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! 😊

Family Participation:

- All St. Al's School & ELC families are asked to donate to the auction.
- Our partnership with parents is what makes this event our most successful fundraiser of the year!

Ways to Donate/Procure Items:

- Be an Auction Sponsor! You can do this by filling out the attached Procurement/Sponsorship Form and returning it to school –OR– you can go to our website www.stalsschool.org and click on the SUPPORT ST. AL'S link to register as a sponsor.
 - Purchase merchandise worth \$100 retail value and donate it to the school. Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Christmas and post-Christmas sales are a great way to score items for a lower price!
 - Build A Basket: donate a completed theme basket, filled, wrapped and ready for display.
 - Ask for donations from local businesses you frequent.
 - If you are unable to do any of the above, simply give a cash donation of \$50 to the school specifically for the auction.
- o Families who turn in their auction donations on or before March 1, 2024, 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!*
- o The drawing will take place on March 4, 2024.*
- The final deadline for submitting auction donations is March 29, 2024. All items must be turned in by this date due to our printing deadlines for online and hard copy catalogs.
 - When submitting your items for donation, PLEASE COMPLETE A PROCUREMENT FORM! Forms will be available online and in your "Bread & Butter" packet. To request additional procurement forms, please email Cami Carlson or Aleisha Webb (emails listed below). Completed procurement forms are critical for record keeping and catalog purposes.

Thanks again for your help with this awesome event! If you have questions, please contact Cami Carlson at ccarlson@stalsschool.org or Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE:

- Follow us on social media: Facebook: St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School-Spokane, Instagram: st.alsgonzaga

Give to our Annual Fund

Auction Sponsor and Cash Donation

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Schools Week:

This year's Catholic Schools Week (CSW) kicks off with our Parish Appreciation Mass on Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 AM, followed by a week full of fun for our students and staff! CSW concludes on Friday, February 2, with our Friends & Family Day Mass.

There will be MANY opportunities during CSW to volunteer and provide "donations for volunteer hours".

To see all of the volunteer opportunities available, please follow the Track it Forward link below!

Volunteer Opportunities



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