

St. Al's Monday News

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School | January 22, 2024

"Appreciation is the highest form of prayer, for it acknowledges the presence of good wherever you shine the light of your thankful thoughts."

– Alan Cohen



Message From the Co-Principals

Dear Families,

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigated a difficult week with inclement weather. We appreciate your support as we prioritize the safety of our families and staff to ensure that everyone could travel to and from St. Al's School.

We would love for you to join us for our Parish Appreciation Mass at St. Al's Church this coming Sunday at 11 AM. It is an important time for us to say a heartfelt thank you to our parish family for all their incredible spiritual and financial support which makes a huge difference in your child's education. All students who attend Mass and wear their uniform, will receive a free dress pass!

It takes the work of many to make Catholic Schools Week (CSW) happen at St. Al's, but we would like to extend special recognition to our Leadership Class, led by Mrs. Holland, for planning our activities and dress up days. We are grateful to have such wonderful teachers, students and families that help our school *Shine Christ's Light!*

May your week be filled with gratitude for all that lies before us and all that Jesus has done for us. May our focus remain on Him in 2024!

Grateful,

Angie Krauss and Dawn Manfred
Co-Principals

Mark Your Calendars

- 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 RED & PINK free dress
 - 2/14: Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:15
 - 2/16: NO SCHOOL K-8: In-service Day; ELC & Montessori OPEN
 - 2/19: NO SCHOOL ELC, K-8 & 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 Mass at 11:00 AM**
 - 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 - School Uniforms**
- Please be mindful that students in grades 4-8, who are not picked up by 3:15 PM, will be checked into After-Care. This is done for their safety, so they will not be left outside unsupervised.
- If you did not receive an IRIS alert last week, please notify the front office so we can add you to the system. This system notifies you of school closures or emergency situations.

ELC Reminders from the Co-Directors

- On Wednesday, January 24, Fr. Dan will be visiting the Garco building classrooms.
 - This week, we will be passing out permission forms for hearing screenings that will start Monday, January 29. Please sign and return the form ASAP to your classroom teacher. We are able to offer this screening due to a collaboration with EWU graduate students and educators!
 - Catholic Schools Week is January 28-February 2. Please see information above for the special dress up days and activities.
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STAG Prayers

- Dear Jesus, we pray for a successful Catholic Schools Week around our nation, and that all Catholic Schools may *Shine Christ's Light* in a beautiful manner.
 - Dear Jesus, we continue to ask for your protection on the snowy roads and for those without heat or shelter.
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Shine Christ's Light



Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising

ANNUAL FUND & CLASS COMPETITION: Our community is SO AWESOME!!! We have already raised over \$126,000 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 contributed! **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, **Mrs. Williams' Kindergarten class is in the lead with 53% of families participating!**

K-8 Results as of 1/19/24:

- Kinder-Kraut: 24%
- Kinder-Williams: 53%**
- 1st Grade-Croft: 33%
- 1/2 MAC-Mills: 39%
- 2nd Grade-Beall: 45%
- 3rd Grade-Schmidt: 29%
- 3/4 MAC-Manfred: 33%
- 4th Grade-Tweedy: 27%
- 5th Grade-Chavez: 30%
- 5/6 MAC-Sofio: 25%
- 6th Grade-Padon: 24%
- 7th Grade-Devita/Sells: 27%
- 8th Grade-Conroy/Holland: 37%

- **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, **Ms. Marta's Montessori East class is in the lead with 48% of families participating!**

ELC Results as of 1/19/24:

- Giraffes: 38%
- Lambs: 25%
- Teddy Bears: 13%
- Koalas: 6%
- Pandas: 27%
- Chickadees: 12%
- Owls: 6%
- Blue Jays: 6%
- Hawks: 12%
- Montessori East: 48%**

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE:

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

Give to our Annual Fund

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Al's Volunteer Hour Policy: We are officially $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way through the 2023-24 school year, and so far this year, our community has participated in more than 50 volunteer opportunities and recorded 2,224 volunteer hours! Way to go, St. Al's!

As we move into the new calendar year, we want to remind families about your Volunteer Hours commitment and the specific requirements for all Montessori and K-8 families. Details are listed below, and our 2023-24 Volunteer Hours Policy is attached.

Families with full-time students enrolled in Montessori or Kindergarten-8th grade are required to contribute 20 hours of volunteer time per year, per family. Families with a student enrolled in half-day Montessori or half-day Kindergarten are required to contribute 10 hours of volunteer time per year, per family.

- **Montessori-7th Grade:** Volunteer hours must be fulfilled and submitted to Track it Forward by **Friday, June 7**
- **8th Grade:** Volunteer hours must be fulfilled and submitted to Track it Forward by **Friday, May 3**

All volunteer hours must be submitted through Track it Forward by each family as they are completed. No volunteer hours are recorded for families.

Any unfulfilled volunteer hours will be billed through FACTS at the rate of \$20 per hour.

Check out Track it Forward to see all of the Catholic Schools Week volunteer opportunities available now! Over the next few months, there will be LOTS of opportunities to help out with the Auction as well! If you are having trouble accessing your account, are concerned about completing your volunteer hours, or have any questions about volunteering, please feel free to email the Volunteer Coordinator, Aleisha Webb, at awebb@stalsschool.org.

- **Catholic Schools Week-Volunteer Opportunities:**

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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