

# St. Al's Monday News

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School | January 29, 2024

"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints."

-Pope Benedict



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## Message From the Co-Principals

Dear Families,

As we enter into Catholic Schools Week, we feel humbled and honored to be a part of a vocation that has an eternal impact on the families and students we serve. Our hope is that we all embrace this week and pause and recognize all the people that choose to teach or work in Catholic schools, and the students that make our jobs so special.

The Parish Appreciation Mass yesterday was a wonderful way to thank our parish family for all they do to make Catholic education at St. Al's an amazing experience, where the focus is on

educating the whole child and providing enriching faith formation.

Last week, we were blessed to have the Gonzaga Men's Soccer Team visit our school and be in community with our students. They were able to share the importance of sportsmanship, faith, hard work and service with our K-8 students. We are grateful for all the partnerships we have with Gonzaga University and Eastern Washington University.

Also, a huge thanks to all our parents who referred family and friends to attend our Open House. It was a huge success, and we met several prospective families that would be great additions to our St. Al's community.

Last, but certainly not least, we hope you can all join us for our Friends & Family Mass on Friday, at 10 AM, at St. Aloysius Church. Beforehand, we invite all of you to attend a presentation in Garco Gym, beginning at 8:45 AM, and then tours of the school will be offered before Mass.

Here is to an AMAZING spirit-filled week where we all *Shine Christ's Light!*

Grateful,

Angie Krauss and Dawn Manfred  
Co-Principals

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## Mark Your Calendars

- 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
- 2/22: 7th & 8th Chapel Mass
- 2/23: 8th grade retreat at Immaculate Heart
- 2/29: 5th & 6th Chapel Mass

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## Important Reminders from the Co-Principals

- The school experienced a cyber attack last week. We immediately worked with our technology specialist, and he was able to minimize impact to our systems. Your family's personal information was not impacted by this cyber attack.
- Parents, please be aware that if you are dropping off before 8:15 AM and not checking your child into Before Care, we do not have supervision for your child. In addition, after school,

children must be picked up by 3:15, or we will check them into After Care. This is done for their safety, so they will not be left outside unsupervised.

- Lost and Found unclaimed items will be donated on Thursday, February 1.
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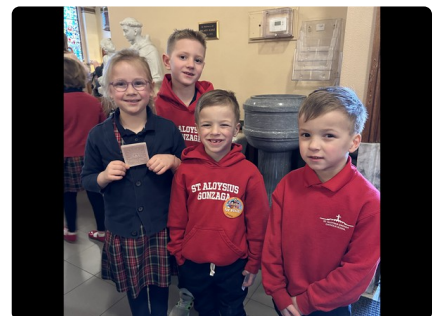
## ELC Reminders from the Co-Directors

- There is a lot to look forward to this week!
  - On Monday and Wednesday morning, we will conduct our hearing screenings with the EWU graduate students.
  - Please invite family and friends to our breakfast celebration on Friday, February 2. There will be a presentation in Garco gym starting at 8:30, and then everyone will be invited to their child's classroom for a special breakfast. Breakfast will begin around 9:00 and will include donuts and fruit for the children and cinnamon rolls for our guests.
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## STAG Prayers

- Dear Jesus, we pray for our students to embrace Catholic Schools week and experience the joy and love of Christ.
  - Dear Jesus, a prayer of Thanksgiving for our wonderful parents and volunteers that serve our mission and school community.
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## Shine Christ's Light



**ANNUAL FUND & CLASS COMPETITION:** Our community is SO AWESOME!!! We have already raised over \$145,000 toward our ultimate Annual Fund goal of \$200,000!!!

We need your help to reach our goal! Just \$55,000 left to go! 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!



**This Friday, February 2, is the last day that gifts will count toward the 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!

### **Class Competition RESULTS as of 1-27-24!!!**

- **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. Croft's 1st grade class is in the lead with 81% of families participating!**

#### **K-8 Results as of 1/27/24:**

Kinder-Kraut: 35%  
Kinder-Williams: 71%  
**1st Grade-Croft: 81%**  
1/2 MAC-Mills: 65%  
2nd Grade-Beall: 64%  
3rd Grade-Schmidt: 50%  
3/4 MAC-Manfred: 63%  
4th Grade-Tweedy: 68%  
5th Grade-Chavez: 52%  
5/6 MAC-Sofio: 42%  
6th Grade-Padon: 56%  
7th Grade-Devita/Sells: 46%  
8th Grade-Conroy/Holland: 54%

- **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 98% of families participating!**

#### **ELC Results as of 1/27/24:**

Giraffes: 50%  
Lambs: 50%

Koalas: 19%  
Pandas: 47%  
Chickadees: 12%  
Owls: 12%  
Blue Jays: 29%  
Hawks: 18%  
**Montessori East: 98%**  
Montessori West: 80%

#### **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**

### **Volunteer Hours:**

Last week, Volunteer Hour notices were sent out to all school families to let them know their current volunteer hour total for the 2023-24 school year. **These emails were sent to the email address that is attached to your family's Track it Forward account.** These emails only listed the amount of volunteer hours that were recorded in Track it Forward. If your family has completed other volunteer hours, please make sure to go into your account and record all volunteer hours completed. Each family is responsible for recording their own volunteer hours. Any hours logged under "other" or "coaching/team support" must have a description in the "note" section or they will not be approved until verified.

If you need help accessing your Track it Forward 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](mailto:awebb@stalsschool.org).

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

We are SO excited to be celebrating Catholic Schools Week (CSW) this week! Thank you to everyone that was able to come to the Parish Appreciation Mass yesterday! It was fun to meet and talk with people from our parish community.

We are still in need of volunteer help throughout this week. Each volunteer opportunity listed in Track it Forward has a spot available for volunteers to sign up.

**Volunteer Opportunities**



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