

St. Al's Monday News

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School | February 20, 2024

"The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being"
-Father Thomas Merton



Message From the Co-Principals

Dear Families,

This past week, we recognized the beginning of Lent with celebrations of Ash Wednesday. Many thanks to JoAnne Duffy, Fr. Tom, and Fr. Dan for their efforts in helping us with these special services!

Angie and I were blessed by our time at the accreditation visit in Arizona this past week. The school we visited, Saints Simon & Jude Cathedral School, was founded by the Loreto Sisters. This particular religious order is rooted in Jesuit theology. It was inspiring to see the connections between our two schools!

At the staff in-service last Friday, our St. Al's teachers continued their work on the St. Al's Self Study for our own accreditation process. In addition, they previewed and discussed the next segment of *Screenagers* and how technology is impacting students both socially and emotionally. As part of our 2023 Auction Paddle Raise, teachers were given a budget to research and purchase curricular resources to support social and emotional learning in their classrooms. You can expect to hear more about these new resources in your class newsletters!

Blessings,

Dawn Manfred & Angie Krauss
Co-Principals

Mark Your Calendars

- 2/22: 7th & 8th Chapel Mass
- 2/23: 8th grade retreat at Immaculate Heart
- 2/29: 5th & 6th Chapel Mass
- 3/7: All-school Lenten Mass @ 12:15 PM, 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
- 3/20: 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 @10:00AM, at the Church

Important Reminders from the Co-Principals

- **Enrollment:**
 - This year we will be moving all enrollment to take place online through FACTS. More detailed information will be coming soon!
 - Please make sure your tuition is current to be able to register on time.
 - FACTS tuition grant is open, this is a great time to set up your FACTS account.
 - We will be setting tuition for the 2024-25 school year at our Parent Advisory meeting on February 21.
- **Online Store:** Our St. Al's Online Store is OPEN! Follow the link below to purchase uniform sweatshirts and some fun, new STAGS swag!

[School Store](#)

ELC Reminders from the Co-Directors

- What a busy week last week, full of many celebrations!
 - The children loved getting beads, marching to “When the Saints Go Marching In,” and tasting Kings Cake for Mardi Gras.
 - The Valentine’s Day parties were a wonderful hit with much appreciated participation from our families. Thank you so much to everyone who donated treats and volunteered in classrooms!
 - Ash Wednesday was also a wonderful day where the kids learned about Jesus and what the ashes represent. Some of the children responded with comments like, “It doesn’t hurt!” and, “You have Jesus on your forehead, just like me!”
 - Thank you to Joanne Duffy for coming to celebrate Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday with us.
 - Registration is coming up soon. Please make sure your tuition account is up to date so you can register on time.
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STAG Prayers

- We pray for all world leaders, that their decisions are guided by peace.
 - We pray for all those who are sick in our community, may God’s healing grace be placed upon them.
 - Heavenly Father, help us to repent and believe in the Gospel this Lenten season.
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Shine Christ's Light



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 be delivered to school right before Spring Break. Follow the link above to order now!



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. Donations must be accompanied by a completed procurement form in order for families to receive credit for the tuition credit drawing.
- 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.

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 68 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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