

St. Al's Monday News

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic School | January 8, 2024

"And behold, that star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

-Matthew 2:9



Message From the Co-Principals

Dear Families,

We are excited for a week filled with hands-on learning and engaging events. On Tuesday evening, we will be showing *Screenagers (second showing)* at 6:00 PM in the Garco Gym. This film examines the effects of social media on young people and *how we as parents and schools can empower teens to overcome mental health challenges and help them build emotional agility and stress resilience.*

On Thursday, we will have our Epiphany Mass at 9:30 AM, at St. Al's church, and we would love for you to join us. As Father Tom reminded our parish family, be like the wise men; don't let January's

darkness take away your desire to find Christ's light and share His light and love with others.

We were recently blessed by a benefactor who graciously funded the remodeling of our public bathroom and staff workroom. It looks amazing and is such an incredible gift to our school community. We are so grateful for these new and improved spaces!

May you feel God's grace and strength as you begin 2024!

Grateful,

Angie Krauss and Dawn Manfred
Co-Principals

Mark Your Calendars

- 1/9: 2nd parent viewing movie night in the *Screenagers* series, 6 PM in Garco Gym
 - 1/11: All-School Epiphany Mass at 9:30 at the church
 - 1/12: NO SCHOOL K-8: Teacher In-Service
 - 1/15: NO SCHOOL ELC, Montessori, & K-8: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - 1/18: 7th & 8th Chapel Mass
 - 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)
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Important Reminders from the Co-Principals

- Open House Tours for ELC, Montessori, and K-8 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.
 - Just a reminder that Apple watches and devices that have capability to call, text, and play games are not allowed at school.
 - With winter weather, please remember that we will communicate any school delays and/or closures through our IRIS alert system, social media, and local news channels.
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ELC Reminders from the Co-Directors

- This Thursday, January 11, the ELC and Montessori will be celebrating the Epiphany. This is the day that the three kings visit each of the classrooms to explain how they brought special gifts to celebrate Jesus' birth. This is also the day that the chalking of the doors is done.

STAG Prayers

- Dear Jesus, we pray that we can draw closer to You in 2024; please help us daily serve your will for our lives.
 - Dear Jesus, please keep our school community safe on the roads this winter.
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Shine Christ's Light



Mission Advancement - Friendraising & Fundraising

ANNUAL REPORT & ANNUAL FUND: It's that time of year again!!! Our Annual Report will be landing in your mailbox very soon, so that means **it's time for 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!
- Our community is SO AWESOME!!! We have already raised over \$100,000 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 \$100,000 toward our goal! **If you have not yet given, please click the button below to give online.** Watch for our Annual Report in your mailbox very soon which will provide additional options for giving as well. Thank you in advance for your support as we embrace 2024!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CLASS COMPETITION! Our annual fund class competition is back, and this year, once again, we are hosting this fun and friendly competition in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week! Every annual fund gift received by Friday, February 2, will be counted in the competition, including those we have already received.

- **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 23% of families participating!**

K-8 Results as of 1/5/24:

Kinder-Kraut: 12%
Kinder-Williams: 18%
1st Grade-Croft: 10%
1/2 MAC-Mills: 22%
2nd Grade-Beall: 23%
3rd Grade-Schmidt: 13%
3/4 MAC-Manfred: 4%
4th Grade-Tweedy: 18%
5th Grade-Chavez: 22%
5/6 MAC-Sofio: 4%
6th Grade-Padon: 12%
7th Grade-Devita/Sells: 19%
8th Grade-Conroy/Holland: 20%

- **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 and Lambs are in the lead with 25% of families participating!**

ELC Results as of 1/5/24:

Giraffes: 25%
Lambs: 25%
Teddy Bears: 0%
Koalas: 6%
Pandas: 13%
Chickadees: 6%
Owls: 0%
Blue Jays: 0%
Hawks: 12%
Montessori East: 10%
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:

- 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.

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- 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

Volunteer Hours:

Thank you so much to all of our families that have both donated and volunteered so far this school year! All volunteer hours that have been submitted to Track it Forward have been approved and will reflect in your account. If you have any questions about volunteer hours or need help accessing your account, please email Aleisha Webb at awebb@stalsschool.org.

Catholic Schools Week:

This year's Catholic Schools Week (CSW) kicks off with our Parish Appreciation Mass on Sunday, January 28 @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". Please watch this section of the Monday News for more info to come!

Annual Auction:

Our next Auction Committee Meeting is on **Tuesday, February 6, 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!

Volunteer Opportunities



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