

Gator Gazette

December 10, 2021



St. Aloysius
Gonzaga

Main Office: 513-574-4035

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A message from the Principal

Hello everyone! We had a quick taste of winter with temperatures in the teens and our first snow of the year. We are looking forward to a white Christmas!

The Grand raffle has been kicked off! Please start turning in your tickets, more tickets can be picked-up in the school office.

During inclement weather, we follow Oak Hills School District for delays and closings announcements.

Christmas is nearing and we have fun events coming up.

Saturday we have breakfast with Santa is 9-12. Santa will visit and there are crafts and hot chocolate with cookies.

Tuesday night is the K-8 Christmas concert doors open at 6pm. ALL students must arrive by 6:15 in their classroom. This is a mandatory event. ALL K -8 STUDENTS MUST attend.

We also have a prayer service with a nativity will be on our last day of school Dec. 17th at 8:15 am.

*We have located an awesome teacher for 7th grade, Mr. Neil DeAtley.

He taught junior high for 4 years after graduating from Morehead State University.

Presently, he is receiving a Masters in Theology, he will be teaching religion and History for us.

Mr. DeAtley has worked in theatre at his previous school, is an accomplished singer and looks forward to Being a part of various organizations here at St Aloysius.

*Our last day of school is December 17 th.

We hope you are all having a wonderful Christmas Season.



November 18th, 2021

Dear Friends

St. Aloysius Gonzaga is one of the oldest Catholic schools on the historic Westside of Cincinnati. We want to remain a vital part of the greater Bridgetown community through our schooling, services, and volunteerism. This school year, thanks to the hard work of our Administration, Faculty, Alumni, PTO, Athletic board, Students and Parents, our enrollment has increased from 112 students in 2017 to 272 students currently enrolled in Preschool through 8th grade. St. Al's has been a valued member of this beloved community and we are asking for your support to continue this tradition of service.

In 2020 we hosted our fourth Gator Gala fundraiser event in St. Al's gymnasium. The event has sold out each year with 240 people attending. Since its inception in 2017, our Gala has raised over \$300,000 towards improving the educational institution for our students and community.

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, St. Aloysius Gonzaga School will once again host our Fifth Annual Gator Gala, Join Our Journey Around the World. Our goal this year is \$80,000. The money raised this year is earmarked for supplementing educational programs and maintaining affordable tuition at St. Al's

We have an ambitious goal. Please consider supporting our Gala with a donation of items or goods for the Auction. The financial success of our event depends on your goodwill. Your generosity will be rewarded by excellent community exposure and advertising in the Gala brochure. Not only will your business name be listed in the brochure, but it will also be published on our school's website and Facebook page.

On request, a receipt can be provided for tax recording purposes. Contact Sandi Staud, Development Director, by phone [513.574.4035], or email sandistaud@gmail.com, to arrange for a donation pickup, or drop off at school. If you prefer, you may mail your donation to

Gator Gala 2022 Attn: Sandi Staud 4390 Bridgetown Road Cincinnati, OH 45211

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping us keep St. Aloysius Gonzaga a leader in Catholic education in our community. We hope you consider making a donation, ensuring our fifth Gala is another rousing success!

P.S. Donated goods, services, gift certificates and/or cash in any price range are welcomed. Cash donations are welcome using cash or checks [payable to St. _____ Aloysius Gonzaga].

Sincerely,

Mark Auer, Principal

Sandi Staud, Director of Development



A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

I hope you enjoyed the Preschool Christmas Concert as much as we did! I am so proud of your little ones, they work very hard and put on an amazing concert! I can't believe we only have one week left before Christmas Break! Please see below for important dates and reminders:

-Thursday, December 16th will be pajama & movie day. Friday, December 17th will be our Christmas Carnival.

-Christmas Break will be December 20th thru January 2nd. School will resume Monday, January 3rd.

-Registration for next school year has been sent home. If you plan on your child returning to St. Al's preschool next year please return the registration as soon as possible! Please be aware that registration for new families will start in January. Please call or email me with any questions or concerns!

-Operation Warmth is collecting hats, gloves, scarves, and new or gently used winter coats every Thursday in December and January. All items collected will be donated to Saint Vincent De Paul.

- In the event of inclement weather St. Al's will follow Oak Hills School District. If Oak Hills calls for a 2-hour delay the school day will begin at 9:50 with a drop off time of 9:15. There will be **NO HALF DAY** preschool in the event of a 2-hour delay.

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke

From the
Pastoral Associate
Julie McDonald

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming."

Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival.

While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent.

Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.



Support St. Al's Bridgetown

20% of proceeds go to
St. Al's Bridgetown

When you deliver or carryout

From 4-8pm on Tuesday, December 14th



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Friday
Dec. 17th

4pm—9pm

St. Al's Fundraiser

2 games of Laser Tag or mini golf—\$13

3 games of Laser Tag or Mini Golf—\$15

Snack
Bar

Arcade



5055 Glencrossing Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

513-922-4999

ESAP

*Celebrating 16 years of providing grade
school tuition assistance*

18 schools participate raising over
\$12,000.00 each and the generous
westside families
donated over \$700,000.00

Again this year St. Al's will strive to reach
our fund raising goal of \$12,000.00
which will be matched by The George
Hubert Family Foundation at 150% earning
St. Al's an additional \$18,00.00 plus a
participation gift of \$6,000.00 giving us
an additional \$24,000 which helps keep
tuition costs down.

If you would like to donate or know
someone who would checks can be
made payable to
St. Al's Adopt a Student

SAFEPARISH

SafeParish is the new Child Protection Platform for the AoC, taking the place of **VIRTUS**.

By now all volunteers and employees should have received an email from SafeParish inviting them to register for their SafeParish account. If you did not receive the email, please check your spam or junk mail folders. You can also find a copy of the SafeParish registration instructions by going to the AoC's Safe Environment Office webpage at <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment> and going to *Top Resources* and then clicking the link for SafeParish.

All new volunteers and employees should follow the SafeParish registration instructions for creating a SafeParish account. During the registration process new volunteers and employees will be invited to complete their online background check and their child protection training online. New employees will also need to complete manual fingerprinting and submit a B4 form for approval.

If your child develops any of the following symptoms please have the child isolate and speak to their medical provider.

Fever	myalgia	nausea	fatigue	cough	loss of taste/smell
Chills	headache	vomiting	congestion	shortness of breath	
Rigors	sore throat	diarrhea	running nose	difficulty breathing	

	14-DAY QUARANTINE	10-DAY QUARANTINE
Optimal Duration to Minimize Risk of Transmis-	Stay at home for at least 14 days after last exposure	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through day 14 . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
Re-duced Duration 1	Stay at home at least 10 days after last exposure	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through day 14 . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Consider obtaining a viral test near the end of this period (day eight or later) to increase certainty that there is no infection, but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after day 10. Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
Re-duced Duration 2	Negative test result for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) from a sample collected on day five or later after last exposure AND stay at home for at least seven days after last exposure.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through day 14 . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.

A 14-day quarantine period presents the lowest risk of post-quarantine transmission. This strategy is preferred for people living in, working at, or visiting congregate living facilities, high density workplaces, or other settings where potential extensive transmission or contact with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is possible.

• to minimize the risk of Covid-19 transmission, student-athletes should wait until 14 days of symptom monitoring have passed since they would not be able to social distance or

wear a mask during active practice or play. Such student athletes are permitted to return to class sooner since they can social distance (at least 6 feet) and wear a mask when around others in class.

If you or your child's doctor has any questions or concerns, please contact *Hamilton County Public Health's Division of Epidemiology and Assessment Outbreak Response Team* at (513) 946-7919.

Sincerely,



Greg Kesterman
Health Commissioner
Hamilton County Public Health

Updated Quarantine Guidelines

(October 25, 2021)

Effective immediately

The Ohio Department of Health has announced updated alternative guidelines for quarantines in schools. “The Mask to Stay – Test to Play” guidelines are designed to help keep students in school and reduce long term quarantines out of school.

These guidelines are optional, and parents may choose to follow standard quarantine rules. They also only apply to students who were exposed within the school setting. Those who were exposed outside of school, such as through a family member, should still follow standard quarantine practices.

Mask to Stay

Those unmasked or unvaccinated who were exposed to Covid from INSIDE the school setting are no longer required to follow standard quarantine rules and may remain in school if the following criteria are met:

- Wear a mask to school for 14 days from the exposure

- Parents monitor child’s symptoms at home

- Exposed person isolates if symptomatic

- Masking may discontinue after 7 days if no symptoms are present and a negative Covid test result after day 7 of exposure. Test can be a PCR or antigen test. The test cannot be an over-the-counter test that is entirely self-administered.

Test to Play

Those who have been exposed to Covid and participating in extracurricular activities who are asymptomatic can continue to participate in school activities if they:

- Test as soon as they are notified following exposure

- Wear a mask when reasonable such as riding on team bus, locker room, sitting or standing on sidelines

- If student tests again between days 5 and 7 and tests negative, they can return to playing. Test can be a PCR or antigen test. The test cannot be an over-the-counter test that is entirely self-administered.

[Dr. Vanderhoff Press Conference October 25, 2021 announcing updated, alternative quarantine guidelines](#)