

Gator Gazette

November 12, 2021



St. Aloysius
Gonzaga

Main Office: 513-574-4035

Preschool Office: 513-587-3978

A message from the Principal

Gator Nation!

We are in the process of getting ready for the GALA on Saturday, February 12th.

Mrs. Staud will be spearheading the project. We are looking forward to another exciting and fun filled evening with all the members that make up the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Family. More information to follow!!

Thank you to all the Veterans that were able to come and celebrate your day with us.

A special thanks to all Veterans everywhere for keeping our country free and making the world a better place!
We are hoping for an even bigger turnout next year.

Reminders: Drop off and Pickup in the alley only. Enter from Harrison to Church then left into the alley.

Do NOT - Enter Church St. from Bridgetown Rd

Do NOT – Park on Weirman and release to the side doors you will be sent down Weirman to Harrison to Church and into the alley.

Do NOT – Drop off tardy students at the front door. They are to enter the Cafeteria door. Students will have to wait patiently to be buzzed in.

Students are going up to the Classroom by 7:30

Seated and ready to go at 7:40.

Coming in late/tardy is a disruption to the class so early is better.

Looking ahead,

We have a Thanksgiving prayer service on Monday at 2pm.

The Awards ceremony will be in church on Wednesday at 8am for grades 4-8. There is no all school mass Wednesday, Father Hay will be on vacation.

Report cards will be going home.

Conferences are beginning Friday the 19th 3 pm.

Monday, November 15th is Kindergarten Parent Information Night starting at 6pm.

Please keep in mind the following week school is closed.

Monday's conferences will be remote.

Have a great week.

**A celebration
to honor
our veterans.**

We thank you!







A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

We had a very busy but fun week in preschool this week! We started the week with our book fair, there were so many good books to choose from. Then we ended our week with our Veteran's Day program where we sang all of our songs that we have been working really hard on learning! We hope you have a great weekend! Please see below for updates and reminders.

-Kindergarten Information Night will be Monday, November 15th at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria of the main building. We strongly suggest any of our PreK families interested in Kindergarten to attend this meeting. We have a great Kindergarten program here at St. Al's!

-Our Preschool Thanksgiving Feast Days will be Thursday, November 18th & Friday, November 19th. Our friends will enjoy watching A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and will have their own Charlie Brown style Thanksgiving Feast.

-The cafeteria is offering Larosa's pizza for \$1.50 per slice for lunch on Friday, November 19th. If you would like your child to have pizza for lunch on this day, please complete the form that came home earlier this week with a cash payment.

-There will be NO SCHOOL November 22nd through November 26th due to Thanksgiving break.

-Registration for the 2023/2024 school year will start in December for current families. Registration forms will be sent home at the end of the month.

-The preschool Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30pm in the school gym. More details on this event will be sent out in the next few weeks!

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke

From the
Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald



Practice the Pause

Every time you get upset at something ask yourself, if you were to die tomorrow was it worth wasting your time being angry. Robert Tew

While searching the internet for something to write about this week, I saw this post on Instagram by [catholicsistas.com](https://www.catholicsistas.com). I went to the post and read about the seeming uselessness of being angry when compared to the thought of dying the next day. **Would that anger really matter in the grand scheme of things?** And think....

How often do I react when I should listen and thoughtfully respond?

How quickly do I react?

Do I listen to listen or listen to react?

Am I listening so that I can craft a response that builds me up or tears others down?

What are some things we can do to become a better listener and respond in a way that invites an authentic discussion for both parties?

When we make an honest effort to do the following, it can go a long way in curbing the angry response to others.

Stay close to the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. I know many of us were kept away from the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for a long time due to the shutdown. Staying close to Jesus in the Eucharist is just one way we can ensure our relationships with others are rooted in genuine charity.

Make Reconciliation a regular habit. Once a month is a great goal to have, if not more frequently if you feel God calling you to go more often. Consider going to confession as the pathway to hear the marching orders God has for your life. It's hard to hear Him if we're steeped in sin.

Listen to listen. Have you ever had a conversation with a friend who listened to you? I mean REALLY listened to you. Like...they want to know all about what's going on with YOU and not just leap in at the end of your sentence to tell you how you should fix your problems.

Extend charity. Especially when you don't feel like it. Admittedly, this one is hard to put into practice because it requires a lot of looking outside of yourself for perspective.

Remember these are people you are arguing with. This is especially important online when we tend to reduce people to screen names or handles. One good strategy is to ask yourself "would I say this to someone's face?"


Walk away. Or exit the app or close the laptop. Whatever is robbing your peace, take the wind out of the sails by walking away. That thrill of getting that zinger in will dissipate, leaving you to wonder if you should add that to your confession list – ouch.

More articles of similar

<https://www.catholicsistas.com/exchanging-anger-for-grace/>

<https://www.catholicsistas.com/10-angry-and-cranky-saints-to-call-upon-when-rage-creeps-in/>

Newsworthy notes from the PTO

St. Al's community   

We are currently looking to help furnish an apartment for a family in our community. We are in need of furniture and beds. If you are able to donate gently used items or willing to help sponsor the purchase of new items please reach out to ptopresident@saintals.org

Monetary donations can be mailed to:

St. Aloysius Gonzaga School

4390 Bridgetown Road

Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Checks made payable to St. Al's PTO

Looking ahead we have exciting news to share about a new program coming to our school, The Greater Gator and The Greater Gator Educator.

The Greater Gator

G-Gracious A-Admirable T-Terrific O-Outstanding R-Respectful

Students, staff and families can nominate students all month long that exhibit these traits.

PTO Board will review submissions and select 2 students each month that exhibit traits of what it means to be The Greater Gator.

The winners will receive prizes, an out of uniform pass, be announced in the Gator Gazette, social media (if allowed) and be recognized on our school bulletin board.

The Greater Gator Educator

Students, staff and families can nominate teachers each month

One teacher each month will be selected for this award and will receive a decorated classroom door, gift card, t-shirt and card.

We need handy volunteers to help construct the nomination boxes. If you are willing to help build a nomination box, please contact ptopresident@saintals.org

We have many exciting PTO sponsored events coming up!

Code Ninja's – November 12th

Breakfast with Santa – December 11

I encourage you to attend PTO meetings to learn more and be part of creating an enriching experience for our kids at school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out at anytime.

Leah Slicer, PTO President

ptopresident@saintals.org, 513-502-7753



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Friday
Dec. 17th

4pm—9pm

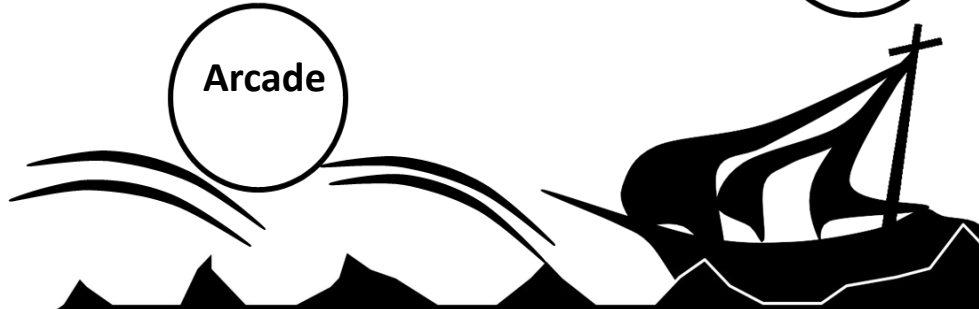
St. Al's Fundraiser

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

The DreamGirls Initiative is a nonprofit organization committed to inspiring young women in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) by exposing them to female role models.

What? Dream Day 2021 is a free one-day workshop showcasing activities scientists and engineers do every day in their careers.

Engineers and scientists from a variety of companies will lead exciting activities!

University of Cincinnati students will guide participants through the day.

Visit www.dreamgirlsinitiative.com to follow the company line-up and registration information.

When? Saturday, November 13

10:00am—1:30pm

Where? St. Ursula Academy

Who? Registration is open to all girls in 6th through 8th grade

The workshop is free, however, registration is required. Registration opened 10/21

Dream Day is brought to you by the generosity of these wonderful organizations:



Presented by
St. Al's PTO

Breakfast with Santa

Photo w/ Santa
Arts & Crafts
Games

Saturday, December 11, 2021
9am-Noon
4390 Bridgetown Road

Tickets: \$10/person
\$40 for Family of 5

Breakfast Includes:
Pancakes & Sausage
Juice & Coffee

Due to limited seating, Santa recommends purchasing your tickets in advance. Make checks payable to St. Al's PTO and send the form below with payment to school, attention PTO. Please indicate how many children/adults will be attending. Turn in by Friday December 3. The event may sell out in advance.

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Ticket Request

Family Name _____

Phone _____

Ages of all Children _____

Number of Adults Attending _____

Sports Sign Ups

To register for **girls basketball** grades 3 - 8 go to... <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/294177>

To register for **boys volleyball** grades 3 - 8 go to...<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/294178>

They both close on Sunday, December 4.

Email Michael Jordan at mj.cinci@yahoo.com with questions.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS — SHADOW DAYS

URSULINE

Shadow Days. There are many dates available. Please schedule on our website at www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions/shadow.

ELDER

Shadow Days, for preferred Shadow Days and additional information, please go to www.elderhs.org/shadow.

MERCY McAULEY

Shadow Days. Registration for 8th grade Shadow Days is now open! Visit www.mercymcauley.org/shadow for more information and to register.

SETON All 8th grade girls are invited to Ignite your Seton Spirit and schedule your *shadow visit* today! Shadow dates are filling quickly, so be sure to visit the Future Saints page on our website and register today at www.setoncincinnati.org!

GAMING *for* GOOD

SAVE THE DATE!
November 12th
Starting at 5 PM!

We are partnering with Code Ninjas to host a Give Back Night! The cost per attendee is \$15 and \$10 of that goes back to our organization! Each session lasts around 45 minutes and there are three time slots available. Visit the website below or scan the QR code to claim your spot!
<https://codeninjas-gtwp.as.me/st-als-giveback>

Located at 6507 Harrison Ave.
Next to Bamboo House and Bucketheads)



A learning adventure for tech-loving kids ages 5-14! Explore exciting coding topics, develop STEM skills, and have a great time with friends.

Wondering what Code Ninjas is all about? Come check out their Dojo, meet their Sensei's, build a video game from SCRATCH, and learn how to program a Robot! You can have fun while giving back to our school!



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 Transmission	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.
Reduced 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.
Reduced 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](#)