

Gator Gazette

November 19, 2021



St. Aloysius
Gonzaga

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A message from the Principal

Hello everyone!

We are all getting ready for Thanksgiving and family gathering and cheer. We are all wishing the members of the St. Aloysius Gonzaga a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Conferences will be finished up on Monday with remote/phone access.

Our GALA is right around the corner! (See the attached letter) Prepare for a great evening.

Thank you to everyone that is using the Harrison Ave. to Church Street route to the alley to drop-off/pick-up. Do not use Weirman or Bridgetown.

We are happy to inform you yet another CoVid free week for our school! Our Air purifiers are running on the highest setting throughout the day.

Those of you in the Gator Nation that have family, friends, or loved ones that are ill or in need of prayers we gather for a prayer service yesterday in hopes that you feel God's comfort and the voice of his children. We had tragic losses to students, of their family members, and the St. Al's family have been working to provide comfort and support. God Bless you ALL.

Miss Haley Codling was blessed enough to be able to get her dream job at Mount Saint Joseph University. We know she will do great and far surpass expectations as she had done for our school.

We are fast approaching Christmas concerts Preschool December 7th & K-8 December 14th.

Cincinnati Reds Straight A tickets will be awarded to 7th and 8th grade students that worked hard to achieve A's in all subjects.

The Wiseman Gift Shop will be back.

Operation warmth New or gently used coats & Out of uniform Thursday for mittens/gloves/hats/scarves

Thank you to Fr. Hay and the parish staff! Happy Thanksgiving!



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,

This week was filled with many activities to help us prepare for Thanksgiving! We hope everyone enjoys the Thanksgiving Holiday and can spend some extra time together with family. December will be a short yet very busy month for preschool, so please be on the

look out for important information coming home in the next few weeks. Please see below for important reminders and upcoming events:

-November 22nd-26th NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving!

-Enrollment forms for the 2022/2023 school year will be sent home on 11/29 & 11/30.

-The preschool Christmas Concert will be held on December 7th at 6:30 pm in the school gym. Gym doors will open at 6:00pm and all students are asked to arrive no later than 6:15pm, dressed in Christmas attire if possible.

- Preschool students will attend mass on Wednesday, December 8th at 8:00am. Please be sure to have your child at school by 7:50.

-Thursday, December 16th preschool will have movie day and can wear pajamas to school. Friday, December 17th will be the Christmas Carnival.

-Christmas break will be December, 20th - December, 31st.

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke

News-worthy notes from the PTO

Our breakfast with Santa event is December 11th from 9am-noon.

We have sold 180 tickets so far and have 70 spots left for the event. Please send in your order form and payment asap to ensure your spot!

We also need help setting up, day of and tearing down for this event. Please consider signing up for a spot as many hands make the load light!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054badaa28a3ff2-breakfast>

The **Greater Gator** awards will begin in January! Thank you to the Smith family for donating the nomination boxes!

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 _____



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Friday
Dec. 17th

4pm—9pm

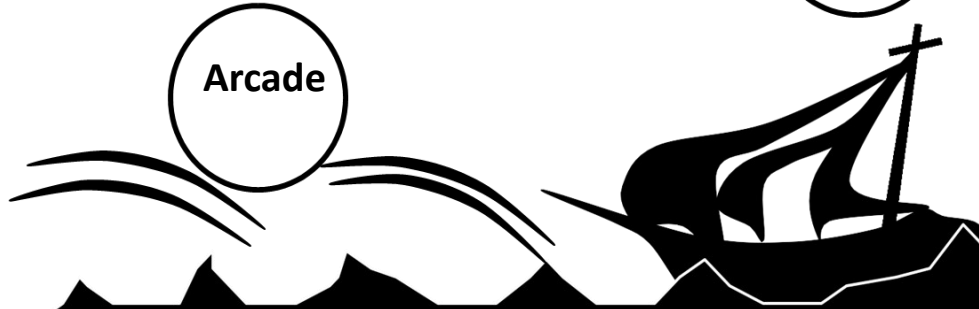
St. Al's Fundraiser

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:



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.

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](#)