

# Gator Gazette

February 18, 2022

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## A message from the Principal

Hello Gator Families,

Students and staff had a great time showing their Bengal spirit. Although we didn't get the outcome we hoped for we're still Cincinnati proud. Even Fr. Hay joined in and had Bengal signs hanging in the rectory windows. Who Dey!

**Registration:** Invite your family and friends to join our family. Spread the word about all we have to offer. No matter where in Cincinnati you live your student can be a part of our community. We are still accepting registrations.

**Grand Raffle Tickets:** Ticket sales are climbing and we are very pleased. We need 100% participation to reach our goal. Extra tickets are available at the school or church office. Sell those tickets!!!

**Gala:** Although the Gala has been postponed there will be an online auction on March 12th. There are many nice items to bid on such as a Big Green Egg, Yetti Cooler, Air Fryer, Kate Spade purses, jewelry, many gift baskets, quilts and more. Mark your calendar for March 12th and support our school. Tell your family and friends to save the date and spread the word on social media. Instructions for accessing the online auction will be attached next week.

**Substitute Teachers** are needed: The entire city is experiencing a shortage of subs. The State has altered requirements for substitutes this year. Please consider helping out. Call the school office to see if you are eligible.

**Reminders:** **Winter weather cancellations—we follow Oak Hills School District.**  
**No School**

**Monday, February 21** - President's Day

**\*\*Parents: please keep 3 reusable masks in your child's backpack at all times. It's very hard to keep up with the demand of forgotten masks when we assemble. Thank you.**

**Important dates:**

**February 22** - Out of Uniform - \$1 donation for Our Daily Bread

**February 25** - End of 2nd Trimester

**February 28** - Report Cards go home

Students are honored at the end of each trimester and at the end of the year for academic achievement. We need donations of gift cards or special events: ie. Kings Island tickets, Zoo Pass, restaurant gift cards, etc. to be used as awards. Help us celebrate our scholar's hard work by sending donations to the school office. Nothing like knowing the whole St. Al's family supports you.

Volunteers make our school great. Please join the Athletic and PTO Organizations.

God Bless

Stay safe and warm.

Mr. Mark Auer

# Gator Gala 2022

While we have postponed the “In-person” Gala dinner and auction we are proceeding with an online auction and the Grand Raffle.

The online auction will be held on Saturday, March 12th. Details are being finalized but we have some great prizes: a wonderful array of baskets, a Big Green Egg, Yeti Cooler, Pandora necklace, bourbon basket and a bourbon tasting and dinner at the Slicer’s home, one full tuition for the 2022-23 school year, just to name a few. **Baskets are on display in the Tekulve Room after masses. Details on how to access the online auction will be available next week.** So plan to check us out on March 12th and sell those Grand Raffle chances to family and friends. Let’s make this a great fund raiser for our school.

**Our early bird winner of \$100.00 is John and Barb Doherty.**

**Congratulations and thank you for your support!**

## **Grand Raffle**

\$20 per ticket, 6 for \$100

Tickets were mailed out to parish families last month. Additional tickets can be picked up at the school and church office and at the doors of church. Tickets are also being sold after masses in the Tekulve Room



# A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

Our preschool friends shared so much love this week celebrating Valentine's Day. It was so cute seeing their excitement while they passed out their Valentine's Day cards and treats. On Tuesday to celebrate we enjoyed a cozy day in our pajamas while we watched The Curious George Movie and on Wednesday, we enjoyed our Valentine's Day carnival with crafts, bingo, and tattoos.

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

**-Preschool is in need of paper towels! If we could please have each student bring in a roll of paper towels it would be greatly appreciated!**

**-Dr. Seuss week will be February 28th- March 4th! More information will be sent home next week.**

**-Just a friendly reminder that the school day starts at 7:50. More and more students are arriving after 7:50 missing valuable learning time! This will be especially important on Ash Wednesday, which is March 2nd. Preschool will attend Mass which starts promptly at 8:00!**

**-Please don't forget to sell your Grand Raffle tickets! We are getting closer and closer to our goal! There are weekly prize drawings for students who sell tickets! If you need more tickets to sell, please reach out to Mrs. Stephanie or your child's teacher! We need to reach our goal of \$34,000, we can do it!!!**

**-There is NO SCHOOL the following days in February:**

**Friday, February 18th**

**Monday, February 21st**

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke

# From the Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald

## St. Valentine



Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." Our St. Valentine's Day celebrations sometimes seem a far cry from honoring a priest who was martyred for trying to convert people to Christianity. The church removed him off the list of recognized saints because, so little was known about him.

One legendary tie to St. Valentine is the valentine card. The story is that while he was in prison, he sent notes of love and encouragement to people who needed them.

Whoever he was, Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine.

Relics of St. Valentine can be found all over the world. A flower-crowned skull of St. Valentine can be found in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In 1836, other relics were exhumed from the catacombs of Saint Hippolytus and were identified as Valentine's. These were transported for a special Mass dedicated to those young and in love.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, beekeepers, epilepsy, fainting, happy marriages, love, plague, travelers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses.

*Since we have a long weekend ahead of us, I have a few **Valentine activities** to keep the kids busy.*

*Most of us know someone who needs a reminder of our love and prayers-someone who is sick, someone who once was our teacher, someone who lives alone. Making homemade cards with the pink, white and red hearts and flowers of this day will brighten anyone's winter.*

*If we still have snow on the ground, here's a fun idea to keep the kids busy. Fill a spray bottle with water and added red food coloring. And let them go out and "paint" the snow pink and make hearts.*

*Bake or buy cookies in heart shapes and let the kids decorate them with icing. Then wrap each one in pink, white or red tissue paper and deliver them with a note to the lucky people.*

**Mark your calendars  
for upcoming  
Dine to Donate  
Events**

For the entire month of  
March  
our Dine to Donate is  
Nation.

We are the recipient of  
the BIT burger promo-  
tion. We receive \$1 for  
every BIT burger  
ordered

April 12 will be  
**Chipotle.**



**Boy Scout  
Troop 238  
Wants You**



Troup 238 is celebrating it's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We would like to extend a welcome to anyone looking to begin their scouting career (11 years or older) or looking to continue their journey. Troup 238 meets weekly and would like to invite you to our information night March 6<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Visitation Sports Pavilion starting at 7:00 PM to learn more about our program. Upcoming events include a primitive camping weekend in March and a high adventure trip to Red River Gorge in May. We hope to see you there! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Tony Edwards – Scoutmaster  
Anthony.T.Edwards@gmail.com



# **Northside K of C Youth Summer Volleyball**

The Friday night youth league for students **CURRENTLY** in grades 5 through 8 (as of 1/1/22) is now accepting registrations. Games will be at the K of C Sports Complex at 3144 Blue Rock Rd. All games will begin Friday, 6/10/22 and run every Friday night through 8/12/22. Games will begin at 5:00 pm and run through no later than 11:00 pm, depending on the number of teams in the league. Game times will vary each week. Schedules will be posted on the Youth Sand Volleyball Facebook page and will also be sent to the coaches by no later than 5/31/22.

The league is filled on a first come, first-served basis and has a capacity of 50 teams total. Once capacity is met, teams will not be accepted. In 2021, capacity was reached in mid-April, so it is important to get registrations in as early as possible.

Teams may be co-ed, all girls or all boys. Grade levels may also be combined onto one team. 5/6, 6/7 or 7/8) All teams must have one adult coach (over the age of 21) or at least one parent at their game every week. Teams with more than 15 students on their roster will be automatically split into 2 teams unless prior arrangements have been made through the league coordinator.

Rainouts will be communicated via Facebook/Twitter/Instagram no later than Friday at 4:00 pm. If there is impending severe weather (lightening/thunder/torrential rain) during a game, a decision will be made as soon as possible. Rainouts will not be made up.

**PRIORITY REGISTRATION** is accepted starting Friday, February 4, 2022 and run through Sunday, May 1, 2022. Priority registrations will have a \$40 fee. Any registrations after May 1, 2022 will assess a \$10 fee. If the late fee is not paid with the registration, the student is not registered. All registrations will receive online confirmation within 48 hours of receiving payment. Payments will be accepted via Cash, Check or Venmo again this year. Venmo payments **MUST** be labeled with the student name, or the registration will not be processed and money will be refunded. Any registrations received after May 1, 2022 are not guaranteed a printed t-shirt. Links to registrations through Google Forms will be posted on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. No refunds will be issued after the start of league play.

Coaches meeting will take place on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm. League rules, schedules and tshirts will be handed out at the meeting and must be signed for by the coach. Any coach that is not present for the meeting will not receive their packet and tshirts until June 10, 2022. No exceptions. Complete parent and emergency contact information must be received in order for students to participate. This is for your child's safety and is required or their registration will not be processed.

**For more information, please email the league coordinator**

**Kateri Knosp @ [kofcvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:kofcvolleyball@gmail.com)**

**Please Print Clearly\*\*\*Please Print Clearly\*\*\*Please Print Clearly**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Grade (as of 1/1/2022)** 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

**School presently attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**T-shirt Size (Available in adult sizes only)** S M L XL

**Coach's Name (if you have a team)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks/Money Order can be made out to: Northside K of C Cash is also an acceptable form of payment.**

**Please mail any completed paper registrations to:**

**Northside Knights of Columbus  
Attn: Youth Volleyball Coordinator  
3144 Blue Rock Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45239**



# St. Al's Bridgetown

## Cornhole Tournament

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Athletics



**SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH**

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga School Gym**

**Doors Open at 6:30 - Tournament Starts at 7:00**

**\$50.00 per Team; limited to the first 64 Teams, 2 loss format  
Visa/MC accepted at the door!**

**Adults only, MUST be 21 or older. AMATEURS ONLY PLEASE!**

Admission includes the tournament fee, snacks, appetizers, and 2 event t-shirts

**CANNED BEER WILL BE SOLD. PLEASE NO COOLERS!!**

The top two winners of the tournament will win cash prizes!(1st Place \$400, 2nd Place \$200)

**HURRY AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**

Contact Erin Gassett by email at [eegassett126@gmail.com](mailto:eegassett126@gmail.com)

or by phone at 513-659-5374 to make your reservation

**Admission for spectators is just \$5.00!**

There will also be hourly Split-the-Pot raffles.



FEBRUARY

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Fri		Sat
		1 POPCORN CHICKEN SWEET CORN APPLESAUCE	2 CHEESE CONEY CARROT STICKS FRUIT	3 TURKEY & HAM SUB BAKED CHIPS FRUIT	4 PANCAKES TURKEY SAUSAGE HASHBROWNS FRUIT	5
6	7 BALKING TACO REFRIED BEANS FRUIT	8 MINI CORN DOGS ARTER TOTS CORN ANIMAL CRACKERS	9 CHICKEN NUGGETS CORN APPLESAUCE	10 SOFT TACO LETTUCE & TOMATO APPLESAUCE FRUIT	11  <b>OFF</b>	12
13	14 CHEESEY BREADSTICKS MARIANA SAUCE MIXED EGGIES FRUIT	15 PULLED PORK SANDWICH BAKED BEANS FRUIT	16 CHEESEBURGER OR HAMBURGER FRIES FRUIT	17 FISH STICKS PEAS FRUIT	18  <b>OFF</b>	19
20	21  <b>Off</b>	22 NACHO & CHEESE BROCCOLI HOT SAUCE PLAIN DONUT	23 FRENCH TOAST STICKS TURKEY SAUSAGE HOME FRIES FRUIT	24 BEEF RAVOLIO GREEN BEANS FRUIT	25 GRILLED CHEESE TOMATO SOUP GOLD FISH CRACKERS	26
27	28 MEATLOAF MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS	29	30			

**ALL HOT LUNCHES ARE FREE TO ALL STUDENTS - NO COST**

MILK CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$.50

Access <https://www.ezschoollapps.com/> to PreOrder Lunches. All PreOrders must be placed before 9:00 am of the day of the lunch. Salads Available Grades 3 — 8 Only.

"Italian Grilled Chicken Salad" is the salad of the Month!!!!

# Save as a reference

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

	Optimal Duration to Minimize Risk of Transmission	Reduced Duration 1	Reduced Duration 2
<b>Optimal Duration to Minimize Risk of Transmission</b>	Stay at home for at least <b>14 days</b> 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 <b>day 14</b> . (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.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through <b>day 14</b> . (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.
<b>Reduced Duration 1</b>	Stay at home at least <b>10 days</b> 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 <b>day 14</b> . (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.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through <b>day 14</b> . (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.
<b>Reduced Duration 2</b>	<b>Negative test</b> result for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) from a sample collected on day five or later after last exposure <b>AND</b> stay at home for at least <b>seven days</b> 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 <b>day 14</b> . (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.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through <b>day 14</b> . (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.*

•ro 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