

Gator Gazette

February 25, 2022

Main Office: 513-574-4035

Preschool Office: 513-587-3978

Hello Gator Families,

Marketing: Plans are underway to bring back a marketing committee. We need to spread the word about our great school and all we have to offer. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, March 8th at 7pm in the cafeteria. We will be bouncing ideas around and can use lots of input. If you are interested in attending, please call Jenny at the school office to RSVP. Thank you.

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: Gators, we have two weeks left to sell those Grand Raffle tickets. We need 100% participation to reach our goal. Extra tickets are available at the school or church office. Sell those tickets!!!

Gala Auction: We have many nice items to bid on: 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 in this Gazette (pg 3) and church bulletin.

Fish Fry: The Best Fish Fry in town!!! Stop by every Friday in Lent for our Drive-thru Fish Fry 4:30-7pm.

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.**

****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:

- March 4** - Report Cards go home
- March 7** - Lenten Prayer Service
- March 9** - Awards, Grades 4-8
- March 17** - St. Patrick's Day Program - Pre - 8

Our students will be celebrating Read Across America Week, February 28th - March 4th. Each day we will focus on a different Dr. Seuss book with fun activities. See the attached flyer for a list of what to wear each day. Make sure your student joins in the fun!

We need donations of gift cards or special events tickets: ie. Kings Island tickets, Zoo Pass, restaurant gift cards, etc. to be used as awards as we honor our students for academic achievement at the end of each trimester and at the end of the year. 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

Parents:

Monday, February 28—Cat in the Hat

- * Crazy Hair Day or Wear a Hat

Tuesday, March 1 - Which Pet Should I Get?

- * Wear animal print or something with an animal on it. Students may bring in 1 stuffed animal to read to and nap with.

Wednesday, March 2 - Horton Hears a Who

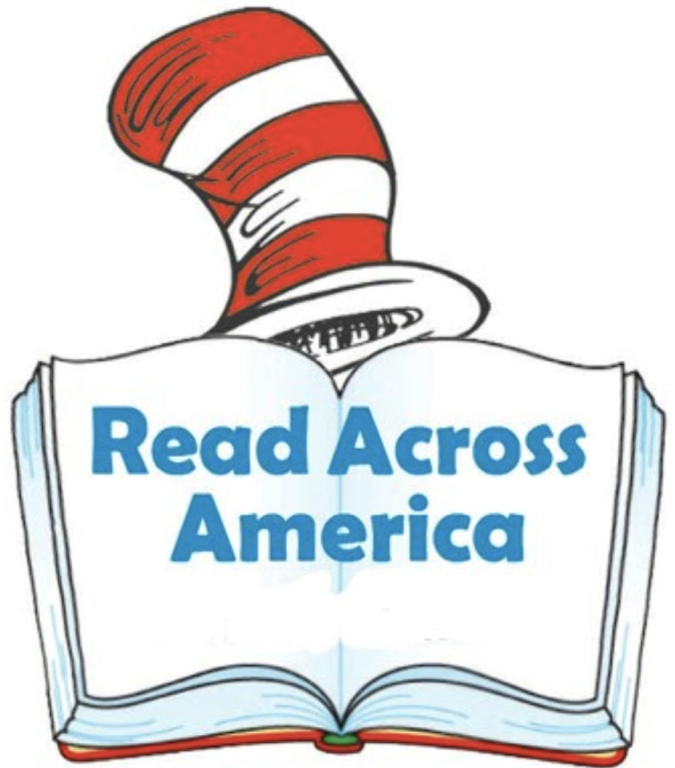
- * Be Kind Day. We will be acknowledging the first day of Lent with a day of Kindness and attending an all school mass.

Thursday, March 3 –My Many Colored Days

- * Wear as many colors as you can.

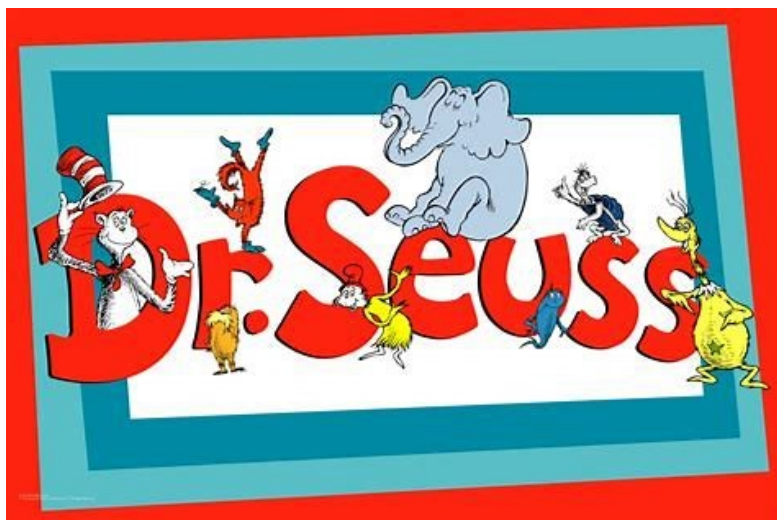
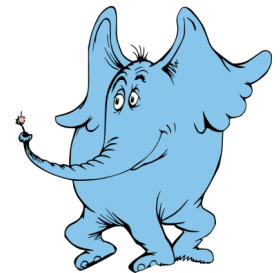
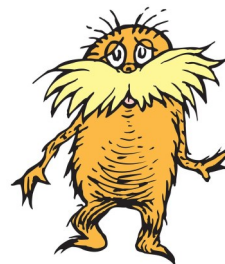
Friday, March 4 - The ABC Book

- * Alphabet Parade - Students may wear something with the letter of the first letter of their first name. Their letter can be attached to their shirt or worn on a string around their neck. Preschoolers will parade around the preschool and main building.



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Gator Gala 2022

Gator Gala Online Auction!

Instructions

Supporting the excellence and education of St. Aloysius Gonzaga School!

Welcome! Thank you for supporting St. Al's School. We're glad you are here!

Gator Gala Online Auction, our main school fundraiser of the year to help raise funds to enhance educational programs in our classrooms. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to support our students!

Auction begins Saturday, March 12, at 10 AM

Auction ends Sunday, March 13, at 10 PM

Instructions:

For auction bidding and to preview items please go to our auction website at:

<https://www.biddingowl.com/StAls>

To PREVIEW auction items:

Click on the green box marked "View Items" in the top left corner of the screen

To register as a BIDDER:

Click the "Register" link in the top right corner of the screen

Enter in all of your details so we know how to contact you

Please make sure to check the email or text notification box at the bottom of the form so you can receive alerts if you are outbid!

If you do not register, you will not be able to bid on items when the auction opens

Payment: Upon winning, bidders will be sent an email invoice to check out with options for payment.

All items must be paid for and picked up by Friday, March 18, or the item will be offered to the next highest bidder.

Pick Up: Local pick up only. Payment will need to be confirmed before item pick up. All baskets need to be picked up by Friday, March 18. All items are available for pick up in the School Office between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm.

Alcohol Policy: Baskets containing alcohol are reserved for bidders age 21 or over.

Disclaimer: There are NO returns or exchanges offered. All Sales are Final.

Last Chance to purchase Grand Raffle Tickets.

Drawing will be Monday, March 14 at an all school assembly before dismissal.

Help us reach our goal! Sell those tickets to family, friends and neighbors.



A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

Our preschool friends have had a busy week showing off all the amazing things they have learned so far this year. This means that the teachers have been work hard on assessments so they can show you the growth your child has made this year! These assessments will be sent home March 17th & 18th. Have a great weekend!

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

-Dr. Seuss week will be February 28th- March 4th!

-If you have a child returning to preschool next school year or a new incoming student, acceptance letters for next school year were sent home this week. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have a change in your plans for next year and will not be returning as we have a waitlist for new incoming students.

-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!

-Preschool conferences will be March, 22nd & 23rd. Homeroom teachers will send out a Sign Up Genius in the next few weeks for you to schedule a conference.

-The St. Patrick's Day Program will be Thursday, March 17th at 10:00am in the school gym.

-There is NO SCHOOL the following days in March:

Friday, March 25th

Monday, March 28th

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke

From the Pastoral Associate

Julie McDonald



What Is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is a celebration not mentioned on the calendar of the church year but is still being celebrated. The tradition of Mardi Gras (French, “fat Tuesday”) began as a pre-lenten day of feasting and carnival (Latin *carnelvarium*, removal of meat”). It was a last fling in preparation for the severe fasting and abstinence which began the next day on Ash Wednesday.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia its origin is linked to a pagan Roman celebration honoring a Roman god of fertility *Lupercalia* which occurred in February. When Christian teaching and morals took root, the blending of tradition with new Christian beliefs helped people to transition away from paganism. Different cultures celebrated the last day before Lent in their own ways, adapting the practices to suit their cultures. The tradition also had a practical purpose. Because the church’s fast, back then, included the food’s that needed refrigeration and controlled refrigeration was unheard of before the 19th century, it made sense to eat what would otherwise spoil during the six weeks of Lent and to help other families to do the same with a party.

King’s Cake and Pancakes for Mardi Gras

Originally, king’s cake was made and eaten by Catholic families for the Epiphany to celebrate the coming of the 3 kings to see baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Given that the “carnival season” runs from the Epiphany until Ash Wednesday, and the day before Lent being your “last chance” to eat sweets, so in recent years has been associated with Mardi Gras.

The King’s cake is always shaped in a circular shape to represent the crown of a king and generally has a trinket hidden inside. Usually, it’s a small plastic baby that is hidden inside the cake. The person who receives this trinket in their slice of cake is “king for the day” or must bring the cake for next year’s party. In Catholic tradition, **whoever finds the baby in the cake leads the rosary prayed that evening.**

King’s cake is usually decorated with white icing and purple, green, and yellow sprinkles or sugar.

Pancakes are another food traditionally eaten on Fat Tuesday because making them used up a lot of the ingredients which were forbidden to eat during Lent, such as fat, dairy and sugar. Make them more fun by adding food coloring in the traditional purple, green and yellow (gold).

St. Al's Athletics Drive-Thru Fish Fry
Fridays in Lent, March 4 - April 15, 4:30-7 p.m.

Please support our St. Al's Gators student-athletes and enjoy some great food each Friday during Lent! This year, we will continue to operate as a drive-thru only, so get in line early for the best Fryday dinner in town.

Learn more and see a menu at
<https://saintals.org/fishfry/>.



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 promotion. 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 70th 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 6th 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

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Student Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Present Grade (as of 1/1/2022) 5th 6th 7th 8th

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

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.

March Menu

< February				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Popcorn Chicken Corn Apple Sauce	2 Cheese Pizza Slice Carrot sticks Fruit	3 Turkey & Ham Sub Sandwiches Baked Chips Fruit	4 Mac N Cheese peas Fruit
7 Hot Dog on Bun ater Tots Fruit	8 Hamburgers Potato Wedges Fruit	9 Pancakes & urkey Sausage Spiced Apples	10 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce reen Beans Fruit	11 Fish Sticks Peas Fruit
14 Chicken enders Potato Rounds Fruit	15 Chili Three Way Celery Sticks Crackers Fruit	16 Chicken Nuggest Corn Apple Sauce	17 Mini Corn Dogs ater Tots Animal Crackers Fruit	18 Cheesy Bread Sticks Marinara Sauce Mixed Veggies Fruit
21 Sloppy Joe Sandwiches Sweet Potato Fries	22 Beef Cheese Burritos Bean & Corn Salsa Fruit	3 Egg, Sausage Biscuit Hashbrowns Fruit	24 Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Gold Fish Crackers Fruit	25 OFF
28 OFF	29 Beef Soft Taco Lettuce & Cheese Salsa Fruit	30 Breaded Chicken Patty Broccoli Fruit	31 French Toast Turkey Sausage Fruit	

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHEF SALAD IS THE SALAD OF THE MONTH AVAILABLE FOR GRADES 4-8



We Donated \$3301.34 to St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO in 2021

In all, The Kroger Family of Companies donated over \$45 million to local organizations through Community Rewards, and it's all because of you and other Kroger shoppers. Thanks again for being a Community Rewards member.



2021 Donation Summary
\$3301.34

Total Donation to St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO

St. Al's PTO Fundraiser

Kroger Community Rewards



DETAILS: Every purchase on your Kroger card can raise money for the St. Al's PTO. You only need to sign up once and you will earn rewards for the school with every shopping trip! You can enroll at any time, so please try to get your family and friends to sign up as well!

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Option 1 - Through their website.

Follow the link: <https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/>

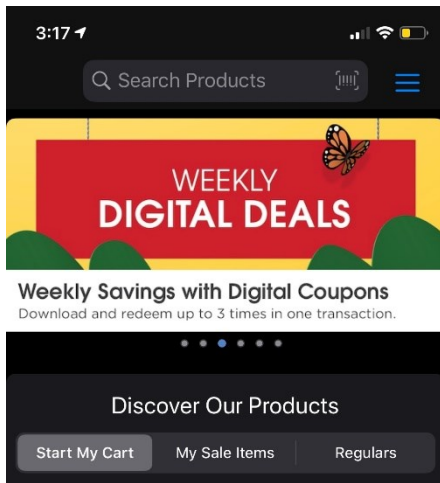
Create/sign in with your digital Kroger account.

Search either by the org name **St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO** or org number **RX687**.

Click ENROLL and you are finished!

Option 2 - Through their app.

Download the Kroger app and create/sign in with your digital Kroger account.



Click on the MORE drop down in the top right corner.

Click Rewards → Community Rewards → Search for Organization

Search by org name **St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO** or by org number **RX687**.

Click ENROLL and you are finished!

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	

	Quarantine Period	Recommendations
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.
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.

•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