

Gator Gazette

May 20, 2022

Mission Statement

St. Aloysius Gonzaga School is a Christ centered, Roman Catholic, elementary school where the children are empowered to become full and productive members of the Church and society. We strive to educate, in partnership with the parents, the whole child spiritually, physically, intellectually and emotionally.

Main Office: 513-574-4035

Preschool 513-587-3978

Dear Gator families,

We are in the home stretch with one week to go. It's hard to believe the school year is already at an end.

Field Day is Monday at the Cheviot Field House. We will depart school at 8:15. Be sure to pack a lunch. The cafeteria will be closed that day. Teams will wear matching shirts, each team with it's own color. Be sure to check information sent by teachers about your child's team and what color they are wearing. Field Day is a yearly event and always enjoyed by the students!

This has been the most wonderful 8th grade class I've ever experienced. They have been interested in learning, they are very helpful, and behave in the Christian manner you would expect to find in a catholic school. They are well rounded, interested in doing good in class, helping their teachers and kind to each other. And I am proud to say they have demonstrated leadership by examples. It has been a true blessing to watch them grow this year. Good luck Class of 22. I expect great things from all of you.

The 8th grade's last day of school is Thursday, May 26. We will begin the day with breakfast in the cafeteria. Students are expected to return to school by 5:30 pm for pictures. Mass begins at 7pm followed by the 8th grade graduation party in which the student and their parents are invited. Pews will be reserved in church for students and their families as well as a section for faculty. It's going to be a great day!!!

Our last day of school is May 27, Preschool will have their graduation ceremony in the church at 9:30. Families are invited to attend.

Kindergarten will have their ceremony in the Undercroft at 10:30. Families are welcome.

Grades 1 - 7 will have an awards assembly beginning at 8:15 in the gym.

Reminder: **Schoolbelles** has informed us that they will be reopening their Dent location in Manchester Plaza in June.

Have a great weekend,

Mark Auer

Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners

Sophia Bennett: Seton High School
Gator Saint Scholarship

Euriah Carter: Altoona High School
Carolyn D. Blackman Theater Scholarship
Walker Foundation Art Scholarship
Genesis Book Scholarship

Jordan Goldsberry: Seton High School
Alumnae Super Saint Scholarship

Rachel Harrell: Seton High School
Gator Saint Scholarship
Knights of Columbus

Meadow Johns: Mount Notre Dame High School
Sunshine Award
President's Leadership Award

Jaden Jordan: Mercy McAuley High School
Honors Program Scholarship
Knights of Columbus

Mariano Lopez – Elder High School

Makell McCrary – Oak Hills High School

Olivia Reinstatler: Mount Notre Dame High School

Madison Smith: Seton High School
Honors Program Scholarship

Brook Tompkins: Mount Notre Dame High School

Reminders

Latest news is on the home page

Access to the Gator Gazette (past and current)
Links to join your child's class facebook group/
St. Al's Facebook page
Links to pay for school lunch and to log into My
Student Progress parent portal
Access handbook, calendar, school supplies and
other important documents
Easily report an absence
Easy enrollment: Immediately upload all docu-
mentation needed and make payment.
Quick link to SafeParish
Quick access to all Athletic sign-ups and PTO
information
Misplaced a flyer that went home, or can't find
the facebook feed that mentioned an
event you wanted to attend? It is on the
website.

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.

Dates to Remember

May 26 - 8th Graduation
May 27 - Last Day of School

PTO News

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

PTO positions are available for next year! Please check the schools website for available positions and to apply!

Summer Help opening

Great seasonal position in maintenance and grounds for Highschool or college students.

May through August - 40 hours per week.

Please contact Ken Schultz at
513-574-4840, ext. 204 or email at
ken.schultz@stalsbridgetown.org.

If you know of someone you can send them Ken's way!



A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

I want to share some important news with you. As most of you already know Ms. Lounsberry will be leaving us at the end of the school year. We recently learned that Ms. Smith will also be moving on.

Mrs. Smith will be moving on to teach junior high at St. Theresa. Ms. Lounsberry will be preparing for her upcoming wedding in August and will be taking a position at a preschool closer to her home. While we wish them both the best of luck in their new adventures, they will be missed dearly here at St. Al's.

While Ms. Lounsberry and Mrs. Smith are irreplaceable in our hearts I am confident will find teachers who can fill their shoes and fit right into our St. Al's family just as Ms. Lounsberry & Mrs. Smith did.

Again, we would like to wish Mrs. Smith and Ms. Lounsberry all the best in their new endeavors and let them know they will always be a part of the St. Aloysius family.

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

-Monday, May 23rd & Tuesday, May 24th will be Water & Picnic Day! ALL STUDENTS will need to pack a lunch and drink. There will NOT be hot lunch available from the cafeteria. Students will need to bring a beach towel for the day. Please have your child wear shoes that can get wet and please apply sunscreen before coming to school!

-Preschool's End of the Year Celebration is Friday, May 27th at 9:30 , which is the last day of school. This is an end of the year celebration for ALL of our preschool friends! Students will dismiss for the day after the celebration at 10:30. Please see the Preschool End of the Year Celebration flyer for more details! Don't forget if your child does not come on Fridays, they can still attend this event, they just need to meet their class in Church!

-Preschool will be attending Mass on Wednesday, May 25th at 8:00. We will be singing a special farewell song to Father Hay following Mass. Please make sure you have your child to school no later than 7:50 on this day, it is very important that students are on time for Mass!

- Meet & Greet is for next school year is scheduled for August 23rd & 24th. Please be on the lookout in August for an email from your child's teacher that will include more details on Meet & Greet and staggered start for the week of August 29th.

-We have openings in our 3-year-old Half Day class for next year, if you know of a family looking for a preschool for their 3-year-old please send them our way!

Thank you,

Stephanie Goettke

**All Preschool families are invited to join us
at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church at 9:30am on
Friday, May 27th.**

Parking is available in the Bridgetown RD.

Lot (across from the main building)

**Tuesday/Thursday students are invited to
attend. Please have these students meet
their class in church between 9:15 and 9:25.
This event is open to other family members
but please keep in consideration the limited
space in church.**

**Please have your child wear the tie-dye shirt
they made in March.**

**Please let your child's teacher know if they
are unable to attend.**

From the Pastoral Associate Julie McDonald

I can't believe the end of the school year is already upon us. I have really enjoyed working with your children this year. What a joy it was to help prepare the 2nd graders to receive their First Reconciliation and First Communion. And working with the junior high students perfect their public speaking skills while they prepare to read at Mass. I appreciate all these opportunities and I'm praying for all of you to have a safe and blessed summer and I ask for your prayers as our parish goes through the growing pains of the Beacons of Light.

Why Go to Vacation Bible School?

School is coming to an end, and I want to tell you about a treasure that we have happening here at St. Al's this summer from June 13-17. St. Aloysius/St. Jude Vacation Bible School is a fantastic program. Although I've heard of a variety of VBS's throughout the area, this was my first experience with it and WOW was I impressed. The decorations are top notch, and you'll find yourself thinking that you're in the desert with the bible characters. I guarantee you won't recognize the undercroft when they're finished.

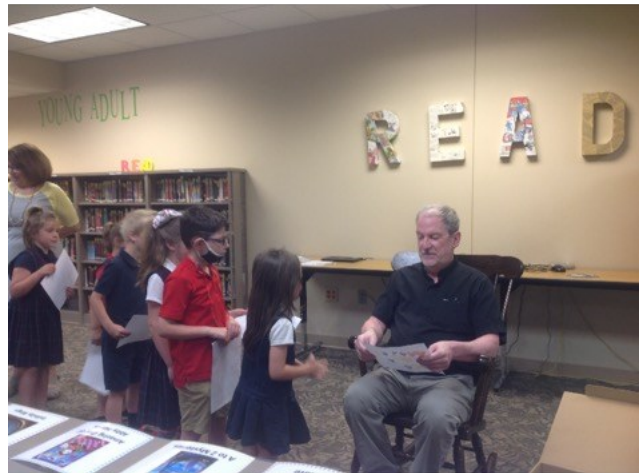
The week before, our director Peggy Cappel, teachers and our older youth volunteers work tirelessly for hours transforming the undercroft and classrooms into places that you won't believe! The children will learn scripture stories, awesome songs, life lessons, great arts & crafts, and delicious snacks. My grandchildren attended VBS last year and they still sing the songs and talk about it, and it's been a year. They can't wait to come back.



Goodbye Father Hay

Students made cards and crafts for Fr. Hay to say thank you and goodbye. He greeted the children in the library and spoke to each one. The little ones were generous with hugs and Father was grateful for the students kindness and well wishes.

*Good luck
on your
next adventure*





Boys' and girls' soccer registration

Fall 2022 registration is open for boys and girls Pre-K through highschool. Learn more:

<https://saintals.org/soccer/>

Sign up: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/311572>

Questions: Erin Gassett at eegassettt126@gmail.com



Football registration

Fall 2022 registration is open for Gators Kindergarten thru Grade 8. Learn more: saintals.org/football. Sign up:

go.teamsnap.com/forms/311428 Questions:

Tom Ramstetter athletics@saintals.org



Cheer Registration

Fall 2022 registration is open for Gators Kindergarten thru Grade 8

Learn more: ollac.website.sportssignup.com

Questions: Cheryl Cannon at cheryldoesart@yahoo.com



Golf registration

Fall 2022 registration is open for all boys and girls Grades 5-8

Learn more: saintals.org/golf

Sign up: go.teamsnap.com/forms/311332

Questions: Tom Hix at thix@fuse.net



Books

For

Children



Visit the Oak Hills Alumni and
Educational Foundation's
Stories on Wheels

This summer!

Wednesdays: at Delshire

Thursdays: at Dulles

9:30—11:30 am

Open to children of all ages in the
Community. Story times and a free book with each visit

Starting June 15th

An adult must accompany children

For additional info follow us on Facebook

Oak Hills Book Bus

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School 2022

Monumental Celebrating God's Greatness

June 13 - 17 9:00 am to noon



At Monumental VBS kids celebrate God's Greatness! Monumental is filled with awesome Bible learning experiences that the kids see, hear and touch! They will do fun science experiments, play team-building games, learn and sing unforgettable Bible songs and be encouraged to see God all around them in what we call "God sightings!" These are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

Join us at **St Aloysius** on **June 13-17** from **9:00 until noon** each day. **Cost is \$20**

All students entering Grades K thru 6th are invited to attend. Anyone in grades 7th or older interested in helping with VBS please contact Peggy Cappel.

Register at myvbs.org/stjudeals Registration ends May 23

Any questions contact Peggy Cappel 513-288-9031 or piapegy@gmail.com

Volunteers needed: To help set up in the week prior to VBS. No skill necessary but will be put to good use if you have them. We will be building monument valley, complete with cactus. We need painters, box cutters and many miscellaneous other jobs. We will be working in the undercroft at St Al's most days. Please contact Peggy Cappel at 288-9031 if you can offer a few hours of help.

We also need 7th & 8th graders as team leaders during VBS.



Group

May Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chicken Patty Baby Carrots Fruit	3 Hot Dog on a Bun Tater Tots Fruit	4 Popcorn Chicken Corn Applesauce	5 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Fruit	6 Ham/Turkey Subs Baked Chips Apple
9 Spaghetti/ Meatballs Breadsticks Green Beans	10 Three Ways Carrot Sticks Crackers Fruit	11 Chicken Nuggets Corn Applesauce	12 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Goldfish Crackers	13 French Toast Sticks Turkey Sausage Fruit
16 Hamburgers Potato Rounds Fruit	17 Chicken Tenders French Fries Fruit	18 Egg Sausage Biscuits Hash Browns Fruit	19 Pizza Slices Green Beans Fruit	20 Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Fruit
23 No lunch Field Day Bagged lunch available	24 Soft Beef Tacos Lettuce & Cheese Fruit	25 Cheesy Breadsticks Mixed Veggies Fruit	26 PIZZA HUT Day- \$1.50 per slice	27 No Lunch Last Day of School
30 No School	31 No School	Have a Great Summer	See you in August	Have Fun and be safe

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!!!!



WESTWOOD SECOND SATURDAY



PRIDE



RE-VIVE



FEAST

OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

Carol Ann and
Ralph V. Haile, Jr.
FOUNDATION





Panthers Junior High Running Club

Boys entering the seventh and eighth grade next fall are invited to join the Panthers Junior High Cross Country team. If you are interested in learning about the sport of cross country and long-distance running, join the team for summer conditioning every Tuesday at 5:30 pm at Fernbank Park, beginning July 5th. Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday practices will begin August 2nd.

The running club is open to all boys entering 7th or 8th grade from the West side of town. No experience is needed to join and conditioning is free. Meets begin in mid-August with 8-10 races ending in mid-October.

If interested, contact Rob Carvitti at panthersrunningclub@gmail.com.



Learn this
summer

Get Back on Track this Summer

AVERAGE INCREASES

Make this summer count

Huntington sets up students for success! Our proven method begins with a full academic evaluation to develop a personalized learning program to build skills, confidence and motivation. Get back on track this summer! Call today

Tutoring:

Reading, Writing, Spelling, Phonics
Math, Science, Study Skills, Homework help
Subject Specific, ADHD, High School Test Prep, SAT, ACT, etc

Cincinnati/Northgate
9896 Colerain Ave
513-385-1000

2+ Grade Levels

229 POINT INCREASE
ON SAT SCORE***

5.4 POINT INCREASE
ON ACT SCORE***

71,149.00 PER STUDENT
IN SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS***



Huntington
LEARNING CENTER®

1-800 CAN LEARN

Personalized Attention.
Proven Results.

HuntingtonHelps.com



REDS KID GLOVE PROGRAM

SPECIAL SAVINGS

Join us for a game at Great American Ball Park. A portion of each ticket supports your Kid Glove Program. For more information on the Kid Glove program, visit

reds.com/KidGlove



OFFER CODE: Gators



KID GLOVE PROGRAM GAMES



APRIL 26
6:40 P.M.



MAY 6
6:40 P.M.



MAY 25
6:40 P.M.



JUNE 7
6:40 P.M.



JUNE 22
6:40 P.M.



JULY 6
6:40 P.M.



JULY 31
1:10 P.M.



AUGUST 16
6:40 P.M.



AUGUST 31
6:40 P.M.



SEPT. 13
6:40 P.M.



SEPT. 25
1:10 P.M.



To purchase tickets, please scan this QR code with your smart device or visit:

reds.com/KidGlove



For questions or group purchases of 15 or more, please email Nick at NGeraci@reds.com.

reds.com/Groups



News FOR GRADE SCHOOL FAMILIES

May 9, 2022

Register for Mercy McAuley Summer Camps by May 13

Time is running out to register for Mercy McAuley High School's summer camps! Registration is requested by May 13. Camp offerings include:

Sports Camps

- Basketball (Incoming 4th - 9th graders)
- Golf (Incoming 5th - 9th graders)
- Lacrosse (Incoming 5th - 9th graders)
- Soccer (Incoming 2nd - 9th graders)
- Volleyball (Incoming 3rd -5th graders)

Enrichment Camps

- High School Placement Test (HSPT) Prep (Incoming 8th grade girls)
- Art: Summer Drawing (Incoming 5th - 8th graders)
- Art: 3-D Under the Sea (Incoming 1st - 4th graders)
- Babysitting (Girls & Boys, ages 11+)
- Leadership & YOU (Incoming 7th - 9th graders)
- Musical Theatre (Disney's *High School Musical 2, Jr.*) (Incoming 6th - 8th grade girls and boys)
- Ready...Set...Bake! (Incoming 6th - 8th graders)
- Service (Incoming 6th - 8th graders)
- STEM (Incoming 7th - 8th graders)

Yoga & Fitness (Incoming 6th - 8th graders)

Registration is required. For camp details, dates and to register, visit www.mercymcauley.org/camps. Questions? Contact Kevin Brinkman, Director of Admissions, at (513) 681-1800 x2272 or brinkmank@mercymcauley.org.

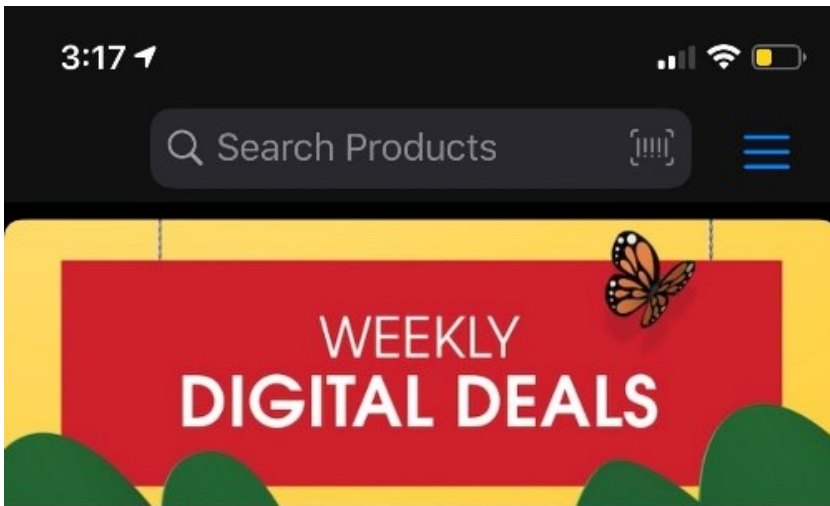
St. Al's PTO Fundraiser

Kroger Community Rewards



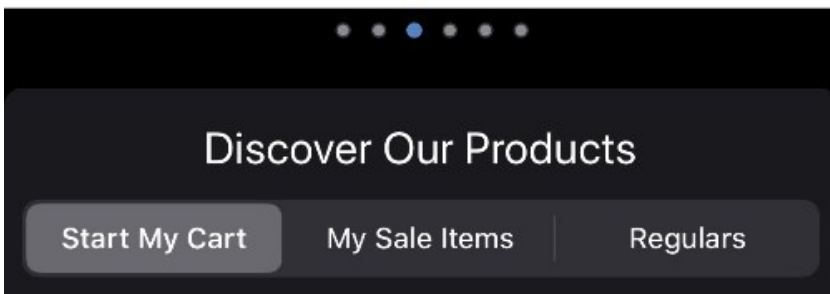
DETAILS: Every purchase on your Kroger card can raise money for the St. Al's PTO. You only need to sign up once and you will earn rewards for the school with every shopping trip! You can enroll at any time, so please try to get your family and friends to sign up

How to Sign Up



Weekly Savings with Digital Coupons

Download and redeem up to 3 times in one transaction.



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!