

Gator Gazette

May 27, 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.

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Subject: A bright future for St. Aloysius Gonzaga School

Dear St. Al's community,

As we complete the 2021-2022 academic year here at St. Al's, I cannot help but look toward August with excitement for the future of this school. This week, we will say goodbye to several devoted members of our faculty and staff, and we will miss them dearly because of their tremendous impact on our students and community.

But with every goodbye, we are given an opportunity for renewal. **Make no mistake — St. Al's School will open in August with a renewed sense of purpose in education and in our Catholic identity in all aspects of our daily work.**

Our school will bring STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) into every facet of the curriculum. Each class will feature a focus on our Catholic faith and STEM, whether it is language arts or social studies and beyond. Our faculty and staff will be well-versed in the latest theory and instructional best practices to bring the highest-quality education to our learners. St. Al's will produce well-rounded and impressive graduates that local high schools compete for at the highest level.

Yes, this summer we must largely rebuild our faculty and staff. While a nationwide teacher shortage does exist, I am interviewing quality candidates daily and our new teachers will bring new energy and passion for faith and education. A solid mix of new graduates in education will work with veteran educators here to create a balance of perspectives. Our faculty will be known for teamwork and flexibility and will work together to make St. Al's a top westside destination for P-8 learners.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the faculty, staff, students, and parents who made this a great year here at St. Al's. The focus, determination, and empathy always on display by this community have inspired me during my first year here. Thank you for all that you do for this parish and this school. I hope you have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer and have many opportunities to spend time with your family and friends.

We will see you in August!

Sincerely,
Mark Auer

Mrs. Rhein came on board 4-1/2 years ago in the middle of a school year. She quickly made a smooth transition and became a huge hit with the students. Her dedication and hard work has been appreciated by me, the students, staff and parents. Jenny agreed to stay on for the first year of my tenure to keep stability which was much appreciated. St. Al's wishes her well on her new adventure. Thank you and good luck Mrs. Rhein. We will miss you!

Congratulations 8th Graders

Wishing you the best life has to offer. We are all so proud of you and know we can expect great things from all of you in the future.

Be sure to stop by and let us know how you are doing.

Congratulations

Preschool and Kindergarten graduates

It has been fun to watch the sparkle in your eyes as you learned new things and a whole new world was opening up for you. Have a great summer and we can't wait to see many of you back in August.



Field Day

Students had fun on their Field Day. It started out on the cool side but warmed up in time for a surprise visit from the Cheviot Fire Department. Our 8th graders got an extra special drenching!!!

More goodbyes

I want to thank Judy Pruitt, Jeremy Jones and Alyssa Snyder who are moving on. We appreciate all you contributed to our school and your dedication to our students. We wish you good luck in your new positions! God Bless.

Congratulations to all of our 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th graders who received awards at the end of school awards ceremony on Friday. You worked hard this year and deserve to be recognized. Great job!

See you
Sunday, August 14
at
Bicentennial Park
for our
School Year
Kick Off

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



A letter from the Director

Hello Preschool Families,

That's a wrap for the 2021/2022 school year! Thank you so much for sharing your children with us and allowing us to be a part of your family this past year. The preschool staff and I have enjoyed every minute we have spent with your little ones and will miss them dearly! Have a safe and happy summer!

Please see below for important upcoming dates and events:

- Meet & Greet for next school year is scheduled for August 23rd & 24th. You will come in on one of these two days for 10-15 minutes to meet your teacher and see the classroom.

-Staggered Start will take place the week of August 29th. Please be on the lookout in August for an email from your child's teacher that will include the Sign-Up Genius links and more details on Meet & Greet and Staggered Start for the week of August 29th.

-Tuesday, September 6th everyone will attend school on their scheduled days.

-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!

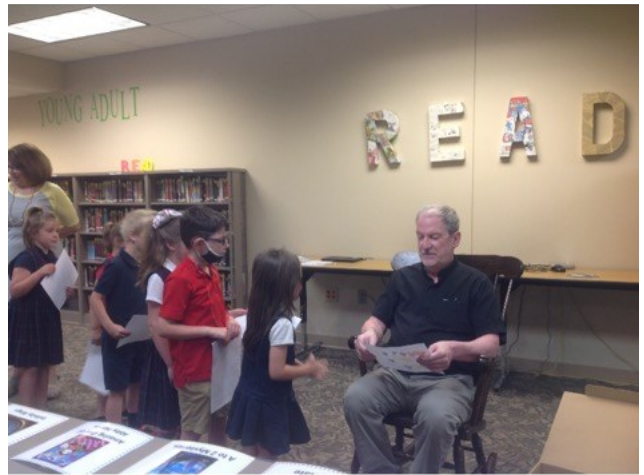
-Don't forget to continue to practice important skills over the summer with your child! Some ideas include opening lunch boxes and Tupperware containers, zipping jackets and backpacks, letter and number recognition. This can be as easy as counting windows in your home and finding letters at the grocery store! Make it fun!

Thank you,
Stephanie Goettke

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



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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.





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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.



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OFFER CODE: Gators



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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](https://www.reds.com/KidGlove)



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

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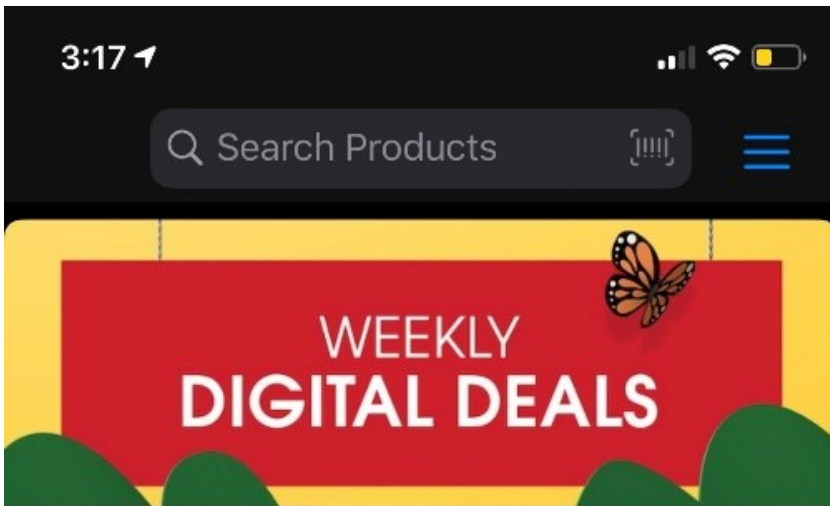
St. Al's PTO Fundraiser

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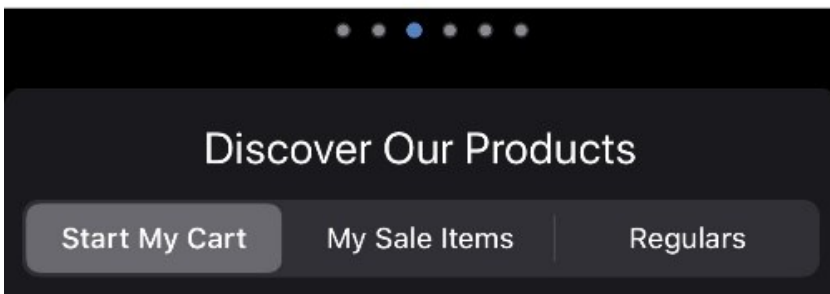
DETAILS: Every purchase on your Kroger card can raise money for the St. Al's PTO. You only need to sign up once and you will earn rewards for the school with every shopping trip! You can enroll at any time, so please try to get your family and friends to sign up

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Option 2 - Through their app.

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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**.

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