



St. Aloysius
Gonzaga

Gator Gazette

May 5, 2023

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To our St. Al's school families:

A look at some upcoming events:

Sunday, May 7 – First Communion, 1:00pm

Tuesday, May 9 – Mass, 8:00am with May Crowning following around 9:00am

Tuesday, May 16 – Mass, 8:00am

Thursday, May 18 – Athletics General Assembly, 8:00pm

Monday, May 22 – Field Day

Tuesday, May 23 – Mass, 8:00am

Thursday, May 25 – 8th Grade Last Day/Breakfast – 8:00am (8th grade leaves by 10:00am)

8th Grade Graduation – 7:00pm in church

Friday, May 26 – K-7 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Preschool Graduation, 9:30am in church

Kindergarten Graduation, 10:30am in undercroft

ALL – EARLY DISMISSAL, 11:30AM (No Aftercare)

As you all are aware, Mrs. Sandy Ortman-Tomlin has been hired to be the Principal at St. Al's starting this summer. I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank the St. Aloysius Gonzaga School and Parish communities for allowing me to be here for the past 8+ months. I must admit, when Fr. Matt first presented this situation /opportunity to me, I was very uneasy as to how things would go. As you can imagine, things got a lot busier for me, not just professionally, but personally. Some of you know that we have 4 kids of our own and having another school made things pretty stressful around the Fightmaster household (many thanks to my wife and kiddos who put up with me also!).

My main goal when I first started was to bring a sense of calm and stability to a situation that desperately needed it, and, I hope that you agree with me that goal was accomplished. Honestly, anything that we have been able to do as a staff above that goal has been "icing on the cake". Now that my time is coming to an end here (WOW – time surely does fly) I can't help but feel blessed to have been able to serve all of you in this capacity and to have met and worked with so many wonderful people. This school has a fantastic staff that loves and cares for each child they come in contact with and they work very hard to make sure your children have the best educational experience possible – you are fortunate to have them!

The St. Al's School and Parish staffs and communities will always hold a special place in my heart and I will do all I can to help the transition to new administration as seamless as possible. I'm not leaving you "high and dry" – I'll still be around for the month of May and possibly into June and I look forward to celebrating the end of the school year with you! God Bless you and THANK YOU all so very much!!

My schedule for this coming week will be: Tuesday, Wednesday (PM), Thursday – St. Al's; Monday, Wednesday (AM), Friday – St. Martin's (subject to change if needed).

Thank you for all you do!

Mr. Fightmaster

Welcome Sandy Ortman-Tomlin!

Saint Aloysius Principal



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Sandy Ortman-Tomlin (Mrs. O-T) was born and raised on the west side of Cincinnati, OH. Her family has a long history with the westside, including involvement with two west side parishes, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and St. Therese Little Flower in Mount Airy. Her educational journey began at Our Lady of Lourdes and continued at Mother of Mercy High School. However, she spent most of her adult life NOT in Cincinnati. Upon graduating high school, she went to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. It was at OU, where Mrs. O-T began a journey that ignited a life-long passion. Mrs. O-T began her career in student services when she entered her graduate program in Educational Leadership. For the past 30 years, Mrs. O-T has worked on a college campus, in program development for higher education and/or education for youth.

Once Mrs. O-T completed her Masters of Education, she moved to Northern California working at the University of California, Davis for six years in residential housing and student programs. Mrs. O-T came back to Cincinnati for a short period, then went back to Sacramento, CA for 10 years. It was there she met her husband, Sean. They were married and had their daughter Lyla.

The Ortman-Tomlin's moved to Cincinnati in 2009. Mrs. O-T worked at Gateway Community and Technical College, where she directed the Development Department. Her work included grant writing and management, supervision of core staff, strategic development, managing a \$10 million dollar budget, and sustainability planning. She became involved once again in the Our Lady of Lourdes community and volunteered primarily coaching soccer. It was then that she decided to return to her passion and get back into the classroom, transitioning into K-12 education. She has taught 5th and 6th grades at St. William School and Junior High for the last two years at St. Dominic School.

During the interview process we asked her, "Why St. Al's...Why Catholic Education?" She replied, "When you believe in the values and quality of the "product" you are representing, the work comes naturally. As a graduate of 12 years of Catholic education, I have firsthand knowledge of the benefits and rewards of a quality Catholic education. I believe I have achieved what I have today, because of the solid foundation I received at Our Lady of Lourdes and Mother of Mercy High School. I would like to give back to my community."

Dear St. Al's Families,

This 2022-2023 school year will be my final year at St. Al's. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this community for the past eight years. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the kindness you have shown me and the dedication you have shown for your children's education. Any teacher will tell you that students are the best part of teaching, and our school has wonderful students. I will miss them terribly!

I wish you all the best next year and in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ehrman

5-8 Science and 4-8 Technology Teacher, Technology Coordinator

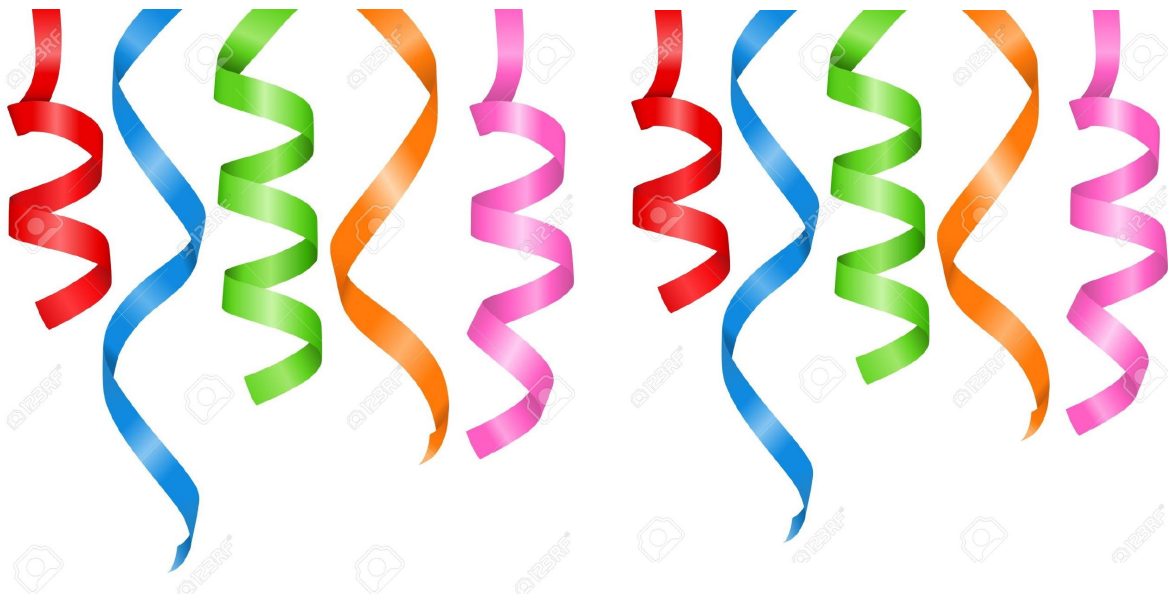
**Good luck
Ms Ehrman**



Gala Update

Our 6th Annual Gator Gala raised \$65,000 this year.

On behalf of our School and PTO we would like to thank all of the parents, teachers and parishioners who helped make this event the success that it was. Without dedicated individuals who want the best for our school this event would not have been possible. We look forward to the Gala next year. Please mark your calendars for January 27th, 2024 for the Gala.





May Crowning

May 9th

9:00am in Church

*Join our students, families and parishioners
as we honor our mother, Mary.*

*Students are welcome to bring their own flowers or bouquets to offer to the
Blessed Mother. Flowers will remain on the altar for the month of May,
Ceremony will last approximately one hour,*



Vacation Bible School Babylon Marketplace

June 12 - 16,

9:00am - Noon

**For students entering
grades K - 6**

A summer kids' event called Babylon,

Daniel's Courage in Captivity will be hosted at St Aloysius from [June 12 to 16](#).

This Vacation Bible School is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear and touch.

They will participate in memorable Bible activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, have simple snacks and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos that they'll take home and play with all summer long.

Plus, the participants will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Each day concludes with Celebration in the Palace courtyard that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:50.

Babylon VBS is for children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade and will run from 9:00 to 12:00 each day. For more information, call Peggy Cappel at 288-9031.

To register your child/ren go to www.myvbs.org/Families2023

**Leadership opportunities for students
entering grades 7th and 8th. More info to follow**



FACILITY SCHEDULING FOR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

Please send this information to your own rectory/Parish Office before Friday, May 26, 2023

Our facilities are first and foremost for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus. Thus, the use of our facilities should have this focus in mind and preference will always be given to liturgical and ministerial events.

NAME OF PARISH: _____

Location at Parish: _____

Ministry/Committee/Group/Organization _____

Chairperson(s) Name _____ email _____ Phone _____

Name _____ email _____ Phone _____

Name _____ email _____ Phone _____

Describe Event:

Day: _____ Date: _____ Time: To: _____ From: _____

Setup Time/Date _____ Teardown Time/Date _____

Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Once a Year _____

What materials are needed from the parish? Ex. Internet, screens, TV's, video equipment, ministerial etc.: _____

*** All requests for facility usage that occur outside of our yearly planning process will be subject to scrutiny prior to pastoral approval. ***



St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Gator Gear

Writely Sew @ [https://www.writelysew.net/stores/
StAls](https://www.writelysew.net/stores/StAls)

Open all year for spirit wear purchases.
Orders delivered to student's homeroom.
Available Items updated throughout school year!

Any questions: Contact Ella George @ Email:
Spiritwear@saintals.org



Looking to schedule facility space or check for an event? Access scheduling calendar at stalsbridgetown.org

Facility Scheduling

The Parish office holds the calendar for use of all rooms on the campus. Before your group sets a meeting, practice or event you need to call Laura in the parish office 513-574-4840 and check availability. Conflicts like the rescheduling of the Open House would not happen if everyone followed procedure. This includes all church groups. Visit stalsbridgetown.org and view what is open.

Gazette Articles

If you'd like to share information in the Gazette, please email a Word document to rectory@stalsbridgetown.org by noon each Thursday.

Quick Reference Page



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/](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 in the DROP down top right.

Click Rewards—Search for Organization. Search by St. Aloysius Gonzaga School PTO or by organization # RX687. Click ENROLL and you are finished

SAFEPARISH

SafeParish is the new Child Protection Platform for the AoC, taking the place of **VIRTUS**.

By now all volunteers and employees should have received an email from SafeParish inviting them to register for their SafeParish account. If you did not receive the email, please check your spam or junk mail folders. You can also find a copy of the SafeParish registration instructions by going to the AoC's Safe Environment Office webpage at <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment> and going to *Top Resources* and then clicking the link for SafeParish.