



The Gator Gazette

January 12th, 2024

The Official Newsletter of
St. Aloysius Gonzaga School

Calendar of Events:

01/15 MLK DAY NO SCHOOL

01/18 Athletics General
Assembly 8 PM

1/27 PTO GALA EVENT

1/28 Open House Enrollment

1/29-2/2 Catholic Schools
Week

2/12 NO SCHOOL

2/15 Athletics General
Assembly 8 PM

2/16-3/22 Athletics Fish Fry
Every Friday 4:30-7 PM

2/16 NO SCHOOL

2/16-3/22 Fridays 4:30-7 PM
Athletics Fish Fry

2/19 Presidents Day
NO SCHOOL

2/21 2nd Trimester Ends

3/1 REPORT CARDS

3/4-3/6 Dr. Suess Week

3/6 PTO General Assembly

From Mrs. O-T

Thank you to ALL the St. Aloysius Families and community for the support of our new year start! We need to get healthy and/or stay healthy! I hope the long weekend will allow for everyone to get well.

ENROLLMENT

Thank you!! Over 80 % of our families have re-enrolled! We have also had families let us know if they are not returning, this is helpful as well. We hate to see anyone leave our community, but know we wish you the best.

ILLNESS

The decision to close school is not an easy one, the number of students absent continued to escalate through the week and we sent 10 children home yesterday.

This day will not be made up in the calendar as it is considered a "snow day". I would like everyone to know that we have identified the following illnesses at school: **Flu type A, COVID, and a highly contagious stomach virus with the following symptoms, fever, vomiting and diarrhea.**

Please encourage proper handwashing, and limiting hugs, high fives and sharing foods. Reminders from the handbook:

- Make certain your child is well-rested, alert, and **free of known illness**. If we send a child home with a fever, they should **NOT return to school**, the following day. They need to be fever free for at least 24 hours.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When weather conditions necessitate a delay or school closing, we follow the **Oak Hills School District TV/Radio** postings. If school is delayed 2 hours, teachers/staff follow this as well, so dropping off your student should be delayed 2 hours as well. No one will be here to supervise your child. St. Aloysius Gonzaga **will not dismiss early** due to weather conditions. However, parents may, at their discretion, pick up their child(ren) early if weather conditions worsen during the day. We cannot dismiss students to anyone other than parents/guardian without written permission from the parents/guardian. During a 2-hour delay students cannot be dropped off until 9:30 am in either building.

-MORNING DROP -OFF

- Make sure your child attends school daily **and arrives before 7:45 a.m.** There has been a dramatic increase in tardies these first two weeks! Tardiness and absenteeism may affect your EdChoice Scholarships. Please see attached flyer. Three tardies is documented as one full absence.
- And please review drop off procedures. My expectation is that procedures are followed whether I am able to be outside in the morning or not. Of course, when it is cold EVERYONE would prefer to wait and get dropped off closer to the door, the procedure will not change. Between the cones, unload! You should NOT be trying to enter from Bridgetown Road, none of this is new information.

See everyone on Tuesday, January 16!!

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. O-T
Principal

PRESCHOOL



Hello Preschool Families,

The upcoming months of the school year are always my favorite. We are at the point in the school year where everything starts to "click" and we can see the growth in each of our students. I hope you are noticing this at home as well! Have a great weekend and enjoy the time with your families, please stay healthy! Please see below for important dates and reminders:

-St. Aloysius Open House is Sunday, January 28th from 12:00-2:00. New & current families are welcome to come and check out the school!

-Preschool students will attend the all-school Mass on Tuesday, January 30th. Mass begins promptly at 8:00 so please make sure your child is on time for school. Preschool will attend Mass on the last Tuesday of each month for the remainder of the school year.

-Please be sure your child has a coat, hat, and gloves with them each day. Students go out for recess every day if the temperature is above 32 degrees.

-Please practice healthy habits at home such as proper handwashing and covering your sneeze/cough.

-Just a reminder St. Aloysius follows Oak Hills Local School District for winter weather closures and delays. If there were a 2-hour delay, there would be no half-day preschool and drop-off ~~would begin at 9:15 for full-day students.~~

-Preschool spots for next year are filling up fast! If you know anyone looking for an amazing preschool, please send them our way!

-If you use the online system to order a hot lunch or milk the system will no longer be taking credit card payments. All balances and future purchases must be paid with a check or cash. We apologize for any inconvenience.

-Monday, January 15th-NO SCHOOL-MLK Day

Thank You,

Stephanie Goettke and the preschool staff



EdChoice Scholarship Program Excused Absence Policy

To maintain EdChoice Scholarship eligibility for future school years, a scholarship recipient student may not have more than twenty unexcused absences during a single school year. Any absence from school is unexcused unless it is for one of the following approved reasons. All excused absences must be documented as stipulated below. Documentation for excused absences must be maintained in the student file at the chartered nonpublic school.

As adopted by the State Board of Education from Rule 3301-69-02(B)(2) of the Administrative Code, an excused absence from school may be approved on the basis of one or more of the following conditions:

- **Illness or injury of the child.** The parent/guardian must provide documentation to the chartered nonpublic school. Any absence for illness or injury of the child which exceeds three days absent from school must be certified in writing by a physician or appropriate health professional.
- **Illness in the family necessitating the presence of the child.** The parent/guardian must provide documentation to the chartered nonpublic school stating the nature of the illness and the circumstances which require the presence of the child. Any such absence which exceeds three days absent from school must be certified in writing by a physician or appropriate health professional.
- **Quarantine of the home.** The absence of a child from school under this condition is limited to the length of quarantine as determined and certified in writing by the proper health professionals.
- **Death of a relative.** The absence arising from this condition is limited to a period of three days and must be documented in writing by the parent/guardian of the student. Any absence for this reason in excess of three days must be approved by the Chief Program Officer of the Ohio Educational Choice Scholarship Program.
- **Medical or dental appointment.** The parent/guardian must provide documentation to the chartered nonpublic school. The chartered nonpublic school may require a written statement from the physician or dentist upon request.
- **Observance of religious holidays.** A child shall be excused for absences for the purpose of observing a religious holiday consistent with his/her truly held religious beliefs. The parent/guardian must provide documentation to the chartered nonpublic school detailing dates of all absences for religious holidays.
- **College visitation.** The parent/guardian must provide documentation from the college, university, or technical college verifying the date and time of the visitation.
- **Emergency or other set of circumstances.** The parent or guardian must provide documentation to the chartered nonpublic school detailing the emergency circumstances. Any absence for this reason in excess of three days must be approved by the Chief Program Officer of the Ohio Educational Choice Scholarship Program.

In addition, as passed by the Ohio General Assembly (Ohio Revised Code 3321.041), the following is also an excused absence:

- **Out-of-state enrichment activities or extracurricular activities.** A student who is absent from school for the sole purpose of traveling out of state to participate in an enrichment activity approved by the district or school governing body or in an extracurricular activity can have up to four days per school year excused. The parent/guardian must provide documentation to the chartered nonpublic school detailing the dates and reasons for these absences.