



# The Gator Gazette

March 22nd, 2024

The Official Newsletter of  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga School

## Calendar of Events:

3/23 Athletics Corn hole  
Tournament

3/27 Stations of the Cross  
Reading 9 AM

3/29-4/8 Easter Break NO  
SCHOOL

4/9 School Resumes

4/9 PK-8th Spring Event W/  
Moms 6PM

4/10 PTO GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY 6:30PM

4/18 ATHLETICS GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY 8PM

4/24 K-8 Grandparent's Day/  
Art Show

4/24-26 K-8 Book Fair

4/29 NO SCHOOL

5/5 SUNDAY MASS First  
Communion

5/6-5/10 Teacher Appreciation  
Week

5/7 May Crowning

5/16 Athletics General  
Assembly 8PM

5/20 Field Day K-8

## From Mrs. O-T

Spring has Sprung!!!! Next week is a four day school week, with our first day of Easter/Spring Break beginning on Good Friday March 29th. A reminder that our day to return after break is not Tuesday April 2nd as we will have the Monday of the solar eclipse off. Saint Al's has purchased total eclipse glasses for all students Preschool – 8. Information will go home next week about this event, how to use the glasses and maybe a surprise treat!!!

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures 2024-2025 - Proposal

If families follow the directions, the arrival policy will remain the same next year. Drop off starts at 7:00 AM, if more families dropped off between 7:00 and 7:30, this would alleviate the line of cars and wait. We will be asking students to exit cars up further up the driveway.

Proposed change to dismissal:

As always, safety concerns take precedence over convenience. There is no perfect solution to arrival and dismissal. There are safety concerns with the alleyway that we have been asked to address, mostly concerning the impact on the neighboring streets and access to the alleyway. There are moving cars and moving children. As much as we talk to kids about “staying in the yellow” there have been incidences of children running between moving cars.

Dismissal in the large lot across the street off Bridgetown is the proposal. Procedure has not been settled and Cars would exit once all children are in their cars. There would be a line up and car dismissal procedure.

If a sibling is in preschool that student would dismiss with preschool in their lot.

We would definitely need volunteers for dismissal. Primarily crossing guards. We would only cross at the cross walk and with the light.

A google questionnaire on your thoughts and ability to volunteer will be coming out next week.

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. O-T

Principal

# PRESCHOOL



Hello Preschool Families,

We are ready for some spring weather here in preschool! It was great to see so many parents in for a conference on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If you did not sign up for a conference but would like to meet with your child's teacher, please reach out. Have a great weekend! See below for important dates and reminders:

-Don't forget the Fish Fry is every Friday from 4:30-7:00! Drive-thru and pick up a delicious dinner for your family!

-On Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> each class will participate in a small Easter egg hunt.

-Easter Break is Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>-Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> due to the eclipse. School will resume on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

-The PTO's Spring Event with Mom will be Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. More details to come!

-Just a reminder to please cut up the food you are packing in your child's lunch, especially foods that are choking hazards such as grapes and hot dogs.

-Please be sure your child is getting a healthy breakfast before coming to school, this helps get their day started  
on a good note!

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Did you know we participate in the Scholastic Book Club each month? This is a great way to grow your library at home and for our school to earn points toward new books for our library! Use this link to purchase:

<https://orders.scholastic.com/W9JJV>

Thank You,

Stephanie Goettke and the preschool staff



February 12	No School
February 15	Athletics General Assembly 8pm
February 16-March 22 – Every Friday 4:30p-7p	Athletics Fish Fry
February 16	No School
February 19	Presidents Day- No School
February 21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends
March 1	Report Cards Go Home
March 4-6	Dr. Seuss Week
March 6	PTO General Assembly 6:30pm
March 7	School Lent Penance Service
March 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Honor Awards Grades 4-8
March 19 & 20	Pre-School Conferences
March 21	Athletics General Assembly 8pm
March 23	Athletics Cornhole Tournament
March 28	Station of the Cross 9am
March 29-April 5	Easter Break - No School
April 8	School Resume
April 9	Preschool -8 <sup>th</sup> Grades Spring Event w/Moms 6pm
April 10	PTO General Assembly 6:30pm
April 18	Athletics General Assembly 8pm
April 24	K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grandparent's Day/Art Show
April 24-26	K – 8 <sup>th</sup> Book Fair
April 29	In Service – No School
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5 (at Sunday Mass) St Al's 1:30	First Communion
May 7	May Crowning
May 16	Athletics General Assembly 8pm
May 20	Field Day K-8
May 23	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast & Graduation
May 24	Preschool Graduation 9:30
May 24	Kindergarten Graduation 10:30
May 24	Last Day of School 11:30 Dismissal No Aftercare

**MAIN BUILDING SCHOOL EVENT**

**PRESCHOOL BUIDLING SCHOOL EVENT**

**CHURCH EVENT**

**NO SCHOOL**

**PTO SCHOOL EVENT**

**ATHLETICS EVENT**

**INTERIMS/TRIMESTER/REPORT CARDS**

## Fish Fry coming soon!

The best-in-the-west **St. Aloysius Athletics Fish Fry** is just two weeks away and will take place each Friday during Lent from 4:30 p.m. through 7 p.m. We will again be drive-through only.

We need YOU! Volunteers make our fish fry happen and Athletics will offer some of our proceeds to various groups in our community for volunteering. This fish fry is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is the reason we don't have to charge the very high prices for sports that Oak Hills and Three Rivers do!

To sign up to represent your group, please follow these links:

- **St. Aloysius Athletics parent volunteers** (NOT Board members or coordinators)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054BADAA28A3FF2-47494515-athletics?useFullSite=true#/>

- **St. Aloysius PTO volunteers**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054BADAA28A3FF2-47494425-ptofish?useFullSite=true#/>

- **St. Aloysius Girl Scouts volunteers**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054BADAA28A3FF2-47494458-girl?useFullSite=true#/>

- **St. Aloysius School faculty and staff volunteers**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054BADAA28A3FF2-47494572-stals?useFullSite=true#/>



## St. Xavier High School Summer Camps

We are excited to offer a variety of summer camps where prospective students, boys and girls in grade school, will meet new friends, explore the St. Xavier campus and experience the core tenets of a Jesuit education. Through hands-on, community-based activities, St. Xavier's teachers and coaches promote fun summer experiences filled with learning opportunities. Minecraft, filmmaking, guitar, acting, makers space, and a variety of sports camps are offered.

**Class of 2029 only:** St. Xavier is offering the **Summer Enrichment Program**. Through a mix of academic, cultural, social, and athletic activities, the SEP provides an excellent opportunity for students to become acquainted with life at St. X. Students will make a film, break out of an escape room, and build and race a soap box derby car. Register your son today for a fun-filled summer of meeting future classmates and having fun. This program is offered to rising 8th-grade boys only.

Camps will sell out early so register quickly. Registration is now open at this registration

link. <https://www.stxavier.org/academics/summer-camps>

# SAINT AL'S



4390 Bridgetown Road, 45211

## **Fridays during Lent** **Drive-thru only, 4:30 to 7 p.m.** **2024 Menu**

### **Baked or fried fish dinner** **\$13**

1 piece of fish, white or rye bread, green beans, mac 'n cheese, coleslaw, hush puppies

### **Shrimp dinner** **\$13**

Basket of shrimp, cocktail sauce, green beans, mac 'n cheese, coleslaw, hush puppies

### **Fish 'n chips** **\$11**

1 piece of baked or fried fish, fries, coleslaw

### **Baked or fried fish sandwich** **\$7**

Choice of white or rye bread

### **Shrimp basket** **\$7**

### **Individual items**

Whole cheese pizza **\$15**

Slice of cheese pizza **\$3**

Cheese sticks **\$3**

Mac 'n cheese **\$4**

French fries **\$4**

Green beans **\$2**

Coleslaw **\$2**

Hush puppies **\$3**

***Cash or credit card accepted!***



**BREAKING** LIVE  
**NEWS**

No School April 8

**MONDAY, APRIL 8 THERE WILL  
BE A SOLAR ECLIPSE!**

Ohio residents will be able to see a total solar eclipse for the first time in Ohio in over 200 years. The path of totality will cross the state from southwest to northeast, passing through cities like Cleveland and Akron and just north of Cincinnati and Columbus. During the eclipse, the moon will completely block out the sun, casting a shadow on the Earth.

The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be on Sept. 14, 2099, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Dear Students,

At this time, we are inviting students in grades 4 and older, to become altar servers for the Masses at St. Aloysius Church. This ministry is a great way for you to participate more fully in the life of the parish community, to learn more about the Mass, and to use your gifts to worship God. We urge each of you to talk to your parents or guardians about this wonderful opportunity.

You will be trained to serve at school Masses, weekend Masses and funerals. Please remember that the parish needs servers for funerals and holy days at times when you are not in school such as Christmas and Easter break and during weekends in the summer.

If you would like to become an altar server, please ask your parents or guardians to complete the form below and return it to your teacher or Mrs. McDonald. Training will take place during school time (exact dates to be determined).

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Father Matt Robben  
Fr. Henry Hoffmann  
Deacon Mark Madden



I give permission for my son/daughter to become an altar server for St. Aloysius Church. I understand that I am responsible to drive my child to St. Aloysius Church when he/she is scheduled to serve. I will support my son/daughter in fulfilling the responsibilities of this ministry of the Church.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





## Youth Scholarship League

### Details:

**When:** March 24<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>. Sunday Nights

(no league on Easter, March 31<sup>st</sup> and Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Time:** Practice starts at 6:15pm, League starts at 6:30pm

**Where:** Western Bowl

**Open to:** Anyone in 4<sup>th</sup> grade thru high school

**4 person teams** (if you don't have a full team, we can randomly match you up on the first night)

**Some bowlers in this league will average 200, bowlers should at least be able to average 75 pins/game to have a good experience.**

**Cost:** \$112(\$14/ week) + sanction card\*

**Full payment must be received by week 2.**

\*Must purchase a Youth sanction card for an additional \$4.

**Scholarship Details:** \$40 of \$112 goes into a scholarship fund which will be distributed back to the bowlers through USBC's SMART Scholarship Program.

Funds can be used to offset the cost of higher education. Visit

<https://www.bowl.com/smart/> for more information.



**Questions:**

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# Get Ready for Summer!



- Prepare your child for academic success next year.**
- Visit our website:**  
**[summersolutions.net](https://summersolutions.net)**
- Order the level of book for the school year just completed.**
- Use Discount Code SummerPrep for Free Shipping.**  
(expires 7/31/2024)

**[summersolutions.net](https://summersolutions.net)**



**ATTENTION FAMILIES:** Review the following: All of the procedures and rules **STILL** apply. It is important to set an example for your students. Most of them are old enough to know when the procedures aren't being followed. Staff has been following up with students in the morning asking them to please tell parents to drop off appropriately! **Weirman Avenue and Bridgetown Road should NOT be used**

### **MORNING DROP OFF/DISMISSAL PICK UP**

**THE ALLEY WAY WILL BE USED FOR BOTH MORNING DROP OFF & DISMISSAL PICK UP. THE FRONT LOT IS **NOT** TO BE USED UNLESS THE STUDENT IS ARRIVING LATE/TARDY (after 7:45am). AS ALWAYS, **DROP OFF OR PICK UP**, YOU MAY PARK YOUR CAR IN THE LOT ACROSS THE STREET, WALK YOUR CHILD ACROSS THE STREET, AND BRING THEM TO THE CORNER OF THE BUILDING SO THEY CAN ENTER OR BE PICKED UP AT THE CAFETERIA DOOR.**

**PLEASE ENTER THE ALLEY WAY BY USING CHURCH STREET ONLY. **DO NOT ENTER CHURCH BY BRIDGETOWN ROAD. DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF FROM PILGRIM CHURCH PARKING LOT OR ON WEIRMAN AVENUE.** FACULTY WILL BE OUT ENFORCING THIS PROCEDURE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN**

**MAKE SURE YOU PULL ALL THE WAY UP TO THE CAFETERIA DOORS WHEN FIRST IN LINE SO WE CAN FIT AS MANY CARS IN THE SAFETY LANE SO YOUR CHILD CAN EXIT THE CAR.**

**PRESCHOOL PARENTS – PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CARS AND THE PRESCHOOL TEACHER WILL COME OVER AND GET YOUR CHILD OUT OF THE CAR. If you know you will need time, please park in the lot behind preschool and walk your student up.**