



# The Gator Gazette

April 26th, 2024

The Official Newsletter of  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga School

## From Mrs. O-T

### Calendar of Events: 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

5/23 8th Grade Breakfast/  
Graduation

5/24 Preschool Graduation  
9:30am

5/24 Kindergarten Graduation  
10:30am

5/24 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
NO AFTERCARE 11:30

Mrs. Crissi Reid deserves a huge SHOUT OUT for the fantastic art show! Thank you so much for going above and beyond, Mrs. Reid, you rock!!

Next week is the beginning of May!!!! There is no school for the students on Monday 4/29, however staff will be attending professional development that day. First Communion Bread Day is May 1 in the morning.

This year has flown by, and I want to thank the Saint Al's community for the support and patience I have received this year. Now is the time of celebration and closure! We have First Communion, Graduation, Field Day, Field Trips, May Crowning, as well as, students and staff that are moving on, so there will be Good-Byes!

### **Up Coming Events**

**First Communion** – Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Church  
**May Crowning** – We will celebrate Mary as the Blessed Mother of Jesus. We will be doing this after mass on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> both in church and the Mary Statue behind pre-school.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** - Week of May 6-10 We all know teachers are the glue that holds us together. Please consider taking a second to thank your student's teacher for their dedication and hard work this year. It has been my pleasure and honor to work with such an amazing group of educators!

### [2024-2025 School Year – Updates, changes and reminders](#)

Reminder the school day next year will be 7:45 AM – 2:30 PM – K-8 drop off begins at 7:00am and Pre-school begins at 7:15am

The following is the change to the uniform policy:

Next school year 2024-2025 the uniform policy will change. Spirit and spirit wear is important, and the tradition of spirit wear Fridays will continue, with Spirit wear on top and uniforms on the bottom. This will then help distinguish a true OOU (Out Of Uniform) day when sweatpants, athletic shorts and jeans may be worn. The biggest change will be that we will no longer be wearing khaki. The uniform will consist of Red, White and Blue polo/golf shirts, navy uniform pants and shorts and the Plaid jumper K-5 and plaid skirt 6-8. Buy up all the navy shorts and pants you can find! Schoolbelles SALE flyer attached, sent home and came through an Alma message yesterday.

We will have a CHESS Master in the building once a week next year, teaching our 3-8 grades sportsmanship and chess.

We are adding a Fine Arts class to the specials for next year. So, students will have Art, Music, P.E., and Fine Arts.

A Math Coach will be in the building 1 day a week next year to provide both coaching and assistance for staff and assistance in class with students.

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. O-T  
Principal

# PRESCHOOL



Hello Preschool Families,

-Next week we wrap up the month of April and head into MAY! Where did the year go? Our friends were busy with all sorts of Spring projects this week, including some special Mother's Day gifts. Please make sure to read any communications that are sent out including paperwork in your child's folder. See below for important dates and reminders:

-Preschool students will attend Mass on Tuesday, April 30th. Please be sure your child is at school no later than 7:45!

-I know the end of the school year is quickly approaching but a reminder that the school day starts promptly at 7:50 and students should arrive by 7:45!

-Safe shoes should be worn to school each day. Gym shoes are always the best choice!

-Now that the warmer weather is here if your child needs to wear a hat while on recess, please send it in their backpack, hats will only be permitted to wear on recess. Also, students should bring a water bottle to school each day!

-NO SCHOOL- Teacher In-Service Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

-Are you or someone you know interested in being a sub for the preschool? If so please reach out to Stephanie Goettke for more information!

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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>

## **-Mom's Group**

Mom's group of the Most Holy Eucharist would like to invite all moms to our monthly meetings, which run Sept - May, on the third Monday of each month, from 9:15am-11:15am in St. Antoninus's undercroft. Upcoming meetings include Feb 19th, March 18th, April 15th and May 20th. Find support in your faith and friendship with fellow moms! We have volunteer babysitters and there is coffee provided. To contact us, email: [moms@saintantonus.org](mailto:moms@saintantonus.org). We look forward to you joining us!

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**



## 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>

**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.**  
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# Customer *Appreciation* SALE



**35%<sup>OFF</sup>**

**everything**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
**April 26-28, 2024**



Free Shipping, on orders over \$125

Order early for  
Back-to-School!





# St. Aloysius 2024 Fall Sports Sign Ups

Registration open through May 28

for football and boys' and girls' soccer!

Gators families — It's time to sign up for boys' and girls' soccer and for football!

In soccer, we will again offer competitive soccer for older boys and girls born 2010-2017, as well as an instructional program for Gators born 2018-2021.

**Competitive soccer:** <https://tinyurl.com/GatorsSoccer24>

**Instructional soccer:** <https://tinyurl.com/GatorsInstructionalSoccer24>

**More about soccer:** <https://saintals.org/soccer/>

Our gridiron Gators suit up for the Volunteers Football program and athletes in kindergarten through eighth grade are eligible. **NOTE: This is the only GCYL program open to St. Al's athletes. No other organization should register our students or parishioners.**

**Football:** <https://tinyurl.com/GatorsVols24>

**More about football:** <https://saintals.org/football/>

*Coming soon: Girls' volleyball*



## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**August 8-9** – Teacher’s In-Service Days

**August 18** – SCHOOL JAMBOREE 1p-3p

**August 20 & 21** – Staggered Start Elementary School A-L/M-Z (Full Day)

**August 22** – All Students report to school – Full Day

**August 29 & 30** – Preschool Meet & Greet

**September 2** – **NO SCHOOL** – LABOR DAY

**September 3-6** – Preschool Staggered Start

**September 27** – **NO SCHOOL** – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**October 18** – **NO SCHOOL**

**November 25** – Preschool & Elementary Parent Conferences

**November 26-December 1** – **NO SCHOOL** -THANKSGIVING BREAK

**December 23 – January 5** – **NO SCHOOL** – CHRISTMAS BREAK

**January 20** – **NO SCHOOL** – MARTIN LUTHER KING

**February 14** – **NO SCHOOL** – In-Service Day for Teachers

**February 17** – **NO SCHOOL** – PRESIDENT’S DAY

**February 18** – **NO SCHOOL**

**March 14-18** – **NO SCHOOL**

**April 18-22** – **NO SCHOOL** – SPRING BREAK

**May 23** – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – **11:30 Dismissal**



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# This Week in Gators Athletics



Friday, April 26, 2024 facebook.com/StAlsGators saintals.org/athletic-association

## It's Baseball Friday!

Hey, hey! It's Baseball Friday again! Each of our Gators instructional baseball teams are scheduled to be on the field tonight in the Cincinnati Western Baseball Conference, starting with a pair of games at 5:30 p.m.

**Coach Backinger's 5uA Gators** will take Monfort Heights at 5:30 at Monfort Heights Elementary while **Coach Tiettmeyer's 5uB Gators** visit league

**Baseball Split-the-Pot Raffle**  
*Gators, please remember to sell those split-the-pot tickets! Less than two weeks remain — tickets and money will be due to your coach by Wednesday, May 8.*  
 Questions? Contact Jay Enderle at jayenderle@yahoo.com.

newcomer Dater Montessori at Ryan Sports Complex.

Then at 7 p.m., we will have a trio of 7u games.

**Coach Willman's 7uA Gators** will pay a visit to Our Lady of the Visitation and **Coach Enderle's 7uB Gators** will make the long

journey out to Spoils Field on West Sharon Road to tangle with St. Bart at 7.

Finally, **Coach Kohler's 7uC Gators** will host an Oak Hills team at 7 p.m. at Delhi Middle School.

Go Gators!



Photo by Danielle Hart

## Gators busy on the diamonds this weekend



Photo by Rachael

On Saturday morning, **Coach Gasset's 10u Gators** are scheduled to visit Our Lady of Victory at 9 a.m. at Victory to kick off an action-packed weekend.

Also at 9 a.m., our Gators will engage in a trio of 9u and 11u games at Dulles Elementary beginning with **Coach Bethel's 9uA Gators** hosting Oak Hills on Field 2. **Coach Enderle's 9uB Gators** will follow that game by hosting St. Antoninus at 11 a.m. on Field 2 while **Coach Jones's 11u Gators** visit an Oak Hills team on Field 3 at Dulles, also at 11 a.m.

Then on Sunday, **Coach Gasset's 10u Gators** will host a Harrison team at 3 p.m. at Dulles.

In girls' softball action, both Gators teams will be on the field this weekend in the Girls' Western Athletic Conference!

**Coach Wildt's first-and-second-grade Gators**



Photo by Tom Ramstetter

will play St. Ignatius Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at St. Ignatius.

Then on Sunday, **Coach Prosser's third-and-fourth-grade Gators** will play against Three Rivers at 2 p.m. at Miami Township West Park.

**St. Al's sixth-grader Aubrey's** St. Antoninus team will host the other Jaguars team Saturday evening at 5:45 p.m. at Schott Memorial Field.

Go Gators!

## Gators Night at the Reds — June 25!

Gators Night at the Reds is Tuesday, June 25, when Cincinnati hosts the Pittsburgh Pirates. **St. Aloysius Athletics will buy a ticket for every Gators athlete who has participated in any sport this academic year as long as at least one parent or guardian buys a ticket for \$12.** This is a tremendously fun night for the boys and girls,

**Tickets**  
<https://tinyurl.com/GatorsNight2024>

so please make plans to join us. Sign up and pay for parent/guardian/sibling tickets via TeamSnap ([link above](#)) and we will purchase a block of tickets so we can sit together. The deadline is May 24.

This is part of the Cin-

cinnati Reds' Kid Glove Game, a decades-old program that helps youth baseball and softball programs like St. Al's raise money to buy equipment.

Questions? Contact **Tom Ramstetter** at [tramstetter@gmail.com](mailto:tramstetter@gmail.com).



# Boys' and girls' soccer registration open

Registration is open for the fall 2024 boys' soccer and girls' soccer seasons! This year we will again be offering competitive soccer for older boys and girls born 2010-2017, as well as an instructional program for Gators born 2018-2021.

Registration is \$70 for competitive soccer and \$25 for instructional soccer and registration will be open through May 28.

Contact coordinator Erin Gassett at [egassett126@gmail.com](mailto:egassett126@gmail.com) for questions about soccer.



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# Volunteers Football registration open

It's time to register for Volunteers football for the fall season! St. Aloysius student-athletes join teammates from St. Jude, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Martin and St. Catharine on Volunteers Football teams that compete in the Greater Catholic Youth League.

The GCYL has asked us to complete signups by April 30, so please register ASAP or contact us with your intent to sign up. We will not officially close registration until May 28 for payment purposes, but again, please let us know your intent as soon as possible.

**Also, please note that signing up for the Vols through St. Al's is the ONLY way St. Al's students and parishioners**



**Football information**

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/GatorsVols24>  
 More football: <https://saintals.org/football>

**should be signing up for a GCYL team. No other GCYL organization or parish is authorized to register our student-athletes.**

Gators in kindergarten through eighth grade are eligible to sign up for the Volunteers. The fee for 2024 is again \$110 and parents, please remember to update your Gator's grade for next fall when you sign up.

Contact coordinator Tom Ramstetter at [tramstetter@gmail.com](mailto:tramstetter@gmail.com) for questions about football.

# Girls' volleyball registration opens April 29

Registration will open for the fall 2024 girls' volleyball season on Monday, April 29!

St. Aloysius girls' volleyball teams compete in the Girls' Western Athletic Conference and the sport is open to Gators in Grade 3 through high school.

Our organization forms a team at each grade level at which we have enough players sign up. Otherwise, we work to find each girl a team with a partner parish organization.



**Girls' volleyball information**

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/GatorsGVB24> (Live April 29)  
 More football: <https://saintals.org/girlsvolleyball>

# Send us photos from all your Gator's games!

We'd love to share them here and on Facebook. Simply send to Tom at [tramstetter@gmail.com](mailto:tramstetter@gmail.com).





## REDS KID GLOVE PROGRAM

### SPECIAL SAVINGS

Join us for a game at Great American Ball Park. A portion of each ticket supports your team registration.

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KID GLOVE PROGRAM GAMES

Includes all April games, along with the following:

APR 5 6:00 PM C A	APR 6 7:00 PM C A	APR 7 7:00 PM C A	APR 8 7:00 PM C A	APR 9 6:40 PM C A
APR 10 6:40 PM C A	APR 11 7:00 PM C A	APR 12 7:00 PM C A	APR 13 7:00 PM C A	APR 14 6:40 PM C A



To purchase tickets or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit [www.Reds.com/KidGlove](https://www Reds.com/KidGlove)



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Reds.com/Groups



# May general assembly features elections and annual awards

**Thursday, May 16, 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria**

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, May 16, and our final Athletics general assembly of the school year.

That night we will hold elections for the 2024-2025 Athletics Board with several positions available. Please contact President Rusty Koch if you are interested in serving our Gators student-athletes.

We will close the night by honoring the winners of the **2024 Jeff and Amy**



**Hummel Athletics Volunteer of the Year Award and the 2024 Butch Klenk Coach of the Year Award**

Refreshments will be served, so please join us for a fun night and learn more about what is happening in YOUR athletics association!



**Thank you for a great 2024 Spring Athletes Mass!**

March 17 was a GREAT Sunday to be a Gator at our Spring Student-Athletes Mass!

Thank you everyone who came out to celebrate Mass, especially our St. Al's parishioners who packed the church to join our athletes. A special thanks goes out to Fr. Matt, as well as to Mrs. McDonald, Mr. Gilove, Mr. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Moorman, Mrs. Carvitt, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Tenhandfeld, our school faculty and staff and all our players, coaches and parents. Go Gators!

