

Gator Goings-On, August 27th, 2020

Dear St. Aloysius Catholic School Families,

Thank you for entrusting your precious children to our care and formation. This is a powerful community rich with the Lord's presence and grace. While we will never be perfect while on earth, we work every day in our school to do our very best! Sometimes we make mistakes, but we forgive, learn, and grow. Praise God for our Catholic Environment!!!

Let us pray: *“Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord you God is with you wherever you go.”*

Joshua 1: 9. Amen!!



Necessary Forms: are in your Family Envelope today if they are still needed from you. Please complete it/them and return tomorrow. Thank you!



Social Media Safety Training/Parent

Meeting: We are blessed once again this year to welcome Cathie Bledsoe of the Indiana State Police to teach us all about social media safety, and to train parents and students about how to use these tools safely and properly. 3rd through 8th grade students will be trained during the school day on September 8th. PARENTS are encouraged to

come to that evening's meeting designed for adult understanding beginning at approximately 6:00 in our gym. There will be information for you to take home, and time for questions. The PARENT session is not recommended for children, but it's up to you.



[Annie Oakley Fundraiser](#) : Please use that link to go to the website to order high quality hand sanitizer for your family! It is extended until Sunday, September 13th. There are also paper

order forms and examples on the table in front of pews. Thank you!!



COVID-19 Update: Parents, we have had such an awesome, calm start to our school year! Thanks go out to you who worked to prepare your children for these new expectations. As I shared at Back to School Night last evening, we are all so very proud of how well our students are handling masking, distancing, and hand-hygiene. They are patient, resilient, and AWESOME!!

We will maintain our current procedures to remain aligned to the State of Indiana and Allen County Department of Health. Vigilance and integrity are of utmost importance right now.

Parents - it is vitally important that you let us know if your child has been exposed to a positive case and has had close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes without masking). If you suspect exposure, please keep your child home until a doctor gives written clearance - we will also be in contact that day to discuss next steps. I know it may create a hardship, but we must do all we can to stay open and in-person at school! Catholic Education means we walk prudently and wisely with one another in our school community.

The teachers and I have been working on plans *in case* there is a county-wide school closure. None of us wants this, but we have to prepare. Google Classroom and Meet programs will be our main avenues of school-work communication, but email, phone calls, drop-offs or any other means that works are also usable. Communication between you and your child's teachers is paramount! You are encouraged to reach out any time you have questions or need clarification.

The QUESTIONS we ask around symptoms are listed below exactly as we record them every morning upon arrival. It's easy to become complacent, so we will read them fully occasionally for you. Use them on your own daily. If they come to school, we will continue to ask and record answers and temperatures as normal. **IF THERE IS ONE symptom not otherwise explained or if there is a fever as listed, please keep your child home.** We will be in contact. I use this data if I need to report anything to the Allen County Department of Health.

- Have you been exposed to someone who tested POSITIVE and in direct, close contact WITHIN THE LAST 14 DAYS? (within 6 feet, for more than 15 minutes)
- Have you had a fever greater than 100.4 in the last 24 hours?
- Cough that is not otherwise explained?
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing that is not otherwise explained?
- Chills that are not otherwise explained?
- Muscle or body aches not otherwise explained?
- Headache in the last 24 hours that is not otherwise explained?
- NEW loss of taste or smell?
- Sore throat that is not otherwise explained?

- Nausea or vomiting in the last 24 hours that is not otherwise explained?
- Diarrhea in the last 24 hours that is not otherwise explained?
- Repeated shaking with chills not otherwise explained?
- Record the student's temperature: _____



From the Knights of Columbus:

Our Knights of Columbus council will be hosting our annual Bonfire Party at St. Aloysius on Saturday, September 5 from 7:00p – 10:00p out at the ball diamond. Many fun activities are planned including smores and hotdogs as well as a hayride, movies, outdoor family games, and a TV to watch college football (we hope). For those interested, overnight camping will be welcomed on Saturday night. Please RSVP by September 3 to Don Wyss at 260-740-2290 or Matt Knight at 260-341-2899 if you plan to attend. Come join in the fun!



Reach Alert: I will be sending enrollment letters to families who are not yet on RA for this school year. The letter will contain instructions to create an account. I and our Athletic Director send out messages to all who are registered to inform you of weather-related changes to the school day, reminders, needs, emergencies, etc. It's a service already paid for through your fees for this year.

Additionally, please consult our local radio and television stations for delays and cancellations for *St. Aloysius School*. We do NOT follow any one particular school system - we are independent.

Donations and Help: Again, I want to share our gratitude for the work, donations, and prayer that are building our school community! From playground equipment, to painting, fixing, donating teacher classroom items, to continuous prayer...together, we are an amazing parish and school community! Thank you, all!!

