

Gator Goings-On, August 8th, 2020

Dear St. Aloysius Families!

We're almost there! School starts a week from today, August 13th, 2020! Whew! We have all made it through many changes and differences. The teachers, staff, Msgr. Bruce and I are very excited about a great school year and look forward to serving our young people well each and every day. The Education of our students IS an ESSENTIAL function!!! We CAN do this!!!

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration: there is a line that Bishop Rhoades points out to all of us today that is a strength: *"Rise, and do not be afraid"*. Let us rely on our incredible Faith and love one another well. We all need to be flexible - this is a good teaching moment too for our young people! May God bless our school year with Courage, Prudence, Justice, and Temperance. Please pray for us as we pray for you!

Mrs. Voors

Important Calendar Adjustment: September 3rd is listed as NO SCHOOL...the Diocese has changed our professional learning date to September 4th, 2020. WE WILL BE in session on Thursday, September 3rd, but...
NO SCHOOL on Friday, September 4th.



Birthday, etc. Treats: Until further notice, please hold sending any and all kinds of treats for your student and/or the class. I know that sounds strange...when we know that we can resume normally, we will "catch up" with past birthdays as soon as we possibly can! We will still celebrate, but the treats are on hold. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.



Rural King Fundraiser: I don't know about you, but I LOVE THIS STORE!! There's one in Fort Wayne and one in Decatur, but it really doesn't matter what store you go to: It's your RECEIPT that creates the 10% kickback of your whole purchase to St. Aloysius Catholic School!

It's easy: Go to <https://www.ruralking.com/churchweek> and scroll 3/4 way down the list of Organizations. Select "St. Aloysius Catholic School" and follow the prompts! Have your receipt with you. This is also on our Google Calendar and is open until August 15th! Please share!



Family Contact Collection Form: If you have not already completed this [Google Form](#), please do so before school starts: it collects FIVE contacts' phone numbers for us to use in case we have to send a child home as quickly as possible. If you don't actually have 5, just repeat contacts as needed to complete all 5. Thank you so much!
<https://forms.gle/dVWwhWHecdo6xjdP8>

School Start-Up Reminders/Adjustments: As of today, here are some reminders and notes, and thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility!:

- **August 13th and on as needed:**

- Please symptom-check your child before you come to school. If there is at least one symptom, possibly with a minimum fever of 100.4...**THAT IS NOT OTHERWISE EXPLAINED**, please keep your child home for observation. Please contact us if this is the case as a result of suspected COVID-related symptoms. The CDC has an updated list: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
 - We need you to help us determine the source and cause of the symptom - the key phrase is: **"if not otherwise explained"**.
 - *Think in terms of exposure - if your child has **not** been around someone with symptoms or a positive case AND has one or more symptoms on the list that are otherwise explained, then maybe he/she is ok.*
 - This is NOT an exact science. Rather, we need to think critically and reasonably about the circumstances. The goal is to be here! But if there is strong evidence to believe the child should not attend because of COVID, we will implement remote learning for him/her for the length of time needed.
- We start school at 8:10 - it will likely take more time than it normally would to make it through the drop off line...please build in time if needed.
- **BEFORE SCHOOL CARE: go to Door #9** where a staff member will symptom check each child at the door before entering via iPad questionnaire and non-contact temperature-taking.
- **BEGINNING AT 7:45 - please expect to drop off at Door #1** where staff members will symptom check via iPad questionnaire and non-contact temperature-taking.
 - If one or more symptoms exist, possibly with a minimum fever of 100.4 that is NOT OTHERWISE EXPLAINED, you must be prepared to take your child/ren with you as entrance into the school may be denied.

- If your child is quarantined at home, we are all well prepared to serve your child virtually with your cooperation. Call Mrs. Voors if you have any needs.
 - All students must wear their own cloth mask or a school-supplied one (given at Door #1/#9) upon entering the school.
 - All students must bring a supply of water in a spill-proof bottle for the day. BOTTLE fillers are available in the building at two stations.
- **Lunch:** Extra tables will allow plenty of spacing for students, no problem!
- **Recess:** Weather permitting, students may remove their masks when distancing themselves from one another while playing outside. If we are in the gym, same thing.
 - If they want to play a game that brings them within 6 feet of one another, the mask must be worn, even if outside.
 - Equipment will be sprayed daily.
- **During the day:** masks, movements, spacing, procedures, hygiene, timing, cleaning, and especially patience...the teachers and staff will work constantly with students to help us all move safely through the day's activities, and we will make adjustments as we learn how to work better.
- **End of Day / Pick Up:** At 3:10, the students will be sent to your vehicle as you line up at the sidewalk near Door #1. They will be seated in the gym as family groups like we normally do, but family groups will be separated by 6 feet from one another.
- **Virtual Learning Contingency:** We have the capability to serve your child who is at home due to COVID concerns, so if this happens, please make sure your home-learning environment is ready. If you need anything, please contact me.
 - Under non-COVID circumstances, and your child has a "normal" illness, we will work together as we always do with sending work home for the hopefully only few days' time with communication with your child's teacher. This is not meant to be a two-weeks' home stay. Being here is important for their development as a whole, not just academically.
 - IMPORTANT: If you feel that you want your child to stay home for safety, please contact Msgr. Bruce or Mrs. Voors so we can share our concerns with one another.



Annie Oakley Fundraising Project! Good hand-sanitizer is always a plus, especially when it's used often throughout the day. Annie Oakley is offering some

great items for us as a school fundraiser as well! Please visit [Annie Oakley](#) for the special offers! More details later! For now, it's open until August 31st!



Library is Well-Covered! Thanks go out to those who expressed interest in serving our students as our Librarian...we are well covered!
Deb Heilman, welcome to our staff!

Free Piano: The upright piano in our library is available to anyone who would like to have it - transportation is up to you:-) Let us know if you're interested! Thank you!

