

Gator Goings-On, November 19th, 2020

Dear St. Aloysius Families,

Thanksgiving...that sentiment feels so different this year than before! We have all had many things thrust upon us that affect our family, friends and selves. While it's easy to give thanks when things are going well, it's quite a challenge to Give Thanks when chaos ensues.

As a school community, we are very grateful to maintain our in-person instruction albeit not 100% every day! *There are still the normal absences!* We've had very limited and controlled issues around COVID-19. It is said that the school building during school hours affords the least amount of transmission of the virus.

It is good, therefore, that we maintain every effort to have a healthy environment for the sake of others and ourselves. Staying in school...in-person and healthy...is our ultimate goal! If your family decides to travel for the holidays, stay safe and healthy, and we look forward to a full return on Monday, November 30th!

Thank you, Parents, for all you do to prepare and support your children to come to school and to Basketball every day. As was shared earlier this year, community - our Catholic Community - is of utmost importance, and being together helps us all grow!

St. Aloysius, Our Patron Saint, Pray for Us!



Grandparents' Day: While this year's celebration will be done very differently, our students are still honoring their Grandparents in many ways, the most important being a Mass celebrated for them during the school day. We are not having guests in the building this year.

REMINDER --- Grandparents are encouraged to pick up their grandchildren beginning at 1:10 on Tuesday, November

24th so they could spend the afternoon together! Normal pick-up procedures will be in place. Afterschool Care is available.



#iGiveCatholic: **December 1st, 2020** is an opportunity for you to invest in Catholic Education through St. Aloysius Catholic School! Are you a graduate? Did your children go here? Your grandparents? This is a simple way to express gratitude for the Lord's blessing of faith and academic formation through St. Aloysius. The online link is coming soon!



Additionally, we do indeed have an **Endowment Fund** set up that is also housed with the Catholic Community Foundation! The Fund is designated to support our ongoing technology

and school safety efforts! Please visit and share this link to our [School's Endowment Fund for Technology](#)! Let me know if you have any questions.



In-Home Wine-Tasting Raffle: A nice glass of wine with friends and family by the fire...and a professional who will lead you through each of 8 bottles of wine as you experience different flavors and textures! Sound like fun?? We will be raffling off a certificate for just that experience...in your own home! It's valued at \$300.

Tickets will be **on sale beginning Tuesday, December 1st through Wednesday, December 16th** for \$20 each and the proceeds will go toward our upstairs bathroom renovations that we are planning for this summer. The winner will be drawn on Thursday, December 17th and we will contact you!

Call the school at 622-7151, email Tina at tvoors@stalyoder.org, or purchase them after Masses



Parent Testimonials: Word-of-Mouth is very powerful. Stories that are shared and questions that are asked mean so much coming from someone you trust. What would you like new, potential families to know about our school? What experiences would you like to share? Please email Tina at tvoors@stalyoder.org a few paragraphs that tell your story - from one parent's heart to another. With your permission, I will publish your story in this GGO and on our website.

Thank you so much for your time and thoughtful consideration.



Save Around Coupon Books: You can still order, perhaps as a gift, online at this address. [Support Our Group](#) Thank you for your support!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO Isla! She sold 12 Save Around Coupon Books for our school! Thank you, Isla (Mom & Dad), for helping take good care of our school!



SPECIAL LUNCH Reminder! Our Jr. High students will be cooking for all of us on Tuesday, November 24th. **Tomorrow is the last day to order this lunch** - there is NO FWCS lunch that day, so you'd have to pack if you don't order.

Free School Lunches: FREE lunches are available to YOUR CHILDREN for the REST of the school year!! We send home menus once a month just so you can select lunches that your children may not want then you will pack instead. You don't have to do a thing!

HOWEVER, it is VERY important that, if you select a FWCS lunch for your child, that they actually consume it - there is a quota that dictates our throwing away lunches that are not eaten...we certainly don't want to waste food! Thank you!



Going to Bishop Luers High School??: Bishop Luers High School is holding the Henry-Keefer Scholarship Exam for any interested 8th Grade students; a total of \$10,000 will be awarded to the top ten scoring students. Students can register for the following date:

Saturday, December 5th 8a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Masks must be worn at all times in the building, and students will be socially distanced during testing. Pre-registration is required – please click on the following link to sign up (limited spots available): <https://www.bishopluers.org/admissions> Scroll down to the section titled Incoming Knights (Freshman), and click on the registration link next to the exam information. Questions, please contact Jenny Andorfer, Director of Admissions, at jandorfer@bishopluers.org or 456-1261 ext.3051

A Big Thank You! To Amanda Freiburger for making awesome looking Coozies with our school colors, name and phone number! These will be given to people to help get our information out there!

