

## Gator Goings-On, September 17th, 2020

Dear St. Aloysius Families,

Thank you all for your continued prayer and vigilance so far this school year! We have just over a month in school already and things are going beautifully! While none of our safety/cleaning procedures have lightened yet, our students and teachers continue to do a great job of caring for others and self through them.

Can you believe that Quarter 1 Midterm is tomorrow already? While utilizing Powerschool is the most timely way to check on your student's academic progress, please also email their teachers if you have questions or would like clarification on anything in the classroom. The link for Powerschool Parent Access is found via our school's website under the Parent Information tab: <https://stalyoder.org/school>  
Peace and health to you all!

Mrs. Voors



### **Welcome the Baxter and Safford Families to Our School!**

Please welcome two new families to our school this year! Two are in our 2nd grade, one in 1st and one in PK. May God bless them all as we partner together to help *Form them into Saints and Scholars in Christ!*



**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** We have had little to no participation in the Box Tops for Education program since it went digital. Please consider downloading the Box Tops for Education App. It is super simple to scan your grocery receipts on the app. *You don't even have to circle qualifying items.* They are found automatically and money is awarded to our school right away. VERY SIMPLE AND FREE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!



**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! It will close at the end of September. I want to thank Renee Gabet for arranging this fundraiser for us and for making it so very easy! May God bless your business!!

**Practice Remote Learning Day:** The teachers and I would like to have a practice remote learning day with students at home. We are taking steps here at school to ensure the students are very comfortable with Google Classroom and Google Meet

as the main communications for school work. Parent emails will also be utilized. For our younger students, there may be a combination of online and paper materials sent home.

We are set for a **PRACTICE AT-HOME REMOTE LEARNING DAY** (no in-person at the school) on **Monday, October 12th - all day...students DO NOT come to school that day**, but the school day will count because instruction will continue via remote means. Quarter 1 ends that following Wednesday, so this would also be a great time to ensure all work is caught up and communication with teachers is direct.

Please prepare for device and internet use - if you need a device, I have a few iPads that I can send home that will connect to WiFi.

To be clear, there is no definite plan in place for us to close at all. We just don't know what could happen, and so would like to be as well-prepared as possible in case of a shut-down. Pray that we can indeed keep going in-person!!!



**Safe Environment Student Training:** will begin in October in their respective classrooms or in their Religion classes. The program can be found on the Diocesan Website: [Safe Environment Training-Children and Youth](#)



**Social/Emotional Learning, 2020-2021:** Mrs. Alice Jordan-Miles will be joining our classrooms again this year from Purdue Fort Wayne to further build student skills around social-emotional learning. For the first half of the year, our dates are September 25th, October 30th, November 20th, and December 11th. Spring dates are TBD.

Mrs. Jordan-Miles' purpose is not to "work with or counsel individual students" during her time here. She will be working with classes on building their skills and understandings as they mature while also connecting their Catholic faith to their development.

We are so blessed to have this kind of education that connects more deeply to our Catholic faith. We pray for her and all our students as they learn to navigate the life the Lord has given them! We are grateful to have a Catholic professional from this field of service and we are looking forward to serving our students better.



**School Picture Day:** is set for Wednesday, September 23rd in the morning. Dress: students may choose:

1. To dress up if they wish and remain in those clothes for the day

2. To dress up for the photo, then change back into uniform for the day
3. To remain in uniform for the photo and the whole day
  - a. Notes about “Dressing Up”
    - i. No jeans
    - ii. No bare shoulders
    - iii. Other characteristics according to the Family Handbook:
      1. [Family Handbook 2020-2021](#)

Retakes are scheduled for October 28th.



**New Phone System:** A REALLY REALLY BIG THANK YOU goes out to Tony Vining, our resident phone system expert! Our school was blessed with government funding through the CARES Act to purchase refurbished phones for the classrooms with really awesome safety capabilities! We also were able to upgrade our server and other equipment that will allow for streaming from the

gym in the future!

*Thank you, Mr. Vining, for giving your time and talent to further build our school!!*



**October 4th - Feast of St. Francis:** Msgr. Bruce and I are tentatively planning a Blessing of the Pets on Friday, October 2nd. If we can do this and you would like to have your pet(s) blessed here at school, please ensure there is a proper leash or containment for the safety of all! It is planned for during the school day.



**Soarin Hawk Presentation:** We are looking forward to this presentation coming to our school on **Tuesday, September 22nd, at 10 A.M.!** They will present information on what they do and how they work to rescue and rehabilitate Raptors in trouble.

Among other raptors like owls and hawks, *Jeff - the Bald Eagle* will be here too! Parents and family are welcome. Know that they accept monetary donations that help them provide needed medical care and housing for these birds either that day or online. Please see their site: <https://www.soarinhawk.org/>

**FOR ALL ATTENDEES:** Please wear a mask and plan to distance yourself from other families in the bleachers.



**Free Lunches:** YES! Free lunches through FWCS now until Christmas Break! Please see Sue’s letter included in Today’s Family Envelope! No strings attached!!