



November 21-25, 2016

"You are my refuge and shield; in your word I hope. Depart from me, you wicked, that I may keep the commandments of my God." ~ Psalm 119:114-115

MONDAY

There will be Robotics today after school for those who have pre-registered. Students will be dismissed through the gym vestibule. This is the last day for this session but we do have an opportunity to run the program again. More information will be sent once a schedule is set.

TUESDAY

There will be play practice this morning at 8:00 for 8th grade students with speaking parts. Practice will be in the gym.

There will be Mad Science today after school for those who have pre-registered. Students will be dismissed through the gym vestibule.

WEDNESDAY – EARLY DISMISSAL – NO H.U.G.S. PROGRAM

There will be play practice this morning at 8:00 for 8th grade students with speaking parts. Practice will be in the gym. There will be NO Mad Science and NO H.U.G.S. Program today due to our Early Dismissal.

Please join us for our Thanksgiving prayer service at 9:30 in the church. As part of our service, our 8th grade students will receive their class rings as they move one step closer to being our newest alumni and our 7th grade class will receive their blessed bibles as they become a step closer to Confirmation preparations. Congratulations 7th and 8th grade ... You Make Us Proud!

THURSDAY – NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING

Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (www.catholic.org)

FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

All lost and found items will be on display during lunch this week. If your child is missing a sweater, jacket, hat, lunchbox, etc. please remind them to check during lunch. Also, please put your child's initials on their items. This helps us get items back to their rightful owner.

Any uniform items not claimed before we break for Thanksgiving will be turned into our Uniform Exchange. All other items will be donated to charity.

ADVENT MISSION

Saint Aloysius Religious Education Office is offering a special Advent Mission for adults. The theme of the mission, inspired by Pope Francis, is "The Joy of Love." The mission will be offered at the following time slots: **9 am to 10:30 am and 1 pm to 2:30 pm on Saturday, December 3rd in the Church.** The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from Nashville, TN will conduct the mission. Visit nashvilledominican.org for more info on the Dominican sisters' community. Parents/Guardians who attended last year's event with the sisters shared a great deal of positive feedback about their experience.

This event is open to all **adults** in the parish. Parents/Guardians of children in 2nd and 8th grade are asked to consider attending as an event like this provides vital support as you seek to help your child grow in faith. Please RSVP directly to [Ms. Jennifer Draeger, Coordinator of Religious Education](#), as to which time slot you would like to attend in order to ensure there are enough materials for all.

GATOR GEAR

Just a reminder that all Gator Gear orders are due November 30 – no exceptions. Please visit our school website for [order forms](#).

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

On January 8, 2017 Saint Aloysius School is once again taking the Polar Bear Plunge Challenge! We started this fundraiser many years ago with the hope of raising money, but it has grown into something more wonderful – a way to grow community! I am grateful to the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) for running this event to support Catholic Education and I am hoping that all of our families can join us in some way – either as a plunger, a supporter or even just saying a prayer for our success.

This year we hope to get the AOH into the Guinness Book of Records – since the plunge this year falls on the birthday of Elvis, let's see how many Elvis impersonators we can get to take the plunge!!

We'll need to hit the \$20,000 mark this year to get me back in the ocean! CAN WE DO IT??? [Plunger registration and sponsor forms](#) can be found on our website.

ARTSONIA

Support the art program at Saint Aloysius School by shopping at Artsonia.com Holiday Special. Create custom keepsakes with your child's art. Perfect for holiday gifts and stocking stuffers.

November 21 New Holiday Ornaments - Artsonia is launching a new set of holiday ornaments that are sure to make great keepsakes for families down through the years. These sturdy metal ornaments are fashioned into fun holiday-themed shapes such as a present or a sleigh, and feature the student's artwork in the center.

November 28 Favorite Products - The holiday season will be in full swing as Artsonia offers a special sale on our most popular products such as coffee mugs and ornaments.

December 12 Last Minute Stocking Stuffer Ideas - The last sales of the year offer up some great last-minute gift ideas for stocking stuffers! It features an assortment of Artsonia's most popular products, just in time to wrap up holiday shopping.

2016 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

December 15 (Thursday) Last Day Standard Delivery Service

December 20 (Tuesday) Last Day Express Delivery Service (extra charges apply)

YEARBOOK – DEADLINE DECEMBER 2

Have you ordered your school yearbook yet?? Don't miss out, the deadline is fast approaching - order your yearbook now! [Order forms](#) can be found on our school website.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Tis the season For Christmas programs!

Our Pre-K program will take place Tuesday, December 13th at 10:30 in the school gym. No tickets are necessary. All are welcome.

Our Kindergarten program will take place Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30 also in the school gym. No tickets are necessary. All are welcome.

This year our 8th grade students will perform "Christmas in Black and White" and students in grades 1 – 7 will be the chorus. There will be two performances in the school gym, Thursday, December 15th at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. To help defray the cost of the production, there is a \$1 charge per ticket. An [order form](#) can be found on our school website.

P.T.A. NEWS

Thank you to all who came out to support our school at Jersey Mike's Dining to Donate last week!

Gift Auction - Calling All Volunteers!

If you would like to help but are not sure of what is expected or you may only have a few hours of time please email the PTA for more information (stalspta@staloyssiusschool.com) and be on the look out for a planning meeting coming in the next few weeks. No effort is ever too small!

Gift Auction Wish List - coming soon but if you would like to donate or have items that you want to drop off please do so anytime!

Wreath Sale!

Flyer will be sent home and also [posted on the website](#) - please have your orders in by November 28th. Proceeds benefit our students.

Holiday Shoppe

December 5th - 9th Volunteers needed! [Sign up online.](#)

Have a great GATOR week!

Peace,
Ms. O'Connor