



December 12 - 16, 2016
Third Week of Advent - JOY

"The LORD answered me when I called in my distress" ~Psalm 120:1

Today is the third week of Advent, represented by the pink candle. The pink candle is a symbol of JOY. God wishes for us to be joyous as we eagerly await the birth of the newborn King. What a great week to share our JOY through our Christmas programs! All are welcome!!

There will be NO H.U.G.S. program this week.

MONDAY – 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.

TUESDAY – 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.

Our Pre-K will have their Christmas program today at 10:30 in the gym. For those attending, please enter through the gym doors which will be open at 10:15. All Pre K students are dismissed after the program (approximately 11:00). I hope you and your families enjoy this St. Al's tradition and enjoy the opportunity to spend the day with your little star! Good luck Pre-K! YOU MAKE US PROUD!

Mrs. Hegedus has created a schedule so that students from grades 1 through 8 will attend either the Kindergarten or Pre-K programs. If you have a Kindergarten or Pre-K student with a sibling in grades 1 through 8, your child will be brought to the gym for the performance.

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

WEDNESDAY - SHOW CLOTHES Gr. 1-8 – 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.

Our Kindergarten students will have their Christmas program today at 10:30 in the gym. For those attending, please enter through the gym doors which will be open at 10:15. Good luck Kindergarten! YOU MAKE US PROUD!

Again, Mrs. Hegedus has created a schedule so that students from grades 1 through 8 will attend either the Kindergarten or Pre-K programs. If you have a Kindergarten or Pre-K student with a sibling in grades 1 through 8, your child will be brought to the gym for the performance.

We will have a dress rehearsal today for students in grades 1 – 8. Students in grades 1-7 should wear their "show" clothes to school today - White shirt [an oxford or turtleneck – school shirt is just fine], blue jeans [no rips or tears please] and school shoes.

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

THURSDAY - SHOW CLOTHES Gr. 1-8 – No H.U.G.S. Program

Today at 10:00 we will have the first of two performances for grades 1 – 8. Students in grades 1 - 7 should wear their performance clothes to school (a white shirt [an oxford or turtleneck – school shirt is just fine], blue jeans [no rips or tears please] and school shoes. Those attending the show should enter through the gym doors. The doors will be open at 9:45.

Our evening performance will begin at 7:00 with doors opening at 6:40. Everyone should enter through the gym doors. Students in grades 1 – 7 should wear their performance clothes and report to their homeroom. The show should be about an hour long. All students must be picked up from their homeroom after the show.

Tickets are required for these performances – please visit our school website for an [order form](#).

STUDENT COUNCIL – HAT, SCARF, GLOVE, MITTEN DRIVE

The Student Council is sponsoring a HAT, SCARF, GLOVE, AND MITTEN collection for the Catholic Charities organization. As the weather gets colder, we ask that you give anything you can to help. The items must be new or very gently used...in good condition. This will run from Monday, December 5 until Friday, December 16. Thank you for following in the footsteps of Jesus and helping others!

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

BLUE TEAM 3,950 points RED TEAM 3,850 points

On January 8, 2017 Saint Aloysius School is once again taking the Polar Bear Plunge Challenge!

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.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Please come and join us for Advent Lessons and Carols on Friday, December 16th at 6:30pm. This evening of scripture and song is a peaceful, prayerful way to focus our hearts and prepare us to celebrate the birth of Christ. All are welcomed so please bring a friend who may need some peace during the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. Finally- be sure to bring your best Christmas cookies to share after the service! The evening will end with fellowship and fun in Gonzaga Hall.

P.T.A. NEWS

A Big Thank you to Robyn Harness and Melanie Niederhauser for running the Christmas Shoppe! And to all the volunteers, thank you for your time helping this year - the students loved it!

Gift Auction:

Wish List is posted to the website! No donation is too small and you can begin to send in your donations to the office anytime as well as send in any "filler" donations too (anything you may have that you no longer want that we can use to add to a basket).

Anyone willing to solicit for the Gift Auction - please come to a *quick meeting TODAY after school at 3:30pm in the cafeteria*. If you want to help but cannot attend, please contact the PTA at: stalspta@staloyssiusschool.com. We need all the help we can get so even if you have only an hour of time that is totally fine and welcomed!

Dining To Donate: IHOP Wednesday December 28, 2016 5 to 8pm. Voucher required and will be loaded to the website this week. So mark your calendars and meet up with some school friends over the Christmas break and enjoy some pancakes!

Upcoming Events:

Mega Party - January 2017

K-5 Winter Social - February 2017

Have a great GATOR week!

Peace,
Ms. O'Connor