



January 3, 2017

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the LORD's house all the days of my life, To gaze on the LORD's beauty, to visit his temple. ~ Psalm 27:4

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to a NEW YEAR!!! I hope everyone enjoyed a peace-filled Christmas and joyous New Year. May the 2017 year be one of peace, love, joy, and hope for all.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in showering me and the office staff with wonderful gifts and well wishes. The time and effort made to shop, write a card, or share happy sentiments is greatly appreciated! We are truly blessed!

THURSDAY

The final Polar Bear Plunge collection is this evening and sweatshirts for all registered plungers will be available for pick up. We will be in the Aftercare room at 6:00. Please use the Aftercare entrance.

FRIDAY

Please join us today for our school liturgy at 9:30. All are welcome!

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

BLUE TEAM 12,575 points **RED TEAM 9,260 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???

You can still register to plunge, however, anyone who registers now will receive their sweatshirt after the plunge. [Plunger registration and sponsor forms](#) can be found on our website.

SUNDAY – POLAR BEAR PLUNGE DAY

Looks like a great day for the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Polar Plunge for Catholic Education based on the extended forecast! This is the AOH's 10th Annual Event and if they raise \$150,000 this year they will surpass the \$1,000,000 level with 100% having been retained by our Catholic Schools. This has been an awesome fundraiser for SAS and we could not do it without the efforts of the AOH. The AOH pays all costs for the Plunge (about \$6000) and this year Rooney's is the key sponsor for the Plunge. Please come down and plan to stay for the event. Buy a raffle ticket or an official AOH Plunge T-shirt and support our AOH friends.

Location: Rooney's Oceanfront Ocean Ave. Long Branch (same location as last year) Rooney's has a great day planned for us with food and drink specials as well as their menu items. Please come down and enjoy the day.

Parking: There should be ample parking in the surrounding parking lots and streets; the later you come, the farther you will have to park.

SAS GROUP PHOTO: 12:30

Plunge: 1:00

OPEN HOUSE – SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Open House will be Sunday, January 29, 2017. Please spread the word! We will be in need of Student Tour Guides which is a wonderful way for us to show off our "product"! All students are welcome. Younger students will be paired with older students and all students should wear their regular winter uniform (no hoodies, no sneakers). Please sign up [online](#).

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Over the summer the merger by acquisition of our Tuition Assistance/Needs Analysis provider PSAS with FACTS Management Company was announced. The Diocese will be using FACTS Management to manage our Tuition Assistance Program for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

Applicants can apply online by going to <https://online.factsmgt.com>. Online applications are available in English and Spanish. In order to be considered for tuition assistance for Round 1, applications and all required supporting documentation must be submitted to FACTS by **March 3, 2017**. The deadline for Round 2 is May 15, 2017. The application fee is \$30 and must be paid online at the time you submit your application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards or an electronic check.

In order to help families that may be unfamiliar with online applications or families that may not have easy access to the technology needed to complete the online application, the Diocese has partnered with several schools to offer Online FACTS Application Workshops during February and March. Staff and FACTS representatives will be on-hand to walk families through the application process. A list of workshops can be found on our school website.

P.T.A. NEWS

Happy New Year! Thank you to all who came out to support our school at IHOP for our Dining to Donate night.

Gift Auction News:

Solicitors needed! If you are willing and able to solicit local businesses please send an email to:

stalspta@staloyssiusschool.com

This is an easy way to help and remember all proceeds benefit our students!

Donations needed - Have gifts from Christmas you don't need or want? Donate them to the Gift Auction! Send in any item to school, labeled "Gift Auction" or drop off to the front office.

OR check our "Wish List" on the website and/or feel free to drop off any item you wish to donate.

[Tickets/Pre-Paid Raffle Discounted Raffle Tickets](#) are **on sale NOW!** Please check your mail and/or our website for details.

Catholic Schools Week:

Mega Party - volunteers needed to help at this fun annual event - Sign-up online on the school website.

Upcoming Events:

Dining to Donate - Panera Bread Thursday January 26, 2017 4-8pm

Winter Social - Friday February 10, 2017 (Grades K-5)

Gift Auction - Friday March 3, 2017

Have a great GATOR week and a Happy and Healthy 2017!

Peace,
Ms. O'Connor