



January 9 - 13, 2017

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him. ~Psalm 34:9

Wow what an awesome weekend! THANK YOU to everyone who played a part in the Seventh Annual Saint Aloysius School POLAR BEAR PLUNGE! Despite the frigid temperatures, the wind and very choppy waters, everyone was safe and a fantastic time was had by all! We had a total of 156 registered plungers and raised \$12,150 so far. Approximately \$8,000 of this will be used to cover classtrips/class presentations for grades PK – 7 and a portion of our 8th grade classtrip. After expenses (sweatshirts, tshirts, class prizes) the remaining funds will help increase our technology. Our community never ceases to amaze me and God never ceases to bless us!!! Please send all photos from the event to gatorpix@optonline.net.

I need to place an order for all those who registered after Christmas break so if you want to be included in the order, please complete a [plunger registration form](#) found on our website and send it in with a \$25 check by Wednesday, January 11. Once the sweatshirts are ready they will be sent home with the students.

THURSDAY – DRESS DOWN DAY

Our Student Council is sponsoring a dress down day today with the theme of “Tacky Tie”. This is a regular dress down day, ties are not required but encouraged. If students do not have a tie they may feel free to make one! Be creative! Rather than collecting \$1 students are asked to bring in a food item from the list below to help our Student Council with their efforts to help with the DeBows Food Pantry here in Jackson.

Pre-K- Cake Mix / Icing
Kindergarten - Pasta/Macaroni
1st – Canned Vegetables
2nd – Soup
3B – Pasta
3R – Tomato Sauce (no jars)
4th – Mustard / Ketchup
5B – Peanut Butter (no glass jars)
5R – Jelly (no glass jars)
6B – Coffee
6R - Tea
7th - Crackers
8B - Cereal/Oatmeal
8R - Cereal/Oatmeal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2017 is January 29 - February 4. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” During the week we will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

We have two Open House dates; Sunday, January 29 from 9 AM until 12 PM and Friday, February 3 from 10:30 AM until 11:30 AM. For our Sunday Open House we hope that our students will be a shining presence during all masses and ask that all students please wear their school uniform and sit together. We are in need of student tour guides. Please sign up on our [online sign up](#) sheet. All students are welcome and we will buddy our younger students up with our older students. Spread the word for our Open Houses all are welcome!

Please plan ahead – there is NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 16

TUITION ASSISTANCE

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

As our Christmas gift, the PTA will be hosting a luncheon for our Teachers and Staff on Wednesday. This is just a small way we can say thank you for all they do for our children.

Gift Auction News:

Solicitors needed! If you are willing and able to solicit local businesses please sign-up online OR 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. And we will take any **donations of ribbon or baskets**, just drop them off to the front office.

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) Flyers on website

[Gift Auction](#) - Friday March 3, 2017

Have a great GATOR week!

Peace,
Ms. O'Connor