

### **Prayer Intentions:**

For Fr. Fred Nietfeld, former pastor at St. Aloysius, whose funeral was celebrated this morning.

For those sick with Covid and for those who care for them.

Please let us know if your family has an intention you would like us to include in our schoolgram.

## We Pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of love you have given to the world and to each of us. Please continue to let us feel your comforting love in our lives so that we may be able to express it and share it with others.Amen.

#### Calendar:

2/9

• School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 8)

2/11

CSW dress down: St. Al's Spirit
 Day

2/14

 Wear Red, Pink or Valentine shirt with uniform bottoms

2/15

March lunch orders due

2/17

- School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 7)
- 22-23 Registration begins
- Midterm

2/21

NO SCHOOL: President's Day

2/22

Dress down: TWOSDAY

2/24

• School Mass (Gr. 6) 2:10 pm

2/25

Spirit Day dress down: TBD

# From the Principal:

On Friday we will celebrate our students as we planned to during Catholic Schools Week. Students may wear jeans or athletic pants with a St. Al's spirit wear shirt or blue and gold. We will have a special treat for them at lunch too:) We really are blessed with amazing students and I am so proud of them!

Continuing with some special days for them, on Valentine's Day, students may wear red or pink with uniform bottoms. We are also looking ahead to having some fun on TWOSDAY, 2-22-22. More details will come later, but students will be allowed to dress in tutus, ties, as twins or as famous duos. I can't wait to see what everyone comes up with!

Also, just a reminder that when you receive the tuition paperwork next week, you will notice that our total tuition is increasing this year, but I want to assure you that the cost to your family will only see a minimal increase if any. We are raising tuition to maximize the increased state scholarship amount, but we are also raising the amount of grants available to both parishioner and non parishioner families. Please take a look through the entire packet when you receive it and let me know if you have any questions. If you aren't returning for financial reasons or some other concern PLEASE reach out to me or to Fr. Tom. Give us the opportunity to work with you. We want a Catholic education to be accessible to all who desire it for their children.

God's Blessings, Andrea Puhl

#### From the Office:

- HELP NEEDED FOR OPEN HOUSE: 3/6/22 11:15am-1:30pm
  - Tour guides: We have an outline of talking points and places to visit to help guide you. We encourage students to help alongside their parents to give their perspective and make a connection. It would be best if they could wear their uniform or spirit wear.
  - Share the flyer on social media and with those in your social circles.
  - Please email Mrs. Rath if your family would like to help, schooloffice@stalschoolbg.org.
- March lunch orders are due by midnight on 2/15/22.
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Thursday, March 3rd we will have a parent presentation on internet safety in the gym from 6:30-8:30. Parents are invited to arrive after 6:00 as we will have light refreshments and an opportunity to indicate an interest in getting involved with our Parents Association as it is reestablished. We would love to have as many parents as possible at this kick off event which is also sure to be very educational! If you can't stay for the speaker, please still consider joining us from 6-6:30.
- School Mass can be viewed online. The link for mass at <u>2:10 pm on</u>
  Thursday February 17: <a href="https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MzAzMzMzNQ">https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MzAzMzMzNQ</a>



I am happy to report that once again this week we do not have any students or staff in isolation or quarantine. We have one student who is "mask to stay" because of a known exposure. The following resources from the health department may be helpful if someone in your family is exposed or tests positive.

<u>Interactive COVID Decision Trees</u> – provides click-through guidance <u>Mask to Stay, Test to Play</u> policy from ODH

We continue to encourage mask wearing at school. Thank you for your diligence in keeping sick students home.

#### **Financial Help Available for Families**

As we navigate this school year and the requirements regarding quarantine, symptom checks, isolation, we are aware of the increased burden and strain it is putting on some families. We know that some families may be missing work when they have children at home. We know that some are having increased medical expenses such as co-pays for office visits to get a note from the doctor so that the child can return to school.

We do not want any financial difficulty to impact your child's continued education at St. Aloysius. Nor do we want it to lead to choices which may endanger the health and safety of others. St. Aloysius parishioners have generously given money to our 'Help and Hope' fund. This money is meant to assist those who are struggling in various ways. If your family is struggling with added financial stress, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Simply write a letter explaining the situation and include an invoice or invoices which you would request that we pay. Write your letter to Fr. Tom McQuillen. Your request will be kept confidential. Only the staff members who need to know to verify and process your request will be aware of it.

#### From the Parish:

#### Rockathon

**UPDATE**: The Rockathon event for 5-8 grade 'rockers' is February 26th from 5:30pm Mass-9:30pm. All parish students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to participate and attend. Support the HerChoice BG Pregnancy Center by collecting money and baby items listed on the BINGO card. Collect items to make a BINGO on the board or even try for a cover up. Bring your items to the school office or narthex crib by January 31 then attend the event with friends in February for food, faith, & fun. Send a photo of yourself as a baby to brennan.d@stalbg.org or bring it to the event for a baby guessing game. Make sure your name is not where others can see it. All participants should signup on Signup Genius and must bring a signed BINGO card to participate. Invited friends are welcome.



