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Prayer Intentions:

For a preschool family in need of prayers

For the victims and families at
Apalachee High School in Georgia.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, As our students begin a new school year, we pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true, and beautiful, and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others, and lead others to be kind to them. Amen.

Calendar:

9/5

- School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr.8)
- PS, KR, & K start FULL days

9/8

- Spirit Wear Sale ends

9/9

- PS extended day available

9/11

- School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 7)
- Reconciliation Parent Mtg 6:30 pm

9/13

- Free/Red. Lunch apps due

9/15

- October lunch orders due

9/19

- Picture day: Don't wear green
- Mass 2:10 (Gr. 6)

9/20

- BGCS Alternate Bus Route



From the Principal:

It's wonderful having the students back in the building and enjoying the spaces we worked so hard on this summer! Mr. Kleman and his team went above and beyond! As I write this the crew is here working on the final step of the playground move and installing the turf. We hope to have the playground open next week! Thank you again to school parents Heather Hetterick, Brad Schroeder and Stuart Foos...this project would not have been possible without you and all the other volunteers! If you would like more information about the parish construction plans, please read the excerpt from Fr. Tom's bulletin article on the next page. What a blessing to be part of a parish that is growing and changing and what a blessing to have your families a part of our school family during this exciting time!

*God's Blessings,
Andrea Puhl*

From the Office:

- **Extended day** opens at 7:15 am this year and parents must walk their child in and clock them in. The hallway to extended day is unsecured and students should not be unattended.
- **Library Volunteers:** Forms will be sent home tomorrow (with the youngest student in your family) to sign up to help in the library. Please complete and return to school if you are interested. Virtus is required. See the attachment for a digital version of the form. Contact [Mrs. Rath](#) if you need to complete Virtus.
- **Free & Reduced Lunch Applications** are due next Friday, 9/13/2024.
- **School pictures** are 9/19/24. Do not wear green as they use a green background. This is a **dress up** day or dress in uniform. No sleeveless shirts or tshirts with large logos are permitted.
- An **updated academic calendar** is attached. Kindergarten & Gr. 8 graduation will be on June 5th, not June 4th as was previously scheduled.
- **Spirit Wear/Uniform Sale:** <https://www.specialteeink.com/St-Aloysius-Apparel-Sale-c31634181> through 9/8/24.
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. Click the link at **2:10 pm, Wednesday, 9/11/24:** <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/NTAwOTY0NQ>

Dress Code Reminder:

As the new year gets underway it's helpful to clarify what sweatshirts are dress code and which are spirit wear. All dress code sweatshirts have either our current diamond shaped log on them or our old lion logo. These two logos or variations of them are on approved dress code items:



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If the shirt says the word "LIONS" on it (even if it has our new lion logo replacing the



letter O) or if it mentions a sports team it is not dress code. T-shirts are not dress code. Students are welcome to wear those as an outer layer at recess, but they shouldn't be worn during the school day. Also, remember that students participating in CYO sports may wear their team shirts/jerseys on Fridays during that sports season with their uniform bottoms. This means our CYO Cross Country and CYO Volleyball teams may wear their CYO tops tomorrow. If the shirt is sleeveless it needs to have a tshirt under it. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Parish:

The following update from Fr. Tom is an excerpt from his article published in the church bulletin on August 25th, but we wanted to make sure that all of our school families saw the info even if not members of the parish.

Construction Update from Fr. Tom

Some of our construction is going well. The playground has been successfully relocated. Canopies [were] installed that will provide areas of shade for our youngsters. Artificial turf will come soon after. There will be more time needed to refine the borders around the playground and install fencing. It [will] not be ready when school opens, but we hope it will be ready for the second week of school.

The new ceilings, lighting, cabinets and paint, all make the renovated [class]rooms look brand new.

On the main renovations of the campus from our capital campaign, I do not have good news to report. We were hoping to start renovations back in March and have the old parish offices converted to school use and new bathrooms on the second floor of the school. Regrettably, this week we severed relations with our design-build contractor. He was not able to obtain the required bond and was struggling to obtain some of the permits. We are in discussions with another contractor and still hope to have all the renovations completed by the end of next year (December 2025). Once again, thank you for your support in this effort. Though this set back does change the timeline, we remain hopeful that it will not impact our budget too much. Your prayers for the success of finding a new contractor and getting the work completed is greatly appreciated.

Becoming Catholic Sessions Starting Soon!

Have you been considering joining the Catholic Faith? Or is there someone in your life who you know the Holy Spirit has opened up to conversations on faith, religion, or the meaning of life? St. Aloysius will soon begin its Becoming Catholic (formerly RCIA) classes for adults to start the process of learning about and embracing for themselves the truth, beauty, and goodness of Catholicism. Please contact Fr. Tom (frtom@stalbg.org) or Mike Ginnetti (ginnetti.m@stalbg.org) to start a conversation about what becoming Catholic might mean for you or someone in your life.