

St. Aloysius Catholic School

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The re-actment of the Nativity is a treasured event here at St. Aloysius. This year we solved our capacity issues by having two showings on December 13! Ms DiPietro used a new script and worked with the students to make sure they knew their roles and the Christmas carols. The shows went off without a hitch, and it gave us all time to reflect on Jesus' birth as the true reason for the season. Congratulations to all the students and staff for all of their hard work!



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● **A note of thanks** from our Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Johnson: Dearest St. Aloysius Community, I am beyond overwhelmed and grateful to you all for the outpouring of support and love for myself and my family during my unexpected time of need. I started the school year still battling what was assumed to be a stubborn ear infection from earlier in the summer. Finally the answer came a few weeks later, it turned out I had a tumor between my right eye and my right ear, which is what was causing the hearing issue. This is far from what I thought I'd be doing as 2024 comes to an end, but I am grateful to be home and recovering! The outpouring of your support, whether providing us food during the meal train, donating gift cards, or donating for the NUT Day, has filled our hearts with so much appreciation. I can't express my gratitude enough and I look forward to being back with you all in January!

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Our annual Scholarship Drive will now be called our "Annual Fund Drive." Our school board voted in this change in terminology so that we could be more flexible in how we allocate our funds. With general operating expenses on the rise in every category, the use of funds from this drive will inevitably help to keep tuitions manageable for our families. The drive begins on 12/15 and runs through mid-March. The best news: a generous benefactor is offering to match what we raise dollar for dollar. Our goal is \$40,000 but if we surpass that amount, this benefactor is willing to contribute more! Donate online at <https://www.staloyuscs.com/support/> or by mail to the address above! No donation is too small!

We will be holding an **Open House** On January 28th from 3:30 - 5:30 as part of Catholic Schools Week. Please share the date with family and friends! Financial Aid to attend St. Aloysius Catholic School for the 2025-2026 school year is available to qualifying students entering Kindergarten through Grade 8 through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester. The cost to apply is \$40. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 7, 2025. Here is the link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> You do not need to attend Mass in Worcester County to apply.

The Mission Statement of St. Aloysius Catholic School

St. Aloysius Catholic School is traditional in its teaching and understanding of Catholic doctrine. With a foundation built on faith, rooted in the incarnate love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are dedicated to challenging each student through the following: innovative academics, developing good character, cultivating a spirit of charity for the community, supporting the family, and fostering a deep love for Jesus. Our ultimate goal is for each child to be set on a path to be the very best person that our Lord created them to be.

Faith Formation *with Ms. DiPietro*

A Prayer for Families, By Pope Francis

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate the splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
Grant that our families too may be places of
communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience violence, rejection and
division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready
comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth...
Make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of
the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Art

Brrr! In art, upper grades will be using tints and shades of cool colors to create wintry scenes to welcome January. The younger students will be using cool and warm color schemes in their artwork.

Music

In music, we are studying classical era composers. Upper grades will be writing melodies to play on recorders while younger classes will practice note reading with boomwhackers and bells.

French

Pre-K - Body Parts, Tying Shoes & Numbers 1-5. **K** - Five Senses - Hearing and Numbers 1-5. **Gr 1-3** - [Unit 1](#) - Describing physique and personality. **Gr 4-5** - [Unit 2](#) - The Family - Describing activities. **Gr 6-7** - [Unit 3](#) - The City - Introduce vocabulary and talk about future events. **Gr 8** - [Unit 6](#) - Describe & understand descriptions of daily routines.

Happy January Birthdays!

Oliver - Pre K Kip - Pre-K Camden - Pre-K

May the Lord bless you on your birthday and always!

From the Desk of Nurse Debbie

Happy Tooth, Happy Teeth

Shining and Bright
Brushing and Flossing
Keeps me Healthy and White.

Brush your teeth twice a day.
Floss your teeth often.
Brush your tongue.
Visit the Dentist Regularly.

Eat a lot of Healthy Foods.
Drink Plenty of Milk.
Get a new toothbrush every 3 months.



Science Exploration

In December, students will be doing water experiments and safe chemical reactions. We will be going outside when the weather allows. We are gaining daylight with each passing day!!

Gym

This month in gym we will be enjoying racing games when the weather cooperates; when it's too cold, or wet we'll be inside! Please remember coats, mittens and hats!