

St. Aloysius Catholic School

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St Aloysius Catholic School opened for its ninth year of operation on August 28, 2024! We welcomed 19 new students and 6 new staff members to our school family. Melissa Johnson and Emily Boltz are teaching Kindergarten and Grade 3 respectively, and Deborah Horn is our new school nurse.



Michelle Vezeau is assisting in preschool 2 days per week and Michele Mansfield is lead of our after school program on Monday and Tuesday. Camille Desjardins also joined the ranks as Office Manager in mid September.



Students arrived at school on the first day to see that another playscape and monkey bars had been added to the Joe C. Knight playground! Thanks go to Dave Adams, Bill Moryl and Jason Shunaman for

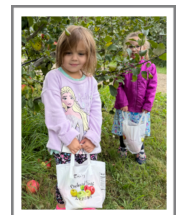


their continued effort and push to get this finished on time! Added more recently was a Gaga Ball pit, funded by the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation through a grant we received last year, and fabricated by the junior year carpentry students at Tantasqua Regional High School. Benches were also recently purchased and put together - much thanks Uncle Dan and Parker!

We honestly have so many people to thank for our wonderful new playground, from start to finish, there have been so many that have worked so hard be it on site, during the planning stages or by donating to the cause. And there are finishing touches still to come. It's been an absolute delight to watch the students having so much fun.



Preschool students enjoyed their very first field trip of the new year to Ragged Hill Farm for an adventure in apple picking!!



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*

October – a Tribute to God's Creation

The wonderful month of October tells us that fall is in the air. The trees, in all their splendor give visual testimony to God's gift of creation. Who isn't overwhelmed by its beauty? Autumn is a perfect time to go on a picnic or a walk with family and friends, It is also a time to walk alone and contemplate Gods love and beauty that surrounds us.

What is Faith Formation?

Faith Formation seeks to help the disciples of Christ to be present in the society precisely as following Christians who are able and willing to bear witness to their words and deeds. FAITH FORMATION promotes knowledge of the faith, knowledge of the meaning of Liturgy and sacraments, moral formation in Jesus Christ, and it teaches Christians how to pray with Christ. FAITH FORMATION prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the Life and mission of the Church.

Happy October Birthdays!

Wyatt - K Parker - Gr. 8 Mason - Gr. 2 Noah - K

May the Lord guide and protect you today and always!

From the Desk of Nurse Debbie

Say Boo to the Flu !

- **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing/sneezing**
- **Wash your hands Often**
- **Avoid contact with people who are Sick**
- **Stay home when you are sick**
- **Get your Flu Shot**
- **Drink plenty of fluids**
- **Get at least 8 hours sleep**
- **Get Plenty of Exercise Daily**
- **Eat Healthy**



Art

In Art, students have been creating projects using color theory. We will be applying these skills to Fall themed pieces in different mediums.

Music

Last month Music classes delved into music by Vivaldi and the origin of written music. In October, we'll practice notation skills and do some hands on playing of percussion instruments and recorders.

French

In October, students in Grades 3 through 8 will be reviewing last year's skills. Younger students will be learning basic greetings and numbers.

Science Exploration

Students will explore and observe the seasonal changes of fall weather permitting and will use microscopes to learn about living organisms from water samples taken from local ponds and streams.

Gym

For gym during the month of October, students will be playing kickball and cats corner (dodge ball). When weather is inclement, we will be enjoying indoor games.