

# St. Aloysius Catholic School

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Kindergarten and Grade 3 students in Mrs. Johnson and Miss Boltz's classes enjoyed a field trip to Red Apple Farm. It was a great day to learn about all of the things we associate with Fall fun. From apples, to cider, to pumpkins and a hay ride, this field trip was so much fun for all. Thank you to our PTO for funding the bus ride.



In conjunction with our 6-8 grade Native American unit, Mrs. Strogoff's students learned the history of totem poles and then brainstormed examples of animals that they felt shared common characteristics or qualities with themselves and their families. Each student created two amazing representations of their animals, as well as a written explanation, to add to their classroom totem pole!

Our eighth grade students recently visited Pope Francis Preparatory School in Springfield for one of their Discover Days. Because we are a partner school, our students enjoyed a tour of the school from two St. Aloysius alumnae who are now Student Ambassadors. They also visited classes, played fun games and learned about the many different offerings that Pope has.



Trunk or Treat 2024 went off without a trick! Thank you to DJ Brian for providing the music, to the PTO for sponsoring the event and the prizes for the decorated trunks, to Palmer Paving for the spotlights, and to all of you who helped with setup and clean up. Congratulations to the Mankin, Keefe, Shunaman and Moryl families for their award winning trunks!!



### 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*

**NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES AND TO BE THANKFUL FOR THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN US.**

All Saints Day is a Christian feast day celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>. On this day the Church honors all who have died and now live with God as saints and martyrs in heaven. It is a day to remember that Christians are in communion with all who have gone before them, especially those who have lived holy lives but are not canonized as saints. November 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Souls Day marks a day of prayer for, and remembrance of, the "faithfully departed": relatives, friends and strangers who are no longer living.

God gives us the greatest gift of all, the gift of himself, the Eucharist. The term "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word eucharistia, meaning Thanksgiving. All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. Our families, our friends, the warmth of the sun, the burst of color we see all around us in the Autumn and the very food we eat. As we sit with family and friends this THANKSGIVING, we thank you God for all you have given us. Amen!

## Happy November Birthdays!

Max - Gr 4    Chase - Gr 2    Aiyana - Gr 1    Layla - K    Levi - PS  
Weston - PS    Noelle - Gr 7    Jordan -K    Michael - Gr 1

*May the Lord bless you on your birthday and always!*

## From the Desk of Nurse Debbie

### FALL INTO HEALTHY HABITS

PRAY    BE KIND    MEDITATE

MAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF    SMILE

PRACTICE GRATITUDE    DRINK WATER    SET GOALS

EAT FRUITS AND VEGGIES    ENJOY TIME OUTDOORS

TAKE A BATH    GET A REGULAR AMOUNT OF SLEEP

TAKE A WALK    WASH YOUR HANDS    LISTEN TO MUSIC

LIMIT SOCIAL MEDIA AND VIDEO TIME    BRUSH YOUR TEETH

JOURNAL YOUR THOUGHTS    READ A BOOK



## Art

November will bring lots of Thanksgiving-themed projects to Art classes. This Fall we've been working in mixed media including paint, oil pastel, crayon and marker - the results have been pretty cool!

## Music

Students in Grades 4 - 8 have been making very good progress on recorders. We'll be adding to their skill set this month. Younger students will be strengthening note reading skills, using BoomWhackers and learning about Classical Era composers.

## French

**Pre-K & K** - Greetings and numbers 1-5.  
**Gr. 1-3** - [Unit 1](#) - Using the verb 'to be' with adjectives.  
**Gr. 4-5** - [Unit 2](#) - The Family  
**Gr. 6-7** - [Unit 3](#) - The City  
**Gr. 8** - [Unit 6](#) - Daily Routines

## Science Exploration

Microscope exploration of microscopic plants and animals along with experiments in chemical reactions (safely of course) will continue during November.

## Gym

In gym this month we will be playing capture the flag and Nitro ball. When weather is not great we will be inside. Remember to pack warm gloves and hats for cool days!