



ST. ALOYSIUS ACADEMY PARENTS' PRESS
News from the St. Aloysius Academy Parent Association
December 2023

Upcoming Important Dates and Events



Friday, December 1st -- 6PM-8PM

Live Nativity

Come join us for the story of the first Christmas and an evening of Christmas carols performed by SAA students. There will also be hot chocolate and yummy treats to enjoy as well as a child's craft. This is a true SAA family favorite!!

Live Nativity Student/Sibling Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4BAAAA22A1FD0-staloysius#/>

Live Nativity Parent Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4BAAAA22A1FD0-live1>



Wednesday, December 6th

Secret Santa Shop

Get festive with one of the most popular holiday events of the Christmas season. Our Wildcats love to shop for Christmas presents for their mom, dad, siblings, grandparents, and pets. Parents are welcome to join their boys/Clockhouse students during their shopping time.

To pre-order the 2023 SAA Christmas ornament or to purchase raffle tickets for your child's chance to win a basket filled with goodies:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3NUUSXmGmKYIChm9bYjvwRxEOI3uBv_nTOc4XRSC0AFUgQA/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3NUUSXmGmKYIChm9bYjvwRxEOI3uBv_nTOc4XRSC0AFUgQA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Volunteer opportunities for parents at the Secret Santa Shop and/or donate food/drink items for the volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4FA5AA28A5F94-45865167-stalloysius#/>

Below, you will find events of the day for 2023 Secret Santa Shop including your Wildcat's class visit schedule, sponsorship opportunities, and St. Edmond's Home for Children's donation wishlist:

It's time for the 2023 Secret Santa Shop

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Aloysius Secret Santa Shop! We are excited to celebrate with a Charlie Brown Christmas. With the help of Mrs. Donaher, our children will be decorating Snoopy's Christmas lights in art class for display on the walls of the little gym.

The Shop will be open on **Wednesday, December 6th**. Please review the attached schedule to see which time your child will be visiting the Shop. Parents, are welcome to join your boys, clockhouse students when they shop.

Here's a preview of what your children will find:

Snoopy's Donation Drop: The children will deposit their donation for St. Edmund's into Snoopy's Dog house as they enter the little gym.

Gifts: We'll have tables and tables of Christmas gifts to help give you a head start on your shopping!

Wildcat Wonders Store: Our own school store will have some cool gear to get us ready for the holiday season. Be first in line to get all of your Wildcat gifts for that mega-fan on your holiday list.

Watch your Budget: Watch Your Budget will be joining us again this year and selling a beautiful assortment of boutique jewelry and accessories at budget friendly prices.

Keepsake Ornaments: If you did not have a chance to preorder the St. Aloysius annual keepsake ornament, you can purchase one the day of the shop and have it personalized to go home that day! Please note: ornaments are \$25 the day of the Shop. While supplies last!

Santa Photo's: Upon entering the Shop, the children will line up for a class photo with Santa in front of our festive backdrop. **Photos this year will be taken by Darah of darahren.com Photography! NEW this year, the children will be able to purchase optional one on one photos, or other additional photos with Santa for \$5.00 cash on the day of the event. This is a great opportunity to avoid the lines at the mall and get a photo of your child/children with Santa.**

Raffle Basket Tickets: Pre-order your raffles tickets or buy them the day of for \$1.00 per ticket or \$20.00 for 25 tickets. Pre-ordered tickets will be at the raffle table on the day of the event.

Snoopy's Candy Cane Treat: After the children have finished shopping, they will be able to pick a candy cane on the way back to their classroom.

Secret Santa Shop 2023 Class Visit Schedule



Wednesday, December 6th

8:40 - 9:45: K and 8th

9:50 - 10:55: 1st and 5th

11:00 - 11:45: 6th

12:00 - 12:30: Clockhouse

12:35 - 1:40: 3rd and 4th

1:45 - 2:45: 2nd and 7th

The Secret Santa Shop 2023

Charlie Brown Helpers



In order to make this year's Shop a success, we need YOU! Our Charlie Brown Helpers are hard at work transforming the little gym into A Charlie Brown Christmas

Please consider sponsoring a Secret Santa Shop event to help make the day - December 6th - full of Christmas cheer!

Shop Support Area	Sponsor Name	Amount
Charlie's Christmas Tree		\$375
Snoopy's Santa Photo		\$250
Clockhouse/K/1st/ 2nd Grade Raffle Basket		\$100
3rd/4th/5th Grade Raffle Basket		\$100
6th/7th/8th Grade Raffle Basket		\$100
Lots of Luck Teacher Raffle Basket		\$100
Snoopy's Candy Cane Treat		\$50

Yes! Sign us up to help Charlie Brown and Snoopy! We want to sponsor the shop!

Family Name: _____

We Would Like to Sponsor: _____

Please return completed form to Faithe Kalisperis, by Tuesday, December 5, 2023 c/o Stavros Kalisperis 7B. Payment may be made via check to St. Aloysius Academy or Venmo @SAAParents with a note directing the funds to the Secret Santa Shop!

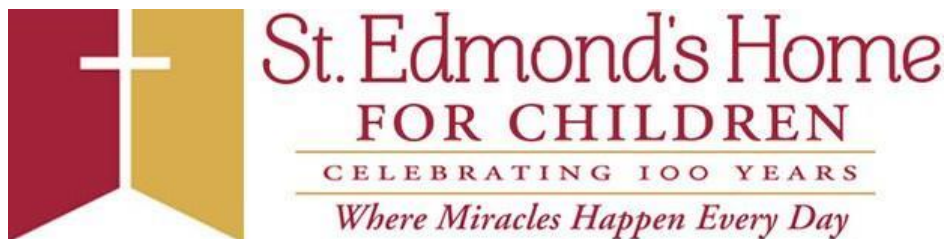
The Santa Shop Gives Back!

In the spirit of the 2023 Christmas Season
we will be collecting donations for
St. Edmond's Home for Children
located in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Upon arrival into the Secret Santa Shop on Dec 6th, the boys will
drop off their donations into Snoopy's Red Dog House

We are asking the boys to please bring in **at least one** of the
following **NEW** items for a child:

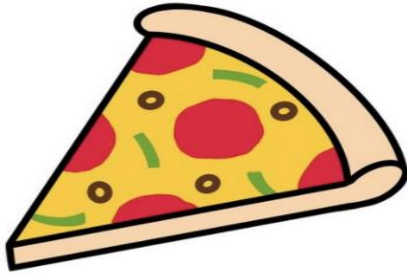
- **Girl's hair bows and accessories**
 - **Leotards/Tights all sizes**
- **Boys/ teenagers undershirts all sizes**
- **Washcloths white, yellow and/or gray**



St. Edmond's Home was founded in 1916 by Archbishop Edmond Prendergast under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Archbishop encouraged the Philadelphia Catholic Community to establish a home to meet the needs of children affected by the polio epidemic. Today, the skilled professional staff at St. Edmond's Home provide an exceptional holistic outcome-oriented plan of care for children with intellectual and physical disabilities.

To learn more please visit: www.stedmondshome.org.

Looking Forward...



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5	30	36	46	68
2	17	35	58	67
9	27	☆	60	70
6	24	31	52	64
13	20	40	47	73

Friday, January 19th

Pizza Bingo

Looking for a fun family night in January? Then please join us for our annual Pizza Bingo night in KDH. There are prizes and raffles and pizza for preorder. Be on the lookout for the Pizza Bingo order form in January and reserve your seat and order your food at that time!



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

January 28th -February 3rd

Catholic Schools Week

Mark your calendar for a week full of activities surrounding the 2024 theme of Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community. More information to come.



Fashion Show Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to the Moms of the Class of 2024 for hosting the Annual Fashion Show. Thank you for working so hard to make this event a success! It was a fun afternoon of fashion, shopping, and community and you did a beautiful job.

Thank you to the event sponsors, our community who purchased raffle tickets, our models who volunteered their time and walked the runway, and all who came out to support SAA. Without YOU, there is no AloysiUS!!



School Store Hours: Tuesdays from 8:00-8:30 AM

Wildcat School Store

Show your Wildcat pride all year long with our vast assortment of apparel, hats, gifts, and other merchandise for purchase. Located in the courtyard next to the little gym. Please see below for forms of payment accepted.

Contact Heather Emery (heatheremery@gmail.com) or Lee Eastwood (rbhlee16@yahoo.com) with any questions.



Parent Association sponsored events and SAA's School Store accept Venmo and PayPal in addition to the option of paying by cash or check.

Venmo username: @SAAParents

PayPal username: treasurer@stalloysiusacademy.org

If using Venmo or PayPal it is very important to specify BOTH what you are paying for, and your family AND child's name in the notes.

2023-2024 Parent Association Officers

President: Rebecca FitzPatrick
Vice President: Kristen Hartz
Hospitality: Angela Milani
Treasurer: Amy Nolan
Recording Secretary: Amanda Kaune
Communications: Tina Grannis

All parents or guardians of children attending St. Aloysius Academy are members of the Association. The mission of the SAA Parents' Association is to assist in supporting the school financially through events and fundraisers. We encourage active participation by utilizing the skills and talents of our wonderful parents for the benefit of our school community.

We have volunteer opportunities to fit every parent's schedule: weekly and monthly time commitment (chairing an event), one-time special events (decorating the school for Christmas, volunteering at homecoming), and at-home opportunities (room parents). Any time commitment is welcome-Please consider volunteering.

Contact the Parents' Association President, Rebecca FitzPatrick, to get involved!



Pennsylvania state law (Act 153 of 2014) requires volunteers have clearances on school file. All volunteers are required to submit clearances to Sister Margaret at sistermargaretf@stalloysiusacademy.org

Required Clearances for Volunteers

The following clearances must be obtained by volunteers living in PA for less than 10 years:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation Fingerprint Clearance
- Pennsylvania State Police Clearance
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance

The following clearances must be obtained by volunteers living in PA continuously for 10 years:

- Pennsylvania State Police Clearance
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance
- Disclosure Statement application for volunteers to be filed at the place of service

Obtaining Required Background Checks:

PA State Police Criminal Record Check

<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

PA Department Human Services Child Abuse History Clearance

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

Federal Criminal Background Check (schedule an appointment)

<https://uenroll.identogo.com/>

For all current and/or prospective volunteers use **code 1KG6ZJ** for Pennsylvania Department of Education(PDE) Volunteers

After above code is entered you should then click on Schedule or Manage appointment and enter the required information

For fingerprint locations please visit the following website:

<https://www.identogo.com/locations/pennsylvania>

This process needs to be completed/updated every 5 years for compliance.

Volunteers who have been a resident of Pennsylvania for less than 10 years must renew their FBI Fingerprint clearance every year until they reach 10 years of residency in Pennsylvania. Once the volunteer meets the 10 year residency requirement, they must complete a Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers which must be submitted every five years.

Additional Training for Volunteers

OCYP offers training programs for volunteers on child sexual abuse prevention and mandated reporting. These trainings include information on recognizing child abuse, reporting, and handling the disclosure of a child. These training programs are mandatory for volunteers who have regular contact with children. Additionally, the OCYP has created training programs and resources on a range of topics related to child sexual abuse prevention to provide for continued education around these topics. A list of resources can be found on our Information and Resources page. Victim Assistance Program 215-587-3880 or 1-888-800-8780 | Safe Environment Program 215-587-2466 Victim Assistance Program 215-587-3880 or 1-888-800-8780 | Safe Environment Program 215-587-2466 ©2019 OCYP

1. Register for “ Protecting God’s Children for Adults “:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

2. Register for Mandatory Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse:

<https://childyouthprotection.org/>

print certificate when you have finished the sessions

3. Standards for Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries

4. Addendum to the Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries Numbers 3 and 4 will be addressed at the training session that is attended in person.

If you have additional questions, please contact OCYP Safe Environment Program at 215.587.2466



If you have questions, comments, or suggestions for SAA's Parent Association, please email ParentAssociation@staloyusacademy.org



March 1st -Family Bowling Night

***March 3rd- Father/Son Communion
Breakfast***

April 20th-GALA