



ST. ALOYSIUS ACADEMY PARENTS' PRESS
News from the St. Aloysius Academy Parent Association
January 2024

Upcoming Important Dates and Events



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2	17	35	58	67
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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 coming soon to reserve your seat and order your food!



Sunday, January 28th

SAA/Villa Maria Academy Lower School Community Mass

Saint Aloysius Academy community will celebrate mass at 11AM with Villa Maria Lower School students/families at Villa Maria House of Studies, Malvern, PA. The mass celebrates the beginning of Catholic Schools Week and our Academies' commitment to the IHM Charism of Love, Creative Hope, and Fidelity. All are invited and more information will be emailed in the coming weeks.



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 follow in the coming days.

Looking Forward.....



Thursday, February 1st

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Please help us show our teachers how much they mean to us!! We will be soliciting gift card donations as well as volunteers for the teacher appreciation luncheon. A Sign Up Genius will be emailed to you in the coming weeks to secure donations and volunteers.



Wednesday, February 14th

Main Line Parent is conducting their annual *LOVE Awards and Family Favorites* and we would love to see St. Aloysius Academy nominated in the "Learn" category. Nominations are open until 2/14/24 and nominee names will appear in their *Best for Families Guide*.

If you wish to share all the wonderful things about SAA, click on the hyperlink below:

<https://mainlineparent.com/love-form/>



Friday, March 1st

Family Bowling Night at Sproul Lanes--Sponsored by 8th Grade

The Class of 2024 invites all Wildcat families to Family Bowling Night. Gather classmates and book a lane or bring your friends and family for a fun night out and meet other SAA families. More information to come.



Sunday, March 3rd

Father/Son Communion Breakfast

Join your SAA student for this annual event. Fathers, grandfathers or important men in our students' lives are invited. Mass will be followed by breakfast in KDH. Save the date!



Christmas Season Thank Yous

We would like to thank Lynne Ingram and Caroline Stansbury for all their efforts in making the Live Nativity a wonderful SAA family event. We would also like to thank the parents/students/siblings who volunteered their time at the Live Nativity. People of all ages enjoyed looking at the Holy Family and the other participants of that incredible first Christmas.

A million thanks to the parents who came out on the first Saturday in December to deck the halls of SAA. The school turned into a winter wonderland and helped the students, teachers and staff get into the Christmas spirit!

A heartfelt thank you to Faithe Kalisperis and Shannon Nassar who spent an enormous amount of time organizing, decorating and ensuring the Secret Santa Shop was a wonderful event. Thank you for working so hard to make this event a success!

Thank you to all the event volunteers, sponsors, our community who donated clothing items to St. Edmond's Home for Children, donated food items for our Secret Santa Shop volunteers, purchased raffle tickets, and all who came out to support SAA. It was a fun day with Santa, shopping for loved ones, and community!

Without YOU, there is no Aloysi**US**!!



April 20th-GALA



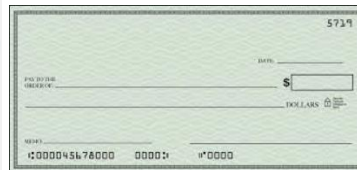
SchoolStore

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@staloysiusacademy.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@staloysiusacademy.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

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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@staloysiusacademy.org