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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mid-quarter progress reports for Ist through 8th grade will be e-mailed out to parents today. This is a great time to look over grades with your child. You can also view your child's midterm progress report on RenWeb/ FACTS SIS under the grades tab.

Our first school event this year is Family Reading Night on September 25th, and we hope to see ALL our families there. Don't forget to pre-order your Family Dinner by Sunday September 21st. - Denise

SAFETY DRILLS

Each year in September and October, with the guidance of the Springfield Police and Fire Departments, our students participate in several safety drills. In the coming weeks we will practice a lockdown drill, a bus drill, and a school-wide fire drill.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 17th Progress Reports-Emailed
- Sept 22nd 26th Scholastic Book Fair
- September 25th Family Night, 6-7:30pm
- September 28^{th} Family Mass, I I:00 AM
- September 29th 6th Grade Vocations
 Day Retreat
- September 29^{th} -Oct 3^{rd} Map Testing
- October 3rd Pet Blessing, 2pm
- October 13th NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day

SAVE THE DATE

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Sunday, October 26
Parish Picnic
at Lincoln Park
12:30-4:00





Caden S. - 7th Jonah. H. - K Elliana M. - 5th Lane S. - Ist

Landyn K. - 6th

Milana M. - 4th Brodi K. - 5th Mrs. Reavis - K Mrs. Pulliam - Art Mrs. Attig - 3rd

Miss Anna - PK Aide



Fr. George and Fr. Saji welcoming our students back and blessing classrooms.

It's Book Fair Time!

We Need Volunteers, We Need YOU!

Volunteering at the Book Fair is one of the most fun and rewarding ways to get involved in helping students become better readers!



Book Fair Shopping Help: Wednesday 9/24 - 8:30-2:30 Friday 9/26 - 8:30-12:00

Volunteers can contact Jessi Allen by text at 618-978-4331 or email <u>rickertjm@gmail.com</u>.





September 22nd - 26th

Students will shop on Wednesday, September 24th

Each child will need an e-Wallet account set up prior to shopping to purchase books at the Book Fair.

Please see the information below for information on how to create an e-Wallet for your child.

Anyone wanting to volunteer for any school events or drive on upcoming fieldtrips must complete the Personal Safety training.



This course is conveniently offered online and only needs to be taken one time. Background checks need renewed every 5 years.

Family Service Hour Requirement: PS/PK - IO hours per family K-8 - I5 hours per family

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JOIN US FOR FAMILY READING NIGHT





SEPTEMBER 25th 6:00-7:30PM







Pre-order a yummy Corn Dog meal and enjoy dinner with family and friends in the school cafeteria from 6:00pm - 6:30pm. Then head over to the school gymnasium for the Scholastic Book Fair. Families can listen to mystery readers, craft, play games, and find a comfy spot to sit and read together. Students are welcome to show their Super Reader power by dressing up as a Superherol

Corn Dog meals are \$5 each and must be pre-ordered by Sunday, September 21st.

Order here ---> https://saintaloysius.org/family-night-dinner

Thank you to Downey Concessions for providing the corn dogs for our Family Night!

PET BLESSING FOR FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

Bring your pets to the playground parking lot at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 3rd to receive a blessing from Father George. St. Francis of Assisi was known for his love of all God's creatures. Please keep all animals either leashed or in a carrier. All are welcome to join us!



The Blessing of the Pets



SHG 4th ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE



Charger Families - St. Aloysius is entered in the annual SHG Homecoming Parade on Sunday, September 28th! Students and families are encouraged to walk in the parade and show off your school spirit! Please see the attached flyer for more details! Following the parade will be the boys' volleyball game and girls' Powder Puff football game along with food, games, and family fun for everyone!

Email Tom Riech, Athletic Director, at AD@saintaloysius.org. to RSVP.

2024-2025 YEARBOOK

Miss out on getting your '24-'25 yearbook? It is not too late! There are a limited number of yearbooks available for \$25. Please e-mail Deann Reavis at deann.reavis@saintaloysius.org to place an order!



FAMILY MASS

We will be celebrating our first Family Mass of the school year on Sunday, September 28th at 11:00 AM.

Please plan on joining us as we celebrate the Mass as a school family!



PULL T\(\text{\mathbb{B}}\) COLLECTION CHALLENGE

Please see the attached flyer for information regarding a can tabs competition hosted by our Third-Grade students.

St. Aloysius will be collecting tabs for the Ronald McDonald House all year long. Each wing of the building will be competing to see who can bring in the most tabs each month.

SHG HOMECOMING PARADE AND KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 28th

Please join SHG and our Springfield Catholic Grade Schools for our 2025
Homecoming festivities as we celebrate school spirit, community, and tradition! We will have a variety of free kids' activities, as well as the Kona Ice truck, Coleman's Food Truck, and a beer truck – I.D. required. Cash and card will be accepted at all food and drink vendors. Our parade kicks off at 4pm, with the homecoming festival immediately following. The boys' volleyball game will begin at 5pm and the girls' Powder Puff game will follow at 6pm. We can't wait to see you there!

"Love is the Irue North that always leads us home."

Contact me: Denise Reavis denise.reavis@saintaloysius.org OR 544-4553 EXT 102





September 22nd - 26th

More Bookjoy, less hassle—with eWallet

This year, say goodbye to giving your kids crumpled bills and loose change...and hello to **ewallet**, a super-convenient, secure digital payment account, for the Scholastic Book Fair. Setting up an eWallet for your child empowers them to choose their own books and effortlessly check out during the Best. Week. Ever. at their school. And any leftover funds can be saved for future Fairs. Now, that's a win-win!





Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:



https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/saintaloysiusschool

Online shopping is available today!

Students will shop with their classes on Wednesday and be able to shop with parents at Family Reading Night

Reminder: Cash and checks WILL NOT be accepted at the Book Fair.

Please follow the link below to create an account.

St. Aloysius School Scholastic Book Fair- e-Wallet

- Create an account for each child before September 24th.
- · Set an amount to your child's(ren) virtual wallet.
- · ...or invite family and friends to contribute
- Shop the Book Fair
- Spend unused funds online or fund an eWallet for your next Fair!



After the Fair, remaining e-Wallet funds are not returned to a credit card but instead, become a gift card balance that can be used online with Scholastic or to fund an e-Wallet for a future Book Fair. Be sure to sign in with the same email used to create the e-Wallet.

Every purchase from the Book Fair earns rewards for our school.

Thank you for supporting us.

E-mail pto@saintaloysius.org



ATTENTION CHARGER FAMILIES!

ST. ALOYSIUS IS ENTERED AGAIN THIS YEAR
IN THE ANNUAL SHG HOMECOMING PARADE!
WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU AND YOUR
STUDENT(S) TO WALK WITH US!
SHOW OFF YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT BY
WEARING CHARGERS GEAR OR
DRESSING IN BLUE AND GOLD!

*SERVICE HOURS FOR ALL THAT WALK!

WHEN - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH WHERE - SHG SENIOR PARKING LOT

(ACROSS FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF EAST CAMPUS)

TIME - LINEUP STARTS AT 3:30

PARADE LEAVES THE LOT AT 4:00 PM AND TRAVELS
WEST ON WASHINGTON STREET (ABOUT 3 BLOCKS)
YOU CAN BRING NOISEMAKERS, HORNS, COWBELLS, ECT IF YOU'D LIKE!
THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE CANDY TO GIVE AWAY!

COLEMAN'S FOOD TRUCK

BEER TRUCK (MUST BE 21+ WITH ID)

SNO SHACK (DIPPIN' DOTS, SNOW CONES)

FACE PAINTING ARTIST

BOYS VOLLEYBALL GAME - 5PM

CIRLS POWDERPUFF - 6PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities

St. Aloysius School will be collecting can tabs again this year. These tabs will be donated to The Ronald McDonald House Charites of Central Illinois.

Each year, Ronald McDonald House® Charities of Central Illinois collects approximately 40 million tabs. That cashes out to about \$10,000 for the charity!

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Illinois is a place that feels like home for families who can't be at home. It is a playful, courageous, hopeful place. The Ronald McDonald House provides a supportive place for families to stay while their child is receiving medical care.

To make this fun for the students while also attempting to collect as many tabs as possible, we will be making a competition out of it. We will see which hallway can bring in the most tabs each month. The third grade class will collect the tabs from each hallway each Friday.

They will weigh the tabs and announce the weight per student of each hallway. The hallway that has the highest weight per student at the end of the month will get a small prize. The hallway that brings in the most weight per student for the whole year will get a big prize at the end of the year. Last year we collected over 130 pounds as a school! Let's try to beat that weight this year.

This contest will run from September until the end of April.

Hallways-Pre-School/ Pre-K Kindergarten/ 1st Grade/ 2nd Grade 3rd Grade/ 4th Grade/ 5th Grade 6th Grade/ 7th Grade/ 8th Grade

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Attig at tara.attig@saintaloysius.org

