

St. Aloysius Catholic School

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As you may have heard, St. Aloysius Catholic School has a basketball team! Twelve students in grades 1 through 3 are sponsored by Pioneer Valley Environmental (PVE) and play weekend games at the Ware Middle School Gym. So far the team has had 3 wins and 1 loss. We can't thank our coaches, Ben Maio and Adam Breen, enough for working with the kids to develop their skills and hone good



sportsmanship. We look forward to what the rest of the season will bring and we couldn't be more proud of our first sports team. The last two games will be at the Ware Middle School on 02/28 at 11am and 03/07 at 9am. Please come and show your support to our team!

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE in progress



WE ARE BLESSED TO BE THE RECIPIENT OF A \$40,000 MATCHING GRANT TOWARDS OUR ANNUAL FUND! That means every dollar raised up to that amount from now through March 31, 2026 will be doubled! Remember, whatever we can raise to offset operating costs will help stabilize tuition costs. Donate online or by mail to the address above! Families, please **spread the word** about this amazing opportunity for our school. Do you know of an organization or individual that could help us? Feel free to share this information with Roberta and she will reach out to them. As of today, we have raised \$ 8075 towards our goal. Thank you to all of our donors, many of whom are from St. Aloysius Church and neighboring parishes.



On February 24th we marked 100 days of school. Students could give up their uniforms and dress like a 100 year old person, or decorate their clothing with 100 items.

Enrollment News

Our first **Open House** for the 2026 / 2027 school year was a big success. We toured ten new families representing thirteen students. We plan to hold another Open House in April, and until then will provide tours to prospective families so that they can see our wonderful school in action. Also, be on the lookout for our outdoor sign announcing we are enrolling. Please help to spread the word and have friends or family members reach out to Roberta directly. rmcquaid@staloyusiuscatholicsschool.com.

The **deadline** to apply for **Financial Aid** through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester is fast approaching. Please consider applying so that you can receive tuition assistance beyond what our school can provide. You do not need to attend Mass in Worcester County, nor do you need to be Catholic. **The deadline is Friday, March 6.**

Here is the link to apply: <https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx>

Faith Formation *with Ms. DiPietro*

During Lent we take time to prepare for Christ's Death and Resurrection. This season of preparation lasts for 40 days. It starts with Ash Wednesday, and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday. We will walk with Jesus as we journey to Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. We will read about the great events that lead us to 2026. These events include and the Great Flood, the Israelites who wandered forty years to the promised land, and Jesus who fasted for forty days and nights. Then, we will read about how he gave his life for our salvation. Lent is a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.



Art

Art classes are finishing up some awesome looking Llama portraits and pop art cityscapes. We will be working with tissue color applications in an impressionist style next.

Music

Music classes will be exploring the Romantic era and instrument families. Recorder students are incorporating music of the era in their tunes. Younger students are working with pitched and non pitched percussion instruments.

French

Bonjour! Preschool - 8th grade will be learning age appropriate vocabulary and grammar. We will continue to practice spontaneous speaking and learning new dialogs! The K-5th grade will be practicing numbers in French!

Happy March Birthday!

Cooper - PS Hannah - Gr 4 Gabriel - Gr 7 Killian - Gr 3

May God Bless You on your birthday and always!

* From the Desk of Nurse Deb *

Healthy Habits

Good sleep, good nutrition and regular physical exercise are essential to kids' ability to rise to the challenges of everyday life.

- Kids need a lot of sleep — 8 to 10 hours a night for teens, 9 to 11 for school-aged children, and 10 to 14 for preschoolers and toddlers.
- Kids should get two fruit and three vegetable servings every day — half of your child's plate at each meal.
- Spending time together as a family doing relaxing activities is a great way to bond and have fun, while building a foundation of healthy habits in the process.



Science Exploration

Mr. B will join us for fun indoor experiments. We will also have guest presenters covering a variety of topics.

Gym

February Gym Classes saw very impressive Fitness Testing numbers, along with Agility and Footwork skills and a fun 'Minute to Win It' game. Ask your child how they did. We hope to get outside this month. Remember **Move On in March!**