

St. Aloysius Catholic School

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Coming soon! *WIZARD OF OZ* Performance
Friday, May 1st at 6 PM in the Assembly Hall

Students in grades 3-8 have been preparing for the melodramatic version of the *Wizard of Oz* performance to be held Friday, May 1st at 6 PM. There is no cost for admission. PTO will be selling concessions. Students created original backdrops for the scenes and added their own comedic spin on the classic play! Come one, come all!



History Day coming to St. Aloysius Tuesday, May 19 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Grades 6, 7, and 8 students have been hard at work on their History Day projects! Students create a visual exhibit board, write a detailed process paper, create an annotated bibliography, and spend countless hours researching topics of their choice. Topics should fit this year's theme (Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in History) and range from D Day, the Black Plague, the Boston Tea Party, and the Seneca Falls Convention. Family and friends are encouraged to attend the final showcase of History Day projects, which will be on display Tuesday, May 19 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM in the assembly hall. Students are looking forward to answering questions and discussing all of the interesting things that they have learned during the past few months.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE update



Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we raised \$21,216. We did not reach our goal of \$40,000, but the total was matched dollar for dollar by a generous benefactor. Four families returned the donor info sheet, yielding six new donations. Thank you to those who helped us to expand our reach.

Save the Date - June 6, 2026
10 Year Anniversary Celebration Chicken Barbecue
St. Mary's Hall, Ware, MA



The Knights of Columbus Council #183 will be hosting a Chicken Barbecue fundraiser on June 6, 2026, at St. Mary's Church Hall to celebrate our 10 amazing years. This family-friendly event will feature something for everyone, including a yummy lunch, a bounce house, DJ, raffles, and more! Tickets are on sale now. Please return the sheet we sent home with your payment. You can also purchase tickets by calling the school, emailing Roberta rmcquaid@staloyiuscatholicsschool.com or by call or text to Megan Morrison at (978) 751-1211. Each family was sent home a book of tickets to sell for our Super Raffle. Thank you to everyone for doing their part to make sure this is a successful fundraiser. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

** Enrollment News **

We're excited to welcome several new students to our school community for the 2026-2027 school year! We have just a handful of spots open in some of our classrooms, so if you know a family who may be interested in learning more about our school, please encourage them to call the school at 413-477-1268 or email Roberta McQuaid rmcquaid@staloyiuscatholicsschool.com for more information and to set up a tour before the end of the year.

Faith Formation *with Ms. DiPietro*

Yes, spring is making a comeback and not too soon. One of the signs that indicate that spring is around the corner, is the blossoming of the forsythia bush. I took time to sit and just drink in the brilliant yellow forsythia bush with its tendrils cascading down. A most peaceful moment in a very busy day. Thank you God for your glorious creation. May is a busy month with special days. There is Mother's Day when we thank our mothers for all they do and have done for us. There is Memorial Day, when we pay tribute to the men and women who serve in the armed forces. We especially remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their life, to keep our country safe. On May 15, the children and staff will take time to honor Mary, our heavenly mother, with a procession to the church and the Crowning of Mary. We thank her for her resounding YES, to be the vessel of God's son Jesus. All are welcome to join us, May 15th at 1:30pm in the church. Bring a flower to add to the flowers on our May table with the statue of Mary. Remember to take time to enjoy God's creation.



Art

In art, grades 6-8 continue constructing masks. Other classes are working on color tissue resists and light-hearted seasonal projects.

Music

Music classes will be incorporating lots of interactive fact games as we begin study of 20th century composers. Older classes are progressing on recorders.

French

Bonjour! PreK-8th grade will be learning age appropriate vocabulary and grammar. K-3 will learn parts of the body and continue practicing numbers 1-100 in French! Gr 4/5 will work on how to ask questions and work on interviewing classmates. Gr 6/7/8 have worked hard learning regular and irregular verbs. We are working on learning the past tense, le passé composé, in French.

Happy May / June Birthday!

May God Bless You on your birthday and always!

Natale-Gr 5 Lilliana-Gr 6 Maverick-Pre-K Dahlia-K Paisley-PS
Grace-K Dominic-Gr 1 Paisley-PK Jakob-Gr 4

From the Desk of Nurse Deb

Every pool, every lake, every beach near water and every warm summer day holds the possibility of new, fun summer experiences. **All you need to add is your undivided attention.**

Pool Safety: Designate a water watcher every single time children are in your care and in or near the water.

Sun Safety: Apply sunscreen, put on a hat, wear sunglasses and protective clothing, hydrate, and seek shade.

Bug Safety: Prevent mosquito and tick bites by using insect repellent, wear long sleeve shirts and pants when out in the woods and check yourself often for any bites or ticks.

Bike Safety: Inspect your bike prior to riding, wear bright clothing to be seen, wear a helmet and follow the rules of the road.



Science Exploration

For the month of May, we will explore the natural world by studying native bugs and learning their role in our ecosystem. Students will create their own bug sprays. They will also spend time outdoors observing new plant life emerging and they will do a little plant growing of their own.

Gym

Now that the weather has improved students are enjoying gym classes outside very much! Please consider applying sunscreen or providing other sun protection on sunny Mondays and Wednesdays.