

St. Aloysius Catholic School

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The 2026/2027 school year is off and running! We are enjoying our new and improved learning spaces! After-school clubs have also started. Thank you to our volunteer parents and staff persons who make these clubs possible!



Please support our current PTO fundraisers! Everyone raved about the flower bulb fundraiser we did last spring. This time around we are offering bulbs for planting in the fall that will bloom come spring time. There is nothing like a tulip or a daffodil to chase away the last of the winter blues! Here is the link to order by October 15: <http://StAloysiusCS.fpfundraising.com> The best part is that the bulbs are shipped directly to our homes and the right time for planting!! Just in time for Thanksgiving, we are also selling pies and cookie dough! We love MCM's Butterbraids, so we can imagine just how tasty these treats are! Use this link to order by October 13: <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/5ANN>. Pick-up at school is scheduled for 11/3/26.



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We are excited to share that Country Bank's School Banking Program is officially returning to our school on October 16! As the program is relaunched, participation will be focused exclusively on elementary school students, allowing Country Bank to create a fun, age appropriate experience that encourages healthy financial habits from the very beginning. Today, financial literacy is more important than ever. Helping children understand the value of saving, setting goals, and making thoughtful financial decisions at a young age can have a lasting impact on their future. Whether students are saving allowance money, earnings from chores, birthday gifts, or money from a lemonade stand, our School Banking Program helps make saving fun, rewarding, and meaningful.

- Country Bank will provide a school banking booth for participating schools.
- Banking days will take place once per month.
- Students will have opportunities to earn fun incentives and recognition for developing positive saving habits.
- Students can sign up for an account at www.countrybank.com/school-banking

****Enrollment News****

We're excited to have welcomed several new students to our school community for the 2026–2027 school year! Our total enrollment is up to 92 students. 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@staloyusiuscatholicsschool.com for more information and to set up a tour. Your word of mouth is our greatest form of advertisement!

Faith Formation *with Ms. DiPietro*

Everything in the created world is an expression of God's love for us. Just look at the vivid colors of the maples, ash and oaks. Fall truly is a time to rejoice in God's love! We respond to God's love through prayer, word, and action. Did you know that our prayers for Morning Assembly change throughout the school year? For the month of October staff and students will be praying the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi, who we celebrate on October 4.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



Happy October Birthday!

May God Bless You on your birthday and always!

Wyatt - Gr 2 Charlotte - PS Mason - Gr 4 Anthony - PS
Hunter - PS Wells - PS

From the Desk of Nurse Deb

FLY AWAY FLU!

- COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH A TISSUE WHEN COUGHING / SNEEZING
- WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN
- AVOID CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK
- STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK
- DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS
- GET AT LEAST 8 HOURS OF SLEEP
- GET PLENTY OF EXERCISE DAILY
- EAT HEALTHY



Art

All grades in Art are using mixed media in a variety of fall foliage themed works.

Younger grades are developing step by step drawing skills.

Music

Music classes are visiting selections on the Golden Record aboard Voyager. Recorders are starting up for grades 4 and up.

French

French classes in K- Gr 2 are learning colors, numbers, and days of the week. In 3rd grade, we are studying French culture and history. In Gr 4- 8, we are learning food vocabulary and how to shop at a French market.

Science Exploration

Science exploration is exploring the 5 senses. During an outdoor sensory walk, students were asked to "notice on purpose" with their eyes, ears and nose. The sense of taste will bring us to discussions about favorite foods, food traditions, and the science of nutrition.

Gym

We are back at it, enjoying fall weather as we build teamwork, passing the ball and proprioception in gym classes.