NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, 2026

St. Aloysius Catholic School

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On the October 22, the Feast Day of Pope St. John Paul II, Mrs. Casiello's Grade 4/5 class had a special celebration to honor the classroom's patron saint! They read a beautiful story about his life, they were gifted a beautiful painting of him, did a walking rosary on the trail and enjoyed delicious pierogis to honor his Polish heritage. Did you know that each of our classrooms have a patron saint? Preschool - St. Therese of Lisieux; Kindergarten - St. Francis of Assisi; Grade 1 - St. Michael the Archangel; Grade 2 - St. Anne, Mother of Mary; Grade 3 and Grade 6,7,8 - St. John the Evangelist. We are so happy to have these saints as intercessors!





Recently, new hopscotch grids were painted on our playground! Students have had lots of fun learning how to play this classic outdoor game.





The last baseball club of 2026 was held a couple of weeks back. Thank you to Mrs. Verham and Mrs. Zwirecki for their help with this club!



As part of Security Grant #2, bollards were installed in the front and back of the school building. Room darkening roller shades were installed inside every window as well. Thank you to Dan McQuaid for all of his work on seeing these projects through to completion.



In honor of Fire Prevention Week, the Hardwick Fire Department came to school and spoke to our students about fire safety. A big thank you to the Fire Chief Gaumond and the Fire fighter Cote for talking about their gear, "stop, drop and roll," and when to use 911.

Enrollment News

Our first Open House for the 27/28 school year will be held on Monday, February 1, 2027 from 3-5:30 pm in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week. 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 r.mcquaid@staloysiuscs.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*

As October draws to a close, we reflect on the splendor of God's creation and give thanks for its beauty. With grateful hearts, we look forward to November and Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to gather, celebrate, and strengthen their bonds. No journey feels too long when it brings us home to those we cherish. Familiar traditions and treasured recipes come to life once again, connecting us to memories we hold dear. As we gather this year, let us give thanks to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us.

Here is the prayer, better known as Grace:

Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Happy November Birthday!

May God Bless You on your birthday and always!

Max- Gr 6 Chase- Gr 4 Wyatt- Pre-K Grant- Gr 7 Layla- Gr-2
Wes- Pre-K Trent- Pre-K Marshall- Pre-K Jordan- Gr 2 Michael- Gr 3

From the Desk of Nurse Deb

FALL INTO HEALTHY HABITS



BE THANKFUL

BE KIND TO OTHERS

MAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF

READ A BOOK

EAT HEALTHY FOODS

GET PLENTY OF SLEEP

TAKE A RELAXING BATH

SMILE OFTEN

GO FOR LONG WALKS

PLAY GAMES

GET LOTS OF FRESH AIR

SET GOALS FOR YOURSELF

LISTEN TO UPBEAT MUSIC

KEEP A JOURNAL

Art

Art classes finished up some spooky projects which are filling the halls! We'll be making more seasonal art in November.

Music

The number of 4th and 5th graders practicing recorders at home has been great! Keep up the good work! We're delving into 1800's composers this month.

French

Bonjour! Pre-School-Gr 3 are reading "La Chenille Qui Fait des Trous" (The Hungry Caterpillar). Gr 4 & 5 are working on a unit about school schedule/classes. In 6th, 7th and 8th grade we are learning about sports and hobbies, as well as conjugating regular and irregular verbs. All grades will begin to learn some traditional French Christmas songs!

Science Exploration

Students continue to explore the science of nutrition by learning about the 5 food groups, creating balanced and colorful plates. Ask your child what they learned as applesauce scientists! Next up, the science of the brain and the role of intentional breathing, featuring the book, "My Many Colored Days" by Dr. Seuss.

Gym

Gym Classes have been enjoying the outdoor weather while they still can. Fitness testing is coming up later on in November!