

Weekly Newsletter

13 May 2009—19 May 2009

Dear St. Aloysius Families,

Finish Strong! The rain last week and the sunshine this week indicates spring is here, but we all know summer is approaching—a mere five weeks away! I encourage all students to stay focused and finish strong. Final Exams for all students are the week of June 1st; and the Religion Exam for grades 3-8 is Thursday, June 4.

Handbook Reminder, **GRADUATION (p.14)** To graduate from St. Aloysius School, a student must have a satisfactory record in scholarship, effort and attitude. *A student must receive a passing mark in all major subjects in order to receive a diploma.* Acceptance to any high school is dependent upon successful completion of eighth grade and promotion by St. Aloysius. If summer school is required, the high school will be notified and the diploma will not be conferred until that requirement is met. If an 8th grade student fails for the year, promotion will be denied and the retention mandated.



Blessings,
Dr. Abelein, Head of School

Prayer

Father, grant us the grace to finish strong. Help us to prepare for our final exams. Guide us in our choice of friends who will encourage us to be all that you designed us to be. **Amen.**

All School Families



- Each family must sell \$200.00 worth of product per fundraiser, per student. If you have more than one child in the school it is \$200 for the first child, \$100 for the second child, and \$50 for the third child. Failure to participate and sell the required amount will result in the balance due paid in full prior to re-registration. *Note: \$200.00 is the minimum amount that must be sold; we are very grateful to families who can sell more than the minimum.* **The Spring Fundraiser is here! Wolfgang chocolates, Hershey's, and Welch's fruit snacks. PLEASE come to the Cafeteria OR Main Office ASAP to sign out your candy to sell.**
- **NO SCHOOL:** Thursday, May 21st (Ascension Thursday); Friday, May 22nd; Monday May 25th (Memorial Day). After School **is not** in session on these three days.
- Please save the date. All school families are invited to attend May Crowning on **Wednesday, May 27th at 1:30pm** in the church. May is the month of Mary; we honor Mary as Jesus' mother and a role model to all women. We hope you will join us in this wonderful ceremony.

Mother Theodore Families

Mrs. Washington, Mother Theodore Program Coordinator

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank all of the chaperones who accompanied us on our field trip. The children had a wonderful time at the Planetarium.

Kindergarten Parents Only

For the safety of all children each class must have at least 6 to 8 chaperones. We would like the children to enjoy each field trip but safety comes first. Parents if you haven't signed up to chaperone on a future field trip, please speak with Ms. Wellington A.S.A.P.

Stepping Up and Graduation Ceremony

The children have started working on the end of the year Stepping Up and Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony. During the next few weeks we will be sending home some material and more information about the ceremonies. We would like the children to begin practicing their lines. Some children will have individual speaking parts, it is very important that those students learn their special lines.

Reminders

May 21-May 25, 2009- School Closed / No After school

May 29, 2009 -Bronx Zoo Field Trip

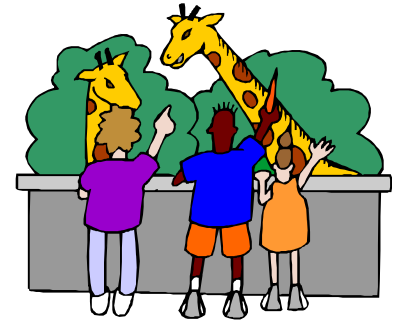
June 5, 2009- May and June Birthday Celebration

(Please notify your child's Teacher if you would like to be a part of the celebration)

June 11, 2009-Movie Theater Field Trip

June 15, 2009-Pre-K Stepping Up Ceremony at 9:00am

June 16, 2009- Kindergarten Graduation at 9:00am



Pierre Toussaint Families

Mrs. Bearden, Pierre Toussaint Program Coordinator

- Progress Reports are included in this week's red folder.
- Grade 3 Field trip to the Museum of Natural History—Friday, May 15.
- Grade 5 Moving-Up ceremony is Monday, June 15 at 7pm. The Grade 5 students **MUST** be at school on Thursday, June 18 for 11am end-of-the-school year Mass.

Sr. Thea Bowman Families

Miss McCarthy, Coordinator of the Sr. Thea Bowman Program and Assistant Principal

Bowman news:

- Field trip Friday, May 15th to the Bronx Zoo.
- 8th grade Science field trip Wednesday, May 20th to the Bodies Exhibit. More details to come.
- **GOOD LUCK** to **Evy** and **Jennifer** who will be competing in the Manhattan Speech Bee on Tuesday, May 19! Evy's speech is on Osama Bin Laden and Jennifer's speech is on Jesus Christ.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Families

Mr. Johnson, Gonzaga Program Coordinator

Gonzaga news:

- Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winners: 1st place—Justin Wiles, 2nd place—Jarred Okshun
- Field trip Friday, May 15th to Central Park; please have your son bring bottled water.



Sr. Thea Bowman and St. Aloysius Gonzaga Families

- 6th grade Oratory tentatively scheduled for June 8th
- **Progress Reports go home this Friday**; they will be in a sealed envelope! Every student receives a progress report, regardless of any outstanding tuition/fees balance.
- Please turn in your **SUMMER CAMP** forms as soon as possible! Thank you!
- 8th grade Graduations. Bowman girls graduate Wednesday, June 10 at 7pm; Gonzaga boys graduate Thursday, June 11 at 7pm. Girls may wear white dresses with appropriate shoes—no high heels. Boys should be in dress pants, shirt, and tie or suit and tie, and appropriate shoes—no sneakers.