

Weekly Newsletter
February 1-February 7

Dear St. Aloysius Families:

Happy Catholic Schools Week! It is wonderful to take time to celebrate all of the positive things about being part of a Catholic school community. We have many exciting activities for our students this week that will do just that. We appreciate all of the families who returned the reflection about why you like being part of a Catholic school. These will be a great addition to our hallways around the school. As a faculty in a Catholic school, we celebrate your children this week and the joy they bring us each day.

Blessings,
Mrs. Nunns and Mrs. Martino

Prayer: A Prayer for Our School

God, our Father and Creator, be with us in our school.
Help us to treasure your gift of life
and treat one another with care.
Let us always remember that we are all created in your
image.

Come, Lord Jesus, and be with us in our school.
Guide our teachers,

guide our parents, and lead our students
to recognize you in all people.

Come, Holy Spirit, and be with us in our school.
Give us a vision for the future,
and the determination for shaping a faith-filled future.

Amen.

All School Families:

- The PTA bake sale is coming up **Feb. 6th**. Please donate a treat to help the PTA. No item will be more than \$1.
- Come support our 8th grade students at their oratory performance on **Feb 8th from 6-7pm**.
- **Please return the re-registration form and fee (money order only) ASAP. Forms are due Feb. 24th.** If we do not have your form back, we may give your spot to students on the waiting list.
- This week's Friday dress-up day is free of charge! Students do not have to bring in the regular \$2.00 donation because it is a part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration. The same expectations for Church-appropriate attire will be enforced.
- Remember that Friday, **February 3rd is a 12:00 dismissal**. After-school will be in session for grades 1-5 only. There is no school and no after-school for Mother Theodore students, due to Parent-Teacher conferences for Pre-K (please sign up for a time slot by the main office).
- Report cards for second marking period will be mailed home this week.
- Thank you to all of the families who donated to last week's canned food drive!
- Individual picture day is **Feb. 10th**. Order forms with payment will be due on that day.

Mother Theodore Families

Mrs. Washington, Mother Theodore Program Coordinator

- **Progress Report Day is February 3, 2012, there will be no school or after-school for all students in the Mother Theodore Program only.**
- **Kindergarten Parents only:** *kindergarten Progress Reports will be mailed, and there will be no Parent-Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten.*
- **Pre-K3 & PreK4 only:** Parent Teacher Conference sign-up sheet is on the wall near the main office.
- **Kindergarten Only:** In order to transition students to first grade, kindergarten will begin to have a shorter naptime. Students will rest for 45 minutes, with their heads down on the table. (Blankets are optional). As the year progresses Kindergarten will no longer receive naptime.
- **Black History Celebration:** The Black History celebration is coming up soon. Parents, please review the Black History material in the red folder. The children are working very hard every day and we want them to have a great performance.
- **Happy Valentine's Day :** The Mother Theodore Program is having a Valentine's Day balloon and lollipop sale. If you would like your child to receive a balloon and lollipop please send in \$2 **before February 10, 2012.**

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- Reminders:

- President's Day: No School, **February 20, 2012**
- 100th Day of School Project: Due **February 10, 2012**
- Individual Pictures Day: **February 10, 2012, order form and payment due.**
- 100th Day of School Celebration: **February 14, 2012**
- Black History Month Celebration: **February 28, 2012**
- This month's birthday celebration is on **February 24, 2012**. If you would like to be part of the celebration, please speak with your child's teacher.

Parents, with the cold season still here, all classes are in need of the following items: Hand Sanitizer, Lysol, Paper Towels, and Clorox Wipes

Pierre Toussaint Families

Mrs. Martino, St. Aloysius Principal

- Students in grades 3 and 5 will be going on a field trip **tomorrow** to see a performance by the Dance Theater of Harlem. **Students are to wear their full regular school uniform.**
- 5th grade will have another field trip on **Tuesday, February 7th** to the Studio Museum of Harlem.
- Please send in your **re-registration form and fee (money order only) no later than February 24th**. This deadline will be strictly enforced this year, and if we do not receive yours, your child's seat in the class for next year may be given to a new applicant.
- The PTA is planning a bake sale for **Monday, February 6th**. Students may bring in \$1.00 to purchase treats at lunch.

Sr. Thea Bowman Families

Ms. Allen, Bowman Program Coordinator

- Although the weather is getting colder, jeans are not allowed to be worn to school, and students should be coming to school in full uniform. The grey Ludel's uniform pants are to be worn during this cold season if students are too cold in just their skirts.
- E-readers are no longer allowed to be used for SSR.
- **Thursday, February 2**, will be an ice cream sale. Students are invited to bring money to purchase ice cream during lunch periods.
- For **Friday, February 3**, students may dress in fancy church attire or their uniform. Please follow the dress up guidelines. T-shirt style shirts, sweatshirts, off the shoulder shirts, cargo pants, UGG boots, winter boots, Doc Martins, sneakers, jeans, leggings, and short skirts are NOT allowed.
- Please return permission slips for the **February 7th** field trip to Alvin Ailey Dance Studio. This is going to be a wonderful experience for our students!
- 8th grade oratory is **February 8th**. Students have picked their pieces. Please assist them in memorizing their poems.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Families

Ms. Scott, Gonzaga Program Coordinator

- Eighth grade oratory is at **6pm on February 8th** in the church. Please be sure your son is memorizing and practicing his piece for oratory.
- Gonzaga will be taking a field trip to see **Alvin Ailey on February 7th**, please return the permission slip **ASAP**.
- Parents, please begin collecting and sending in box tops.
- Make sure your son returns all overdue books to the library.
- Please see that your son is wearing the full uniform to school. This means that they cannot wear black sneakers or boots, they must wear black or brown dress shoes to school.