



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: January 8, 2018

Dear Parents,

As we all ponder new year's resolutions, Pope Francis' List must be considered: "Don't gossip, Finish your Meals, Make time for others, Choose the 'more humble' purchase, Meet the poor 'in the flesh', Stop judging others, Befriend those who disagree, Make commitments, such as marriage, Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord', and Be happy." Whatever you decide, know that the SAS Faculty & Staff will keep you in our thoughts and prayers for a very blessed 2018!

Re-registration forms for currently enrolled students will be sent home this Thursday, January 11th. It is imperative that we receive the information no later than Thursday, February 1st. We appreciate your attention to this very important matter as it helps us to plan for the 2018-2019 school year.

An exciting feature for next year's tuition is that Field Trips, School Supply Package (a few supply items will need to be purchased: i.e. booksack), Home & School Fee, and a Spirit Shirt IS INCLUDED!! In addition for Grades PreK and & K, tuition includes the above listed and the Yearly Snack Fee, Seat Sack, and Nap Mat as well. We hope this helps to simplify your life.

–Erin Candilora

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Amen

IMPORTANT DATES –

January 10 – Application Day for PK, K & New Students (Parish Hall 9:00 – 1:00)

January 11 – Re-Registration Forms Sent Home for 2018-2019 School Year

January 12 – All School Mass – Remember to Support the Food Bank

PK-1 Narratives Will Be Sent Home

January 15 – No School!! Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 17 – Lock Down Drill

January 19 – 4th Grade Class Mass

January 26 – 7th & 8th Grade Class Mass

Wear Spirit Shirts

January 29 – National Catholic Schools Week

Extension Fees for the Spring Semester Due

February 1 – Registration Forms/Fees Due for 2018-2019 School Year

Growth Mindset for January: Feedback is a Gift-Accept It – The objective of the month is to teach you the difference between *person praise* and *process praise*. *Person praise* focuses on a student’s personal traits and qualities, like intelligence. “You’re so smart” is a commonly heard example of person praise. The problem with this kind of praise is that it sends the message that students succeed because of some inherent, inborn quality they possess, not the effort they put into the task. *Process praise*, which acknowledges effort, strategies, or actions that contributed to the success of a task, sounds more like this: “You worked really hard at that,” sending the message that the amount of effort put into the task led to success. Here are a few more examples of how to change person praise statements into process praise:

PERSON PRAISE	PROCESS PRAISE
You’re a natural at math.	These problems didn’t give you much of a challenge. Let’s move on to something that will really stretch your brain!
You’re such a good boy/girl.	I really appreciate that you cleaned up your room without being asked.
You’re a born writer.	Your writing shows that you understand the value of word choice.

Another trap that we can easily fall into is offering nonspecific praise. Phrases like “Well done!” and “Good work!” while technically these phrases are process-oriented praise, they are *vague* and don’t provide much information to your child. The problem with this kind of feedback is the lack of context; it doesn’t address WHAT the child has done well. Let’s accompany this with some effective feedback describing what *specifically* was good about the work in terms of process.

Again here are some examples of how to change vague praise into specific praise:

VAGUE PRAISE	SPECIFIC PRAISE
You’re awesome!	You’re putting awesome effort into your science project.
Good work!	Good work writing a detailed essay for your English homework. I admire how hard you have been working on this assignment.
Well done!	Well done on your dance recital. I can see that you’ve really been practicing and putting a lot of effort into perfecting your turns.

We know the kind of praise we offer children can encourage fixed and growth mindsets, so it’s important to be mindful of what type of praise we are ultimately giving them.

Second Quarter Report Cards – are now available in the E-Locker in Plus Portal.

Application Day for New Students – Application Day for new students will be held on **January 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in the St. Aloysius Parish Hall. Families applying for admission should bring copies of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, and immunization record. Transfer students will also need copies of all prior report cards, standardized test scores, and reports from any psycho-educational testing.

2018-2019 Scholarship/Financial Aid Application – Every year, St. Aloysius School awards over fifty need-based scholarships. Need is always the prime determinant for selection. Other criteria considered in selection are good character, satisfactory achievement, and activities. Four scholarships are designated for minority students. Scholarships awards range in value from \$500 to full tuition. All submitted information remains confidential. A scholarship selection committee meets to determine recipients. *To be considered, a student must be an enrolled kindergartner through eighth grader for the year applying for assistance.* The 2018-2019 scholarship/financial aid application is now available. Applications can be found under Important Links on the main page of school website and in the school office. **Deadline for submission is Thursday, February 1st at 3:00 p.m.** Notifications will be sent out to applicants in early March.

Grandparents' Day- Grandparents' Day for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will be on Friday, February 2, 2018. Grandparents will gather in church and the children will meet them at 7:50 am. After mass, there will be a short reception, followed by classroom visitation until 9:40 am. Invitations will not be sent, so we depend on you to inform your child's grandparents of this event.

SAVE THE DATE: The St. Aloysius Auction will be held Friday, February 2, 2018! The Auction committee is currently in need of volunteers for various positions that assist with putting on the Auction. This can include anything from soliciting and picking up auction items to volunteering the night of the auction. If you'd like more information on volunteer opportunities, please email Amy Burris at acanniz@gmail.com. To view the list of current volunteer opportunities, please visit the Sign Up Genius link at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949aeaf2ca02-stalloysius>

Louisiana Life March South 2018: Saturday, January 20, 2018 – State Capitol to Downtown Riverfront Levee Green – 10am until noon. 2018 Theme: Every Life Deserves a Lifetime. Due to construction in the area, the route this year will be reversed. The Life March South will begin in the grassy area outside the State Capitol near Spanish Town Road and N. 4th Street. The March for Life will begin at 10 a.m., proceed south on N. 4th Street, west on North Boulevard, and south on River Road to the Levee Green near the U.S.S. Kidd. A formal program will be held at the Levee Stage, beginning approximately at 11 a.m. For more information, visit www.prolifelouisiana.org/events/lifemarch

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