



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: April 9, 2018

Dear Parents,

We pray your family had a wonderful break! April is full of field trips, and we are excited to bring learning opportunities outside of the classroom walls. Spring is also the perfect opportunity to learn about planting and harvesting while increasing the beauty of our campus. The students taking “ownership” of the campus with creative ideas and energy has been the impetus and inspiration of additional gardens throughout the campus. Thanks to all the SAS Teachers for seeing the need to get the students hands dirty! Your support of the Annual Appeal provides the funds for these extra special projects. As always, the partnership between home and school makes such an incredible impact.

To continue fun hands-on learning, several of our teachers are offering Summer Camps on our campus. Under “Important Links” there is a Summer Camp Link. We hope you take advantage of the fun, educational camps created and taught by our talented teachers.

-Erin Candilora

***“The Word of God became flesh and made his dwelling among us;
and we saw his glory.” Amen***

IMPORTANT DATES –

April 20 – All School Mass – Remember to Support the Food Bank

April 27 – Pep Rally/Treat Day Grades 5-8

April 27 – All Grades Wear Spirit Shirts with Uniform Bottoms

May 1 – Tuition Due for 2018-2019 School Year

May 4 – All School Mass – Remember to Support the Food Bank

Growth Mindset for April – There’s a Difference between Not Knowing and Not Knowing Yet! A lot can be read into the word: FAIL. There’s something so definite about it; unlike “mistake” or “setback,” the finality of the word implies your goose is cooked. Over. Finito. Dunzo. But the word *yet*? Now, that’s a magical word. *Yet* conveys the promise of better things to come. *Yet* is the future saying, “Hey, you! I’m right up here. Come and get me!” What if we replaced our “I have failed at it” mentality with “I haven’t accomplished it yet” mentality?

Teachers/parents let’s move our students/children from knowledgeable to knowledgeable. This means presenting them with authentic learning opportunities from which they

can find answers and generate more answers. We should be inspiring in our students/children curiosity about the world, not about how many points they need to get an A.

Knowledgeable (What)	Knowledge-able (Why/How)
Find the vocabulary words in the word search.	Write a funny story using all the vocabulary words.
Label the diagram of the insect life cycle.	Film a video with your students/children depicting a day in the life of an insect (Have fun with learning/studying!)
Learn about energy efficiency.	Design a test for insulation materials to determine the best one.

“Test scores and measures of achievement tell you where a student is, but they don’t tell you where a student could end up.” Carol Dweck.

PE DEPT. – The P.E. classes are in need of tennis balls. Thanks for your support.

SURVEY INFORMATION – As a Catholic School, we utilize the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools protocol. The Catholic Identity Defining Characteristics Survey is part of that protocol. Your input is important to us in this process. **Thank you for completing the online survey by April 15.** To take the survey, simply click on the link below or go to the St. Aloysius website (school.aloysius.org) and click the survey link which is located under "Important Links". All responses are confidential, and only the group statistics will be reviewed and included in the data reports.

FIRST AID NEWS - Scoliosis Screening was a big success thanks to the following volunteers: Cara Hotstream, PT; Ashley Blanchard, PT; Lindsey Aucoin, PT Patrick O'Brien, PT; Dr. Christopher Funes, Cherie March, Stacey Fourrier, Renee' Skinner, Nancy Hupperich, Krista Valluzzo, Elise Khuri. A special thank you to Kristie Culpepper, PT, (Chair) and Marieke Crawford, PT (co-chair) for organizing the much-needed services over 470 students were screened. We are so... blessed to have wonderful parents that share their time and knowledge!!

THE GULF COAST BANK TUITION LOAN link will be open from April 9th until May 1st. The link will be located on our website under "Important Links". This service is available for any parent needing a tuition loan for the 2018-19 school year. Loans must be completed online by May 1, 2018. A \$50.00 late fee (Per Child) is assessed on any incomplete or unapproved loan after May 1, 2018. **Loans obtained after May 1st will not be approved until the late fee is paid directly to the school. Gulf Coast tuition loans for 2017-18 MUST be current before loans for 2018-19 can be approved.**

THE MISSION OF ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL IS TO EDUCATE THE WHOLE CHILD IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION FOR A LIFE OF MEANING AND PURPOSE.