



ST. ALOYSIUS ELEMENTARY ACADEMY

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to all our Saint Aloysius Families!

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

On behalf of Fr. Juancho, faculty, staff, and myself, we hope that you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer! As I begin my Fifth year at St. Aloysius, I am particularly grateful for the blessing of this community of staff, students, and families in my life. I am eager to finally see all of you on your first day of school, please see below for your child's start date. During the summer, we are working to ensure the school is clean and disinfected in anticipation for God's little ones to return. This school year we have acquired more Chromebooks to use in conjunction with instruction throughout the year. We will continue to use the IXL Program to bridge the gap with instructional programs. We are proud and excited to launch the 2024-2025 school year with incredibly talented and dedicated teaching staff and your ongoing support and partnership!

As most of you know, I am quick to respond to emails and am very approachable. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me or schedule an appointment with Mrs. Pineda, the principal's secretary. I'm a firm believer in an open-door policy.

Let us begin this school year the same way we begin every day with our students, grounded in the mission of St. Aloysius Elementary Academy.



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Below please find some important information and reminders about the start of the school year. Along with this letter will be our tentative calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you in advance for your attention to the many details.

- **Staff Changes:** are as follows:
 - Mr. Dominguez – Seventh Grade teacher
 - Mrs. Cortes – Fifth Grade teacher
- **Morning Procedures:** All students will be entering through the main entrance on West Side Ave. **except Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4**, they will be entering through the Convent Courtyard doors. **Doors open at 8:10 AM.**
- **Afternoon Procedures:** We will continue to have staggered dismissals. Any students that will be staying for the after-Care program will be escorted to the cafeteria and dropped off to the teacher in charge of the program.
 - **Grades Pre-K 3 and 4 Dismissal 2:50pm Convent Courtyard doors**
 - **Grades K, 1, 2, and 6 Dismissal 2:50 pm Kensington Ave. doors**
 - **Grades 4 and 5 Dismissal 3:00pm Main entrance doors**
 - **Grades 3, 7 and 8 Dismissal 3:00pm Annex doors**
- **First Day of School:** The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 4th for grades K to 8, September 5th and 6th for all grades including Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4.** Please remember that these **three days are half days of instruction with no After Care**
- **Back to School Night:** Is on **Wednesday, September 22nd** for grades 1 to 8 at 6PM. More information to follow. **Tentative**
- **Kindergarten and Pre-K Orientation:** Will be on Tuesday, August 20th for Pre-K3 **only at 11:00am** and on **Friday, August 30th for Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten at 10:00am.** We ask that all parents with a child entering Pre-K or Kindergarten to please attend. The location of the meeting will be sent by the classroom teacher via email.



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- **School Handbook:** A copy of the handbook will be posted on the website. An acknowledgement form will be sent the first week of school, please sign and return the form back to the school no later than **Monday, September 11th**.
- **Website:** We have updated and improved our website. Teachers normally update information on their Teacher Corner, please check for important updates.
- **Drills:** During the first week of school St. Al's will be practicing our safety drills. Teachers will be practicing and discussing our fire and lockdown drill and other emergency drills. This will occur throughout the year to ensure that all students and staff are prepared in the event we need to use them. Please remind your children these drills are for practice only.
- **Student Information:** Please ensure that all information regarding your child is updated in the school office if you have not done so already. **Please make sure we have a valid email on file as most of our correspondence this year will be by email. Please fill out the TWO EMERGENCY CARDS (one for the office and one for the nurse).** There will be an option to receive hard copies of any letters being sent out. Most of this information can be updated on the packet given to the parents. If you need a packet, please stop by the main office to update any information needed. Additional information such as restricted dismissals and new or updated custody agreements should be sent directly to the principal in a sealed envelope labeled confidential.
- **Tuition Reminders:** Please remember the first payment was due July 15th through FactsManagement.com. Please remember to have your payment submitted in a timely fashion to avoid any additional fees. If you have any questions or concerns regarding tuition, please contact Mrs. Pena at icastillo-pena@stalselem.org or by phone at 201-433-4270 ext. 10



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Teacher Corner – Please check this frequently for any updates regarding academics and classroom activities.

- **School Supplies:** All grade appropriate supplies will be provided by the school such as: notebooks, assignment pads, folders, pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks, and pencil cases (soft). Any additional supplies will be requested by the teacher by the first week of school. Please always check the teacher corner for any updates.
- **Fundraisers:** We will have fundraisers throughout the school year. We are kindly asking that all parents participate to help the school with fundraising. All monies are used for educational purposes. **Please remember that every family has a fundraising obligation of \$500 for the year.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Pineda via email at gpineda@stalselem.org or by phone at 201433-4270. Last year's fundraisers were successful.
- **Uniforms:** Please see below the uniform dress code. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the main office. Students must always wear the proper uniform. If the student is not wearing their proper uniform, parents will be contacted and must bring the proper uniform for their child to change. **NO hoodies or sweatshirts** that are not part of the school uniform are allowed. Any inquiries about the uniform, please visit the following store/website: www.lobels.net.
- **Clubs/Activities:** More information will follow at the beginning of the school year about after-school clubs and sports.

Fall/Spring Uniforms:

Pre-K 3 to Grade 3

Boys- red polo shirt with St. Aloysius emblem, black pants or short pants, white crew socks, solid white sneakers (Velcro sneakers for pre-k) * Black button-down sweater with St. Aloysius emblem

Girls- black polo shirt with St Aloysius emblem, red plaid skorts, white knee socks, solid white sneakers (Velcro sneakers for pre-k)



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* Black button-down sweater with St. Aloysius emblem

Grades 4 - 8

Boys- red polo shirt with St. Aloysius emblem, black pants, white crew socks, solid white sneakers

* Black sweater vest or black pull-over sweater with St. Aloysius emblem

Girls- red polo shirt with St. Aloysius emblem, black skorts, white knee socks, solid white sneakers

* Black sweater vest or black pull-over sweater with St. Aloysius emblem

Winter Uniforms:

Pre-K 3 to Grade 3

Boys- white button-down shirt with red tie, black pants, black socks, solid black leather shoes (solid black Velcro sneakers or leather shoes for pre-k), black button-down sweater with St. Aloysius emblem

Girls- white peter pan collared shirt with red plaid crisscross tie, red plaid skorts or black pants (not leggings/jeggings), black knee socks/black socks for pants, black leather Mary Jane shoes (any solid black Velcro leather shoes or sneakers for pre-k), black button sweater with St Aloysius emblem.

Grades 4 - 6

Boys- white button-down shirt with red tie, black pants, black socks, black leather tie shoes, black sweater vest with St. Aloysius emblem

Girls- white button-down blouse with solid red crisscross tie, black skorts or black pants (not leggings/jeggings), black knee socks for skorts or black socks for pants, black leather tie shoes, black sweater vest with St. Aloysius emblem.

Grades 7- 8

Boys- white button-down shirt with red tie, black pants, black socks, black leather tie shoes, black pull-over sweater with St. Aloysius emblem.

Girls- white button-down blouse with solid red crisscross tie, black skorts or black pants (not leggings/jeggings), black knee socks for skorts or black socks for pants, black leather tie shoes, black pull-over sweater with St. Aloysius emblem.



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Our Saint Aloysius Elementary Academy Homeroom and Staff list

Administrative Team

Fr. Juancho, Pastor
Mr. Jorge L. Rivera, Principal
Mrs. G. Pineda, Assistant to the Principal
Mrs. I. Pena, Tuition Specialist and Bursar
Mr. R. Villaver, Student Services Coordinator, and IT
Mrs. M. Santiago, Financial Manager

Homeroom Teachers

Pre-K 3 - Ms. Matos-Gonzalez
Pre-K 4A – Ms Osi
Pre-K 4 Assistant – Mrs. L. Miranda
Kindergarten – Mrs. Helen
First Grade – Ms. Castillo
Second Grade – Ms. Caamano
Third Grade - Mrs. de la Cruz
Fourth Grade – Mrs. Shivas
Fifth Grade – Mrs. Cortes
Sixth Grade – Mrs. Cruz
Seventh Grade – Mr. Dominguez
Eighth Grade – Mrs. Knueppel
Floating Aide – Mrs. Serrano
Cafeteria Manager – Mrs. Porres
Cafeteria Staff – Mrs. Perez
Cafeteria Staff – Mrs. Rosario
Cafeteria Staff - Mrs. Santos
Head of Maintenance – Mr. Wronski

Peace and Blessings,

Mr. Jorge L. Rivera



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A Student's Prayer at the Beginning of School Year

*We give you praise, O God, for everything that is
new and beautiful, for everything which holds
promise and brings us joy.*

*Bless us as we start this new year with
our friends and teachers.
Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start
afresh.*

*May we show love to one another and to all.
May the new beginning of this school year remind
us that you give us chances to start over again
and again.*

*Help us to forgive others as we
receive your forgiveness.*

*Help us to learn and to work together.
Help us to listen when we should and to
know the best words when we speak and
when it is better not to speak.*

*We thank you for our friends Help
us to be good friends this year.
Help us to be patient with
ourselves and with others.*

*Bless our school and keep us safe.
Be with us as we travel each day.
Help us to be aware of your love shown
to us in the people around us.*

*Bless all those who care for us
In school and at home.
Help us show our care for them and
to say sorry when we need to.*

*May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us And
help us to live as well as we can
Giving thanks and glory to God as she did*