



# St. A's Update

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## Important Dates:

**Friday, October 19:**  
Class Group Pictures followed by student photos on Monday, October 22.

**Sunday, Oct. 21:**  
Fall Open House for Potential Students  
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Friday, Oct. 26:**  
Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM. No Lunch.  
Faculty Meetings.

**Monday, October 29:**  
7:30 PM:  
Reconciliation meeting in Church

7:30 PM:  
Confirmation: "Kiss a Frog" meeting in Stapleton Hall

**Wednesday, Oct. 31:**  
Halloween Annual All School Costume Parade through New Canaan 1:30 pm

**Thursday, Nov. 1:**  
Early Dismissal. 11:30 AM. No lunch.  
All Saints: Holy Day.  
School Mass 9:00 AM

**Friday, Nov. 2:**  
First Friday: School Mass at 9:00 AM

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**  
No school. Election Day. Faculty workshops:  
Technology Training.

**Thursday, Nov. 8**  
Report Cards for First Marking Period sent home

Dear Moms and Dads:

Class Group Pictures will be taken of each of the grades tomorrow, Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure that your child comes to school in a neat, clean summer uniform for this photograph.

On Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, students should wear their best outfits to school (uniforms are optional) for their individual pictures. Pictures will be taken throughout the day.

Please be sure to send in your "Life Touch" forms by tomorrow.

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Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> is our "Fall Open House" for prospective families who may be interested in sending their children to St. Aloysius School. The open house will be preceded by the 10:00 AM Mass in the Church. Many of our children will be participating in this Mass, singing hymns and presenting some of the readings. All school families are invited to attend this Mass.

The Open House will begin at 11:00 AM in the school Gym/Auditorium with a presentation about the school followed by tours and an opportunity to meet and talk to teachers in both the upper school and the lower school. If you know of anyone who may be interested in having their children attend St. Aloysius, please tell them about our open house and invite them to attend.

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As you know, Mrs. Jody Shine, our Kindergarten Teacher for the last thirteen years, will be leaving us at the end of this month. She is moving with her husband to New Delhi, India. We are conducting an extensive search to find an appropriate replacement for Mrs. Shine. While this is a slow process, we expect to complete the search within the next week.

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The school community is looking forward to the Halloween Costume Parade at 1:30 PM on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The children and their teachers, dressed in their favorite costumes, will parade through the Town of New Canaan. It is an excellent photo opportunity for parents and a fun-filled experience for the children.

The route of the parade: Leaving the main entrance onto Cherry Street. Turn left on Main Street. Turn left on Elm Street. Turn left on Park Street, and, of course, left on Cherry to the main entrance of the school. The New Canaan police department will assist with traffic control. Pray for good weather.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Donald A. Howard, Principal

## ST. ALOYSIUS ON TV....

On October 2nd, the St. Aloysius Church adult choir, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, members of Performing Arts and six altar servers from St. Aloysius School taped two liturgies for The Sunday Mass.

Msgr. Scheyd was the celebrant for the second Mass. The music was directed by Thom Marino, director of music for the parish. The students formed the congregation and were accompanied by Mrs. Crispi, religion teacher and Mrs. Houst, 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher. Mrs. Bea Boland a parishioner was a lector.

The televised liturgy not only fosters evangelization through word and sacrament, but also provides a prayerful experience to those unable to attend their parish church and all other interested viewers. It was a beautiful and moving experience for all.

The air dates are Sunday, October 21st and 28th. The taping took place at St. Francis of Rome, Bronx, N.Y.

Marie Crispi

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## St. Aloysius Annual Parade and Halloween Party !



It's that time again. St. Aloysius school will be having our annual parade through the streets of New Canaan. Wear your best Halloween costume on Wednesday October, 31st.

We will meet in the gym at 1:30 where the parade will begin and party to follow. All parents are welcome to come and see all the great costumes!

Coming soon.... look for the treat sign up sheet outside your classroom door. Please be diligent with the specific food items asked for as we are trying to be sensitive to those children with food allergies.

Any questions feel free to contact:

Lisa Bonsanti 322-4769  
Christine Stone 461-9162

Thank you and we look forward to seeing all those wonderful costumes!!

**THINK FIRST & STAY SAFE!**  
**THE CHILD LURES PREVENTION PROGRAM**  
**FOR PARENTS**

LEARN HOW TO TALK WITH CHILDREN ABOUT PERSONAL SAFETY IN A WAY THAT IS NON-THREATENING!

Preview the program that is being provided to children in every Catholic Elementary School in the Diocese of Bridgeport and in the Archdiocese of Hartford!

GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER PARENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY to LEARN MORE ABOUT ABUSE PREVENTION.....ABDUCTION PREVENTION.....IMPORTANT STEPS TO TAKE IF YOUR CHILD IS EVER MISSING.....INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY SAFETY .....BULLYING PREVENTION

**MONDAY OCTOBER 29th, 2007**

**6:00 PM-7:30PM**

**or**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**6:00 PM-7:30PM**

The CATHOLIC CENTER **238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606 Room L17**

**PLEASE CALL Tara Mingione to PRE-REGISTER (203)416-1327.** *(Leave a message with your name and phone number)*

The Catholic Center, 238 Jewett Avenue, is in the North End of Bridgeport and lies between Main Street and Madison Avenue. It is about 3/4 mile north of Saint Vincent's Medical Center. **VIA Merritt Parkway:** Traveling East - Take Exit 48 (Main St., Route #25); turn right onto Main St. (southbound) Traveling West - Take Exit 48 (Main St., Route #25); turn left onto Main St. (southbound) Then proceed down Main St. to the seventh traffic light and turn right (at Subway Sandwich Shop). This is Jewett Ave. The Catholic Center is about 2/3 of the way down this block on your right.

**VIA Connecticut Turnpike (95):** Traveling East or West - Take Exit 27A onto Route 8-25 Expressway. Take the 2nd exit (Lindley Street) off the Expressway. Turn left off the exit ramp onto Lindley St. and go one block to traffic light (Capitol Ave.), then turn left onto Capitol Ave. Go four blocks on Capitol Ave. to next traffic light (Main St.) and turn right onto Main St. Proceed up Main St. to the third traffic light at five-corner intersection. Jewett Ave. is a left turn at this intersection. The Catholic Center is about 2/3 of the way down this block on your right.

# SPACES AVAILABLE FOR THIS SATURDAY

We are pleased to offer again this year the opportunity to have a professionally done portrait of your children and/or entire family by Katherine Sweet at Mead Park in New Canaan on **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Please sign up early so that you can have your choice of date and time.

**In addition to raising money for our school,** this is a great chance to have professionally done portraits for a sitting fee of only \$35.00. It is also a very convenient way to get your Christmas cards done.

**To make an appointment,** please fill-in the information below and return this sheet to the school office **along with your check for the \$35.00 sitting fee payable to St. Aloysius School.**

This event will be open to the parish at large, so **please make your reservations early!!** We will get back to you the week of the shoot with your specific time slot. (In the event of rain, picture taking will take place in the school gymnasium.)

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below to indicate your preferred date and general time preference for picture taking:

**Preferred Date:**

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**General Time Preference:**

8:30 – 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_

10:00 – 12:00 \_\_\_\_\_

12:00 – 2:00 \_\_\_\_\_

2:00 – 4:00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please call Kathy Rudden at 852-8031 or Christine Stone at 461-9162 with any questions**

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO FRIENDS, FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORS  
ABOUT HOW GREAT YOUR SCHOOL IS.....**

**WE ARE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE SCHOOL CAMPUS  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2007  
11.00 A.M – 2.00 P.M**



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### **ADDITIONAL VIRTUS TRAINING**

**Please note there is a 9.00 am class for those of you looking for daytime schedules (see below).**

**Just a reminder... if you are to volunteer for the school, you must complete a “Protecting God’s Children” session and hand in a copy of your certificate (wallet sized) to Mrs. Kelly in the school office for our records.**

**If you have any questions please contact Tracey Limone at [leshlimt@aol.com](mailto:leshlimt@aol.com)**

**Protecting God's Children  
for Adults**

Where: St. Catherine of Siena Parish (Riverside)  
4 Riverside Avenue

When: Wednesday, October 17, 2007  
6:30 PM

Estimated time: 2 hrs 30 min

Spaces remaining: unlimited

Language: This session will be conducted in English

Wheelchair accessible: Yes

**Protecting God's Children  
for Adults**

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Weston)

When: Tuesday, October 30, 2007  
9:00 AM

Estimated time: 3 hrs

Spaces remaining: 48 of 50

Language: This session will be conducted in English

Wheelchair accessible: Yes

**Protecting God's Children  
for Adults**

Where: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (Norwalk)  
203 East Avenue

When: Wednesday, November 7, 2007  
6:30 PM

Estimated time: 2 hrs 30 min

Spaces remaining: unlimited

Language: This session will be conducted in English

Notes: This training was originally scheduled to be held at St. Matthews.  
Location has changed to St. Thomas Norwalk

Wheelchair accessible: Yes

**Protecting God's Children  
for Adults**

Where: Sacred Heart Parish (Stamford)  
37 Schuyler Avenue

When: Wednesday, November 14, 2007  
6:00 PM

Estimated time: 3 hrs

Spaces remaining: 48 of 50

Language: This session will be conducted in English

Notes: Sacred Heart Parish 37 Schuyler Ave., Stamford, CT 06902-3760  
(203) 324-9544

Wheelchair accessible: Yes