

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Kaleidoscope Connection

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

January 6, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 7 - School Mass
- January 7 - Beta Club Meeting
- January 13 - Report Cards
- January 14 - School Mass
- January 17 - No School
- January 20 - Drama Club Meeting
- January 21 - School Mass

The Mission of St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic School is to form students in the Catholic Faith spiritually, academically, physically, and culturally in an environment of academic excellence.

***There will be NO school on Monday, January 17th.

COVID UPDATE

The new guidelines for COVID quarantine protocols were sent out earlier this week from Bishop Duca. The guidelines are also included with this week's Kaleidoscope. We have continued to sanitize and follow as many safety guidelines as possible to keep everyone safe and healthy. Masks remain optional, but highly recommended. Thankfully, our positive cases and quarantine situations are minimal. Close contacts are being alerted when necessary. Please do not send your child to school if you or someone in your household has COVID symptoms or will receive COVID testing that day. Your help and support is greatly appreciated!

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year

Deadline approaching...Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students and new siblings is open now. **The deadline for re-registration is January 23, 2022.** In order to guarantee a spot for your child for the 2022-2023 school year, he/she must be re-registered by this date. The registration fee will increase to \$350.00 on January 14, 2022 and up to \$400 on January 24, 2022. If you have any questions concerning re-enrollment, please contact Mrs. Tammy Feduccia, tfeduccia@stalphonsusbr.org. Re-enrollment is available through the "Family Portal" on RenWeb or by clicking on this link: <https://SA-LA.client.renweb.com/pw/> Once on the Family Portal, select "Apply/Enroll," Application (for a new sibling) or Enrollment/Reenrollment for a returning student.



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Tax Statements for 2021

A *printable payment summary* is available by logging into FACTS, selecting “View Details” and then selecting “View Payment Summary.” Our Tax ID is included on the summary. Please contact April Kimball, Extended Care Director at 225.261.5704 or by email at akimball@stalphonsusbr.org for payments made to the school prior to FACTS for Extended Care. If you need assistance navigating to your FACTS account, please contact Karen Keller, Finance Manager at 225.261.5299 or by email at kkeller@stalphonsusbr.org.

New Student Registration

If you know of someone interested in joining our St. Alphonsus School family, please let them know that new student registration opens on January 24th. Tours can be scheduled by calling 225-261-5299.

Bingo Night

Home and School Bingo Night has been postponed.

Distinguished Educator Award



St. Alphonsus Catholic School is proud to announce that Mrs. Annette Nicosia is the recipient of this year's Distinguished Educator Award for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Mrs. Nicosia was chosen among many nominees from our local Catholic schools. She is recognized for her excellence and distinguished service to Catholic school education, especially to St. Alphonsus Catholic School! She will also be nominated for the National Catholic Educators Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award at this year's national conference.

Mrs. Nicosia has touched so many lives in the 16 year span of her teaching career. She also gives countless hours of time to First Eucharist preparation, Bible studies, vacation Bible school, and coordinating the faculty and staff Divine Mercy prayer times. She was the St. Alphonsus School

Distinguished Graduate in 2007, a Neighbor's Way Award recipient, and voted a teacher leader by her peers in the 2021-2022 school year. We are so excited to honor her for being a hero in our community and school.



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Drama Club Christmas Play and 8th Grade Nativity

The Drama Club performed “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” for the students. They did an amazing job!

The 8th Graders also did a wonderful job on their performance of the Nativity. It was beautiful.

Thank you to our faculty and staff for your hard work and dedication to our students!



D.A.R.E. Graduation

Congratulations to our 5th graders for graduating from the D.A.R.E. program. Thank you to our awesome D.A.R.E. officer, Cpl. Clay Henry for his dedication to the D.A.R.E. program and for teaching our students. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and staff members for making this year’s D.A.R.E class a success!



God’s Helping Hands

God’s Helping Hands will be open to any 1st or 2nd grade student who wants to serve our school and church community! If your child is interested in joining God’s Helping Hands this year, please turn in the permission slip attached to the Kaleidoscope newsletter and return it to your homeroom teacher no later than Thursday, January 13th! If you have any questions about joining God’s Helping Hands, please email Tina Gallo (tgallo@stalphonsusbr.org), Karen Harrison (kharrison@stalphonsusbr.org), Irene Berard (iberard@stalphonsusbr.org), or Jessica Fisher (jfisher@stalphonsusbr.org)! All information and details regarding this club, meeting dates, and what our club is all about can be found on the permission slip that is attached to the Kaleidoscope newsletter!




Beta Club Meeting



Due to the new SAS basketball tournament, we are having to adjust our Beta meeting. **We will now dismiss Beta at 4:15 to accommodate the first game at 5:00.** I apologize for any inconvenience this change causes, however, this will ensure that traffic will be limited to just Beta students. Elementary Beta students will be dismissed using a front carpool dismissal and Middle School Beta will be dismissed using a back carpool dismissal. Please have a carpool sign with all of the students you are picking up hanging for us to be able to quickly dismiss. In the future, separate Beta meetings will be held for each division when possible. Students can wear their Beta shirts with Mass dress pants or skirts tomorrow. They were so excited to receive their shirts yesterday. We are so proud of all of the students!! The dress code for Induction is Sunday best. We ask that skirts and dresses be the school-appropriate length, and no jeans, shorts, or tennis shoes are allowed. Elementary Induction will begin at 6:30 and Middle School Induction will begin at 7:30. Parents are asked to sit in the bleachers and Beta students will sit in the chairs. Beta Induction is such a special night to recognize the students' dedication to their academics and character. Thank you for all of your support.


Catholic Schools Week



St. Alphonsus School Celebrates

Catholic Schools Week

January 30th - February 4th



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday, January 30th Celebrate Parish - Wear your uniform to mass. (promote the 12:00 Mass) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wednesday, February 2nd Celebrate our Nation - <i>God Bless the USA</i>: Wear red, white, or blue shirts with spirit dress.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday, January 31st Celebrate Community - <i>St. Alphonsus Spirit</i>: Spirit dress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thursday, February 3rd Celebrate vocations - <i>Shine your light for God</i>: Wear neon shirt and socks.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday, February 1st Celebrate Students - <i>Show your favorite color</i>: Dress in your favorite color from head to toe. Collect children's books as St. Joseph project for February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Friday, February 4th Celebrate Faculty and Staff - <i>We Love Our Teachers and Staff</i>: Mass dress

January 2, 2022

Dear Friends,

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge were able to begin classes again this year on-time and in-person because of the outstanding partnership between schools and parents to ensure that health and safety guidelines were followed during this pandemic. As promised by Bishop Duca, additional information and developing situations would be considered in revision of policy and procedures for Catholic schools in our diocese. In alignment with the bishop's direction, the following guidelines regarding isolation and quarantine procedures are hereby updated for schools effective January 3, 2022.

Since COVID testing is not widely available at this time, the isolation and quarantine protocols have been updated to reflect that reality. As soon as testing is more widely available, Day 5 testing may be required of anyone wishing to return to school after infection or close contact.

Updates - Isolation & Quarantine:

- [CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population](#) | [CDC Online Newsroom](#) | [CDC](#)

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Situation	Protocols
Symptomatic for COVID-19 DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home for 5 Days• Test on Day 5 or later, if testing is available, and submit the results to the school• May return to school after Day 5, providing there is a negative test result and/or all symptoms have resolved <p>Note: If you test positive at any time, follow guidelines below (Positive for COVID-19; Isolate)</p>
Positive Test for COVID-19: Isolate Regardless of Vaccination Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home in isolation for 5 days• No symptoms, end isolation• Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days

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	<i>If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.</i>
<p>Exposed to Someone with COVID-19: Quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boosted <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a mask around others for 10 days Test on Day 5, if testing is available, and submit negative test results to school to remain in classes. If symptoms develop, get a test, and remain home until symptom-free, following the protocols in this chart and in place at the school
<p>Exposed to Someone with COVID-19: Quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Boosted or Unvaccinated <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay home in quarantine for 5 days. Test on Day 5, if testing is available, and submit negative test results to school to return to classes. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

- **Virtual or Online Learning:** Students in quarantine or isolation may have the support of virtual or online learning, depending on the school's policy.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities:** Because there is an increased risk of post-quarantine transmission associated with options to shorten quarantine, individuals who had close contact with infection may not participate in any activities with a higher risk of spreading the virus (i.e., extra-curricular or co-curricular activities, including sports teams, PE class, music instruction, field trips, etc.) or take part in any activity that cannot maintain a 6-foot physical

distancing until 10 days from contact. After 10 days, students and staff members in quarantine may resume all activities provided by the school.

All schools activities, including field trips and overnight travel, can be held if current CDC and LDH guidelines are followed. Schools should post signs throughout campus indicating when face masking and physical distancing are in effect.

Note: CSAA and LHSAA schedules for the spring semester will remain in-tact with students playing under the guidelines above.

- **Face masks:** There is no universal masking required in schools at this time. Wearing a face mask continues to be optional in general for those not listed above as requiring masking to return to school. For individuals requiring a face mask, their masks must be well-fitted and worn with fidelity.
- **Physical Distancing:** Students need to maintain a distance of at least 3-feet apart and adhere to static seating assignments in classrooms. In common areas, including eating areas, all individuals should distance 6-feet apart as much as possible. Activities and classes that involve increased exhalation should continue to be held outdoors or in large, well-ventilated spaces, whenever possible. School buses may operate at 100% capacity if all passengers are masked, the windows are open, and assigned seating charts are utilized and enforced.
- **Visitors to Campus:** Non-essential visitors (i.e., volunteers, external groups, organizations, etc.) may not be allowed to visit campus unless required by law or by contract for services or considered essential. All visitors are required to wear masks and maintain 6-feet physical distancing from others.
- **Child Nutrition Program:** Breakfast, lunch, and after-school meals continue to be provided at no cost to all students during the 2021–2022 school year. Grab-n-go packaged meals such as cereal bars, pop tarts, muffins, fruit, juice, and milk will be available for breakfast. Students will be afforded a main dish and/or menu choices for lunch, which will be provided through the cafeteria serving line. Extra items may also be purchased through the student's cafeteria account, which can be funded through www.myschoolbucks.com. After-school meals will be distributed to the program director at each site. Principals are to determine where students eat lunch within state guidelines.

The policies listed above come from concern for the safety of all stakeholders. The Diocese is grateful to pastors, school leaders, faculty, staff, advisory board members, parents, and students for their vigilance in embracing health and safety practices to protect others in the community. Only through care for our brothers and sisters in Christ during this pandemic are we able to continue to enjoy learning communities that *Evangelize Hearts, Educate Minds, Encourage Talent, and Embrace the Future.*

JANUARY 2022



Monday
Pepperoni
Pizza

Tuesday
Chicken
Smackers

Daily Choice

Wednesday
Baked
Potato

Thursday
Pepperoni
Pizza

Friday
Chicken
Smackers

Monday

Chicken Parmesan
Sweet Green Peas
Sliced Peaches
Garlic Pistolet

3

Tuesday

Chili
Seasoned Green Beans
Orange Wedge
Cornbread Square

4

Wednesday

Pork over Purple Rice
Garden Salad
Green Apple Wedges
Dinner Roll

5

Thursday

Chicken and Dumplings
Steamed Carrots with
Green Peas
Fresh Strawberries
Dinner Roll

6

Friday

Pork Enchiladas
Mexican Corn
Refried Beans
Pineapple Chunks

7

Chicken Tenders
Red Beans and Rice
Sliced Peaches
Homestyle Biscuit

10

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Caesar Salad
Orange Wedges
Garlic Pistolet

11

Cheese Quesadillas
Seasoned Black Beans
Red Apple Wedges
Salsa

12

Orange Roasted Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Salad
Fresh Pear Wedges
Dinner Roll

13

Pepperoni Pizza
Corn
Caesar Salad
Fresh Strawberries

14

HOLIDAY

17

Soft Tacos
Mexican Corn
Garden Salad
Fresh Cantaloupe
Cinnamon Stick

18

Jambalaya
Seasoned White Beans
Red Apple Wedges
Dinner Roll

19

Meatballs and Gravy over Rice
Steamed Carrots
Sliced Peaches
Dinner Roll

20

Macaroni and Cheese
California Vegetable Medley
Fresh Strawberries
Chocolate Chip Cookie

21

Boneless Buffalo Wings
Celery and Carrots
Fresh Cantaloupe
Texas Toast

24

Gumbo and Rice
Potato Salad
Seasoned Green Beans
Sliced Peaches
Dinner Roll

25

Ham/Cheeseburger
Salad Cup with
Pickle and Tomato
French Fries
Orange Wedges

26

Chicken Spaghetti
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh Strawberries
Dinner Roll

27

Nachos with Cheese
Seasoned Black Beans
Mexican Corn
Applesauce

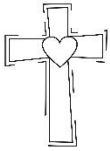
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Chicken Parmesan
Sweet Green Peas
Sliced Peaches
Garlic Pistolet

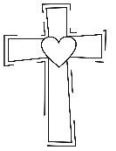
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Notes: Menus are subject change. All meals are served with a choice of milk.

Notification Statement: Peanuts and peanut butter are not purchased for meals produced by the Baton Rouge Diocese Child Nutrition Program; however, some products served may contain nuts, may be produced in plants that use nuts and may contain traces of nuts.



St. Alphonsus School God's Helping Hands Club (2021-2022)



What is God's Helping Hands?

The purpose of God's Helping Hands is to serve our school and church community through various service projects as well as promoting and creating a caring school environment.

Who is eligible to join?

God's Helping Hands is open to any 1st or 2nd grade student. Students should be willing to promote a caring school environment while serving our church and school communities through various service projects.

When and where are the meetings?

Meetings are right after school in the 1st grade classrooms beginning at 3:30 p.m. and ending promptly at 4:00 p.m. All students must be picked up from the 1st grade classrooms no later than 4:00 p.m. If your child needs to go to aftercare from the meeting, please indicate on your permission slip. Students who stay for the meeting need to inform the office of a dismissal change for that day.

Meeting Dates

January 19th (Wednesday), March 9th (Wednesday), April 13th (Wednesday)

Club Moderators

Club Moderators for God's Helping Hands are Karen Harrison, Tina Gallo, Irene Berard, or Jessica Fisher. Feel free to email club moderators with any questions!

Fill out the information below if you are interested in joining and return to your child's homeroom teacher. (Return no later than Thursday, January 13th. Spots are limited.)

God's Helping Hands Permission Slip

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____