



# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## Kaleidoscope Connection

### *Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

January 20, 2022

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 26 - Spirit Dress**
- **January 28 - School Mass**
- **January 30 - February 4 - Catholic Schools Week**
- **February 3 - Progress Reports**
- **February 4 - School Mass**

## COVID Update

I know that our school community is suffering from COVID fatigue. We want to put COVID behind us and move on to a “normal” way of life again. We thank all of our faculty, staff, students, parents, and stakeholders for their support during these unprecedented times. We have all worked together as a team. We are grateful that our quarantines and cases of COVID have been minimal in our school community.

The latest guidelines are attached to the Kaleidoscope for your reference. There are several precautions we can all do to minimize future COVID spread. Please continue to keep your children home when they are feeling ill. Fever, cold symptoms, nausea, headache and even back ache are all symptoms of COVID. When in doubt, keep your child at home and notify the office and your child’s teacher. We will do everything to provide assignments to your child. We will continue to contact trace and quarantine when necessary, sanitize high touch areas and surfaces, and our classrooms are cleaned and disinfected several times a day. Thank you for your help to keep our students in class and learning!

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kkeller@stalphonsusbr.org).

*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.*



# St. Alphonsus School Celebrates *Catholic Schools Week* January 30th - February 4th



## ● Sunday, January 30th

Celebrate Parish - Wear your uniform to mass. (promote the 12:00 Mass)

## ● Monday, January 31st

Celebrate Community - *St. Alphonsus Spirit*: Students may wear spirit dress.

## ● Tuesday, February 1st

Celebrate Students - *Show your favorite color*: Students may dress in their favorite color from head to toe. Collect children's books as St. Joseph project for February.

## ● Wednesday, February 2nd

Celebrate our Nation - *God Bless the USA*: Students may wear red, white, or blue shirts with spirit dress.

## ● Thursday, February 3rd

Celebrate vocations - *Shine your light for God*: Students may wear a neon shirt and socks with spirit dress guidelines.

## ● Friday, February 4th

Celebrate Faculty and Staff - *We Love Our Teachers and Staff*: Mass dress

## Catholic Charities Cleaning Supply Collection

Every year during Catholic Schools Week, Catholic Charities collects items from our local Catholic schools for the needy in our area. St. Alphonsus School has been assigned cleaning supplies. When you are out and about, please consider purchasing an item on the list. Items are due by Tuesday, February 1st. Suggested items for donation: gift cards, mops, buckets, brooms, sponges, cleaning rags, dust pans, garbage bags, Lysol spray, window cleaner, toilet cleaner, laundry detergent, dish cloth.

## 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 increased to \$350.00 on January 14, 2022 and will increase to \$400 on January 24, 2022. If you have any questions concerning re-enrollment, please contact Mrs. Tammy Feduccia, [tfeduccia@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto: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.



# SAS Summer Camp - Save the Dates



The plans for the 2022 SAS Summer camp are in progress. The dates for camp will be June 6th-July 25th. Registration information will go out on March 7th. Students must be registered SAS students for the 2022-2023 school year and at least 4 years old to participate. Spots are limited, so save the registration date and get your registration in quickly! Questions: email Mrs. Tammy Fouts at [tfouts@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto:tfouts@stalphonsusbr.org)

## Athletic News

Come out and support our Boy's Basketball teams in the Family Center.



Thursday, January 20th: 7th grade plays at 6:00 / 8th grade plays at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, January 27th: 3rd grade plays at 5:45 p.m. / 4th grade plays at 6:30 / 5th grade plays at 7:15 p.m.

## Online Auction

The St. Alphonsus Auction and Taste Fair Online Auction kicks off this Sunday! Follow this link to our Auction website to purchase raffle tickets, preview our online items, and register if you would like to bid online: <https://event.auctria.com/.../a780d600ec2e11e9ae081db8308...>

The Online Auction will be open for bidding this Sunday from 8 AM until Saturday, January 29, at 9 PM.

### Check out our annual Online Auction January 23-29, 2022



Get ready for some great Louisiana-themed items in the Online Auction! There will be a hand-made pirogue, a crawfish pot with fixin's, an LSU cornhole game, a Yeti cooler filled with beef, recipe books, and more! Many creative, personalized touches from the students of SAS will make these items even more special. Also, prepare to bid on your favorite SAS donated items like Reserved Parking and Pew for 8th grade graduation, class pizza party, day off for your favorite teacher, first in line in carpool, any color shoes for the school year, pick your teacher, full-page yearbook ad, lunch with the principal, and name the playground! Click the Auction link at the bottom of the church website to bid. See pg. 6 of this week's bulletin for a SNEAK PEEK of these items!

**\$10,000 RAFFLE,  
FIRST PICK RAFFLE,  
& BOURBON ROOM**

Purchase your tickets for our Auction & Taste Fair on February 12, 2022, after all Masses on January 22-25, January 29-30, or February 6.

### SCHOOL TUITION RAFFLE TICKETS:

\$200 - Purchase in the School or Church Offices or online  
FREE TUITION for ONE child enrolled at St. Alphonsus Catholic School in 2022-2023. Prize cannot be rolled over to another school year. The winner will be drawn at the St. Alphonsus Auction & Taste Fair on Saturday, February 12, 2022. This ticket does not include entry to the Auction & Taste Fair. The winner need not be present to win.

January 12, 2022

Following the recent CDC update, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge are implementing the following policies regarding COVID protocols to maintain safety and keep schools open in service to families.

**Updates - Isolation & Quarantine** (January 9, 2022)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

**General Note: When testing is required, parents must submit test results to the school before returning. If tests are not available, parents must contact the principal in advance and receive permission before returning to school.**

<b>Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools Updated January 12, 2022</b>	
<b>Situation</b>	<b>Protocols</b>
<b>Symptomatic for COVID-19: DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>	
<b>Test Positive for COVID-19 OR Have COVID-19 Symptoms</b>  <b><u>Isolate</u> Regardless of Vaccination Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay home in isolation for 5 days (Note: To Calculate Isolation: Day 0 is the first day of symptoms or a positive viral test. Day 1 is the first full day after symptoms developed or your test specimen was collected.)</li><li>• End isolation if did NOT have symptoms<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Return to school after 5 full days after positive test (on Day 6)</li><li>○ Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days</li></ul></li><li>• End isolation if HAD symptoms<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Return to school after 5 full days (on Day 6) if fever-free for 24 hours without use of medication and symptoms are improving</li><li>○ Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days</li></ul></li></ul>

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Situation	Protocols
<p><b>Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 and Asymptomatic</b></p> <p><b><u>No Quarantine at Home</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Boosted</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Completed the primary series of the Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Completed the primary series of the Pfizer vaccine within the last 5 months</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Completed the primary series of the J&amp;J vaccine within the last 2 months</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days (positive test using a viral test <a href="#">*CDC - Viral Tests</a>)</b></li> </ul>	<p>Note on How to Calculate Quarantine: Day 0 is the date of exposure. Day 1 is the first full day after your last contact with someone who has had COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return to school unless you develop symptoms and wear well-fitted face mask for 10 full days.</li> <li>• Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.</li> <li>• Test at least 5 days after last close contact and submit results to the school.</li> <li>• At any time, if symptomatic, immediately isolate and get tested. Stay home until test results are negative. Provide results to the school.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Exposed to Someone with COVID-19</b></p> <p><b><u>Quarantine at Home</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Unvaccinated</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Not Boosted, Completed Primary Series of Moderna more than 6 months ago</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Not Boosted, Completed Primary Series of the Pfizer vaccine more than 5 months ago</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Not Boosted, Completed Primary Series of the J&amp;J vaccine more than 2 months ago</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay home for 5 full days</li> <li>• Watch for symptoms until 10 days after last close contact with someone with COVID-19</li> <li>• Test at least 5 days after last close contact with someone with COVID-19; Submit results to the school</li> <li>• Return to school after Day 5 (on Day 6), but continue to wear a face mask for an additional 5 full days</li> <li>• At any time, if symptomatic, immediately isolate and get tested. Stay home until test results are negative. Provide results to the school.</li> </ul>

- **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](http://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.*