

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Kaleidoscope Connection

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

August 19, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 20 - School Mass**
- **August 25 - Spirit Dress**
- **August 26 - School Pictures**
- **August 27 - 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.

Spirit Dress Guidelines

Spirit t-shirt – Spirit shirts can be purchased at Cross Threads in Central. No other SAS shirts are allowed. They may be worn with school uniform shorts (navy or plaid) or the following:

Jeans – Long, solid blue color. No decorations, embellishments, writings, or prints, and must be worn at the waist. No dragging hemlines, rips, tears, frayed hemlines or seams. Girls must wear modest fit or relaxed fit jeans. **NO SKINNY JEANS.**

Shoes – Any low-quarter athletic shoe, a **closed toe shoe with a back**, or the school uniform shoes. **No high tops, boots, or heels of any kind are allowed.**



School Pictures



Students will be taking individual school pictures on Thursday, August 26th. The picture envelope will be sent home today. Please send the envelope to school on the day of pictures.

FACTS Tuition Management

- Monthly drafts for **Extended Care** were billed this week through Incidental Billings. Quarterly, Semi Annual and Payments-in-Full will be entered next week.
- **Reading Lab drafts** will be entered soon to process for September 5th.
- The **Middle School Dance** is **September 17, 2021** and all payments will be **paid in advance through FACTS**. All 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be invited to attend the dance. Parents will need to go online and process the draft for \$10 so their child is on the list of attendees. No payments will be accepted at the door.



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Food Bank Friday



Blake Phistry is a 7th Grader at St. Alphonsus School. He has organized a wonderful service project called "Food Bank Friday". The project entails each student bringing in one, non-perishable canned good or boxed food item. The students will drop the items into a bin located outside of the church doors on their way into Mass. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, located on Frenchtown Road, will pick up the items on Tuesdays.

Blake enjoys playing basketball at SAS, playing baseball for the Crushers, playing trumpet in the school band, hunting, fishing, traveling and gaming with friends. He plans to attend Catholic High School. Blake is interested in going to LSU medical school to become an anesthesiologist. Thank you to Blake for organizing this weekly event to benefit our local food bank.

*A penny for
your thoughts...
What do you
wish you knew
from the school
counselor?*

Counseling Corner

Second week of school down, 30+ to go! I hope everyone's transition back into "school mode" has been easy and pain-free -- especially those early morning wakeups and homework time. For me, I am very excited and grateful to continue my role as SAS's school counselor for the second year. I enjoy every minute I get to spend with the students!

I want to take this time to briefly share some information about my role as your student's school counselor and our school's counseling program. I believe in building strong, trusting relationships in order to best support the emotional, social, and mental needs of every student on campus. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade participate in biweekly guidance lessons where we discuss various topics

such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, decision making, conflict resolution, and much more. I also provide individual counseling to students who might benefit from the additional support. Also, this year I plan to incorporate more counseling-related services for our students. (So, stay tuned!)

To improve communication and the parent/family support provided, I created a Google Site with all things school counselor related. I hope you will take a few minutes to check out the Parent Resources section.

<https://sites.google.com/view/sas-schoolcounselor/home>

Thank you for trusting me with your child!

Morgan Bueche,
School Counselor



Office News

Medication

At no time are students to have any medication, inhalers, cough drops, etc. on them or in their book sacks. Medication that needs to be taken at school will be kept in the office with proper documentation on file. Please contact Mrs. Bethany in the office for those procedures.

Forgotten Items

In order to ensure the consistent flow of education, it is our policy that we will not call students out of class to pick up forgotten homework, notes, book bags, binders, etc. If you bring items for your child, they will be placed in the mailbox of your child's teacher for them to get it on their next break. Students will not be allowed to call home for forgotten items as well. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

Homework requests

Homework can be requested for your child when he/she is absent. Requests for homework should be done no later than 9:00 a.m. This will allow each teacher to add his/her notes and to avoid disturbing the classes. Homework can be picked up in the school office after 3:15 p.m.

Checkouts

Students will not be allowed to check out after 3:00 p.m. This is to ensure the safety of all students, teachers, and staff.

Afternoon Announcements/ Change in Dismissal

If your child will be going home a different way than what is normal, please fill out the Change in Dismissal Form that is on the school website and send it to school with your child. This form eliminates the small notes that may get lost in the shuffle of the day. If for some reason you need to change the dismissal way once your child is at school, please call the school office before 2:45 p.m. for them to be placed on Afternoon Announcements.

Carpool Reminders

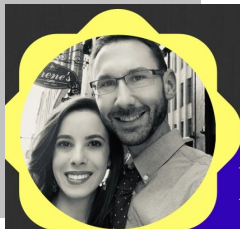
- Please do not speed.
- Cell phone use is NOT permitted at any time during carpool.
- Refer to the carpool maps on our school website. For the safety of everyone, do not enter on Greenwell Springs Road. Use the driveway closest to Greenwell Springs on Frenchtown Road.
- Be careful turning in on Frenchtown Road.

Carpool Signs

If you did not receive an official carpool sign for your car, please email Mrs. Bethany at brichard@stalphonsusbr.org. Having the school issued sign helps our carpool duty teachers and keeps the lines flowing. If you do not have a sign in the window, we will ask that you report to the school office so Mrs. Bethany can print one for you. We require that drivers have the official sign to assist our duty teachers.



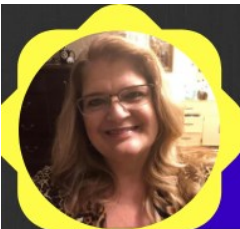
Welcome to St. Alphonsus!



Welcome Mrs. Irene Berard

My name is Irene Berard and I teach Pre-k 3 here at St. Alphonsus. I am originally from New Orleans and I've been married for 2 years.

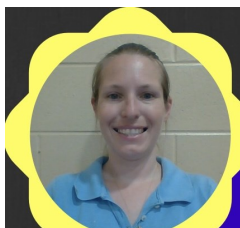
I graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2017. I am looking forward to evangelizing the young hearts and minds of all of my students this year.



Welcome Mrs. Udean Wiebelt

Teaching is what I love. This is my 30th year in education and I am still excited to begin a new year with a new group of precious students. I have been married to my husband, Chris, for 39 years and we have two grown children, (Brittany 35) and Katie (31). I have two grandchildren that attend St. Alphonsus in 7th grade and Kindergarten.

I love everything Disney and enjoy vacationing with the family in the mountains. In my "spare" time I enjoy working in the yard with my hubby and celebrating family occasions. I am so excited to be back at St. Alphonsus and feel very blessed to be a part of this community.



Welcome Mrs. Staci Kocke

My name is Staci Kocke. I am the new P.E. teacher at SAS teaching grades 1st - 8th. I have 2 ½ years of previous teaching experience and 10 years working in a physical therapy clinic as an exercise physiologist. I just moved here from Ocean Springs, Ms with my family.



Welcome Mr. Blake Bonin

Mr. Blake Bonin is from Lafayette, Louisiana. He loves to hang out with friends and play fantasy football. Mr. Bonin has three years of teaching experience. He is very excited to be a part of our St. Alphonsus family!

Beginner and Advanced Band

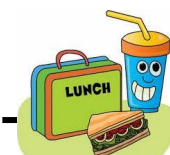
The St. Alphonsus Beginner and Advanced Bands will be forming in September. Band is open to 4th -8th grade students interested in learning to play an instrument in a group setting. Please see the attachments below for information and registration. Please do not send a check in with the registration form, the registration fee will be added to your FACTS account.



Cafeteria

The lunch menu has changed for Tuesday, August 31st.

- Orange Roasted Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes
- Garden Salad
- Fresh Strawberries
- Dinner Roll



St. Alphonsus Beginner Band

Dear St. Alphonsus Parents,

I would like to invite all 4th-8th grade students to join the St. Alphonsus Beginner Band! Band students will learn to play a musical instrument, read music, and perform together. Student do not need to have any musical experience to join the band! I will teach the students everything they need to know about their instruments, including how to put them together, how to hold them, how to play them, and how to read music. Band students will have the opportunity to participate in a Christmas Concert and a Spring Concert.

The Beginner Band instruments are:

Flute

Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Trumpet

Trombone

Percussion (drums, orchestra bells)

Beginner Band rehearsals will be held at school on Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday mornings at 7:15. The first rehearsal will be on September 7th.

Band fees are \$200 per semester, and students will need to rent an instrument from Music and Arts, Music Time or another music store.

Band students will be able to indicate a preferred instrument choice, but final instrumental assignments will be made by the director to ensure balance in the band. Once the registration form is turned in, parents will receive an e-mail discussing instrument options.

If your child is interested in Band, please complete the Band registration form and return it to the school office. Fees will be paid through FACTS.

I'm looking forward to teaching your children this year!

Sarah Love

slove@stalphonsusbr.org

St. Alphonsus
2021-2022 Beginner Band Registration Form

Rehearsals begin September 7th

Band fees: \$200 Fall semester (due September 13th)
\$200 Spring semester (due January 10th)

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent's Email address:

Parent's name: _____

Phone #: _____

Instrument choice- Students may choose from flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion. Percussionists will play both orchestra bells and snare drum.

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

_____ Parent's Signature

St. Alphonsus
2021-2022 Advanced Band Registration Form
Rehearsals begin September 8th

Band fees: \$200 Fall semester (due September 13th)
\$200 Spring semester (due January 10th)

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent's Email address:

Parent's name: _____

Phone #: _____

Instrument: _____

_____ Parent's Signature



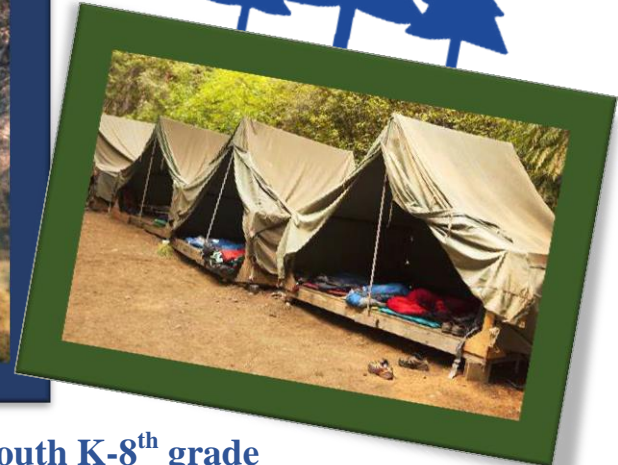
Pack 125
Cub Scouts
Grades K-5

ADVENTURE



Troop 322
Scouts
Grades 6-12

IS CALLING!



Pack 125 & Troop 322 Invite All Youth K-8th grade
to

**Come find out what SCOUTING is
all about!**

Sunday, September 12, 2-4:00 p.m. at

Camp Istrouma, 25975 Greenwell Springs Rd., Greenwell Springs,
LA 70739

Fishing, Rock Climbing, Gaga Ball, Fun for All!

Contact Cindy Neal at cindy_neal@cox.net
or text your name and number to 225-921-8028
to find out more!

