



# St. Alphonse Catholic School

## Kaleidoscope Connection

### *Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

August 26, 2021

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 27 - School Mass
- September 2 - Progress Reports
- September 3 - School Mass
- September 6 - No School - Labor Day Holiday

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

**REMINDER - There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 6th. We will return to school on Tuesday, September 7th.**

## COVID Update

Thank you to all of our faculty, staff, students, and parents for your continued efforts to keep our COVID cases and quarantines at a minimum. We have been very blessed with very few cases and quarantines so far. With that being said, we ask that everyone remember the following in order to continue with in person learning:

- No one should come to school with any symptoms of illness.
- Please keep your child home if they or another member of your family/household is testing for COVID or plans to be tested for COVID, or if they are showing symptoms of COVID.

We want to keep everyone safe and healthy! We appreciate your patience and support.

## Weather Alert

It's that time of the year...hurricane season. We are watching the system in the Gulf of Mexico closely. Remember, WE FOLLOW CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR CLOSURES when it comes to scenarios related to the weather. We will alert everyone via Renweb parent texts, emails, and our Facebook page.

## Foodbank Friday

Thank you for the overwhelming generosity for our first Foodbank Friday! This week, we will concentrate on collecting peanut butter, jelly, and boxed food items. The students should bring their item to school on Friday morning and we will collect them to deliver to our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.



# Hornet Run Fundraiser

We are planning the 9th Annual Hornet Fun Run! For new families, St. Alphonsus School participates in 3 major fundraisers to benefit our school. The first is our annual fun run. 100% of the profits of this event go towards our school. The auction (February) and the festival (April) are fundraisers shared by the church and the school. The auction and festival proceeds are shared equally. Tuition funds only a fraction of our budget here at St. Alphonsus School. The fundraisers help defray the costs that tuition does not cover. We are also assessing future needs of the school as part of our strategic planning process. Your generosity for these events is greatly appreciated. Expect more details for the fun run to be sent out soon!

# New Standardized Test

ACT Aspire will no longer be providing a standardized test for schools. The Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools Office will be replacing the ACT Aspire Test with Terra Nova as our diocesan wide standardized testing tool. More information on our new test will be coming out soon. Our teachers will be receiving professional development on administering Terra Nova in the weeks to come.

# Middle School Dance

Out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of all, we will be postponing the Middle School Dance. The new date will be announced soon. All other details of the dance will remain the same. We are praying that the COVID cases in our state will be significantly lower by then. Thank you for your patience as we navigate our activities for the school year.

# Cafeteria

## Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

While all lunches are free for students this school year, eligibility for school meals is used to determine eligibility for P-EBT. If you feel that you would be eligible for free or reduced lunch, please submit an application through the child nutrition website (CNP). Eligibility will assist you and your family in future funding initiatives.

## Menu Change

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

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



# 2021-2022 Volunteers

Welcome Back to School!!!

The SAS Home and School Association is looking forward to serving you and your children this 2021-2022 school year. We are working on a return to "normalcy" and bringing our fun activities back to the school this year. We cannot do this without your help! Our goal is to create a great year for all of our students and teachers while promoting a closer relationship between the school, home, and church. Your participation helps us to ensure a successful academic school year at all grade levels. As such, we are asking that you complete the signup below indicating where you may be able to volunteer by **Friday, September 3, 2021**. **\*PLEASE NOTE: ALL EVENT DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

***There will be a mandatory Room Mom Meeting September 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm for those selected.***

Included in this sign up is a request for volunteers to assist as Room Mother. Room mothers assist the teacher as needed throughout the school year, coordinate with other classroom mothers, assist with Christmas and Easter crafts (Pre K & 5th Grades), arrange auction items for the St. Alphonsus Church Auction, etc. In order to be a room mother, you **must** meet the mandatory child protection requirements as outlined by the Diocese as instructed by the office. **Because spots are limited, signing up to volunteer does not guarantee a spot as Room Mom.** Please do not let this hinder you from volunteering, however, as there are many opportunities to volunteer in the classroom.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4EADA728A0FD0-20212022>

If you have any questions regarding any of these activities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,  
 Jessica Weimer, President  
 Alicia Miller, Vice President  
 Krystal West-Malone, Secretary  
 Kaylan Richard, Treasurer

## Kindergarten through 8th Grade parents:

Please make sure you are part of your class' Facebook Page! Teachers and the School will always send out important information, but this page is helpful for reminders, meeting and asking questions with other parents in our class. The pages are:

**Kindergarten** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/500809590724703>

**First Grade** - <https://m.facebook.com/groups/2192030874262089/?tsid=0.29344692155826824&source=result>

**Second Grade** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2059014184165772/?ref=share>

**Third Grade** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/182707162286228>

**Fourth Grade** - <https://m.facebook.com/search/top?q=sas%20rockstars%20class%20of%202026&tsid=0.8941582753902736&source=result>

**Fifth Grade** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/258948367954709/?ref=share>

**Sixth Grade** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/512365109124959>

**Seventh Grade** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/610381676019160/>

**Eighth Grade** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/272036259957013/?ref=share>

\*Pages for PK3 and PK4 will be coming soon!\*

## 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.





# 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](mailto: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.