

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Kaleidoscope Connection

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

September 9, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 10 - School Mass**
- **September 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- **September 16 - School Picture Retakes / Class Pictures**
- **September 17 - 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.

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!



Progress Reports and Parent/Teacher Conferences

Progress reports and parent teacher conferences have been rescheduled. Progress reports will be sent home today and Parent/Teacher conferences will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 16th.

Middle School Dance

***DATE CHANGE** - The Middle School Dance has been rescheduled to Friday, October 29th in the gym from 7 PM to 10 PM. If COVID guidelines are still in place, students will be required to wear masks. The cost of the dance will be \$10 and must be paid through **FACTS**. We will send out more information closer to the event.



IXL

We will use a website called IXL in our classrooms again this year. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math, language arts, social studies, Spanish, and science practice across thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to state standards. One of the best things about IXL is that your child can access it from home, so you have a chance to see your child's progress! IXL is designed to help your child learn at his or her own pace. The program is adaptive and will adjust based on your child's demonstrated understanding of the material. All your child's results will be saved, so you can monitor his or her progress anytime by clicking on Analytics. For on-the-go practice, you can download IXL's free tablet apps for iPad, Android, or Kindle and sign in with your child's username and password. With thousands of interactive skills, IXL is a fun way for your child to keep their learning fresh and also review skills they may need additional help to master. IXL has provided a [Parent Guide video](#) for your reference.

Facts Tuition Management

Incidental Billings for items such as Extended Care, Band and Athletics are now being invoiced through FACTS accounts. Please note that if you did not turn on the **auto pay** feature for incidental billings, you will need to log into your FACTS account and process a payment manually.

Prepay is another feature that the School will be using. Currently, parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are able to log into their FACTS account and pay the \$10 admission fee for the **Middle School Dance** (see more information in this week's KC for the date of the dance).

Please contact Karen Keller, Finance Manager if you have any questions regarding your FACTS account or how to navigate the system. She can be reached at 225.261.5299 or kkeller@stalphonusbr.org.

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. All information and registration forms are on the school website. **Please do not send a check in with the registration form, the registration fee will be added to your FACTS account.**



Counseling Corner

I hope your week is going well, and you're able to regain some normalcy back post-hurricane! As Louisianians, we know natural disasters, especially hurricanes and floods, all too well. The stress and anxiety triggered by these events can be difficult to cope with, even as adults. It might make you wonder what thoughts and feelings your kid(s) are internalizing.

For children, mild changes in behavior are "normal" after a natural disaster. Some common behaviors include clinginess and fear of separation, increased sensitivity/fear surrounding rain/thunderstorms, change in sleep patterns (not wanting to sleep in bed/room alone), physical complaints such as headache and stomachache, preoccupation with storms or hurricanes, change in school performance, and concerns and worries about the safety of

loved ones and pets. I have included two resources below that you may find beneficial during this time.

As always, I am here to help all SAS students and their families in any way that I can. If you think your child would benefit from extra support via individual counseling, please complete the counseling referral form on the school website. Lastly, please do not hesitate to contact me if your child presents with concerning behaviors or exhibits any of the behaviors previously listed for an extended amount of time.

Additional resources:

[Helping Children after a Hurricane](#)

[How to help your child cope with a hurricane](#)

Morgan Bueche, M.Ed.

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[School Counseling with Ms. Bueche](#)

Cafeteria

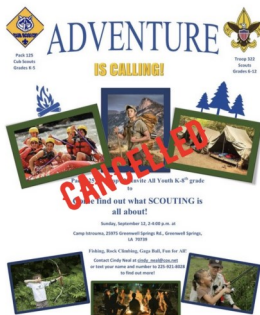
Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

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.

September Menu Change

The lunch menu has changed for the month of September. The menu can be found on the school website and on Renweb.

Scout Recruitment



Due to damages on the grounds, the Scout recruitment that was to take place this Sunday, September 12th, at Camp Istrouma has been cancelled.

Bingo Night

Home and School Bingo night that was scheduled for September 24th has been postponed.





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 17, 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!



2022 - 2023 ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

AUGUST - May

Private Tours
Upon Request

OCTOBER 27

SMHS Open House
(sign ups required)

NOVEMBER 19

Application Deadline



NOV. 2021 - Jan. 2022

Incoming Freshmen
Interviews
(by appointment)

DECEMBER 4

Placement Testing &
Tuition Assistance Meeting
(at St. Michael)

SHADOW DAY DATES: SEPTEMBER 21, SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 12, NOVEMBER 10

Visit smhsbr.org/admissions for more information.

SEPTEMBER 2021



M-W-F
Pepperoni Pizza
Baked Potato
Chicken Smackers

T-Th
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Baked Potato
Chicken Smackers

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

LABOR DAY

6

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Caesar Salad
Orange Wedges
Garlic Pistolet

7

Honey Citrus Chicken
Soy-Glazed Carrots
Fried or White Rice
Pineapple Chunks

8

Bagel pizza bites/ Pizza
Corn
Apple wedges

9

LSU Jambalaya with Purple Rice
White Beans
Dinner Roll
Peaches
Tiger Cub Cake

Chicken Filet on a Bun
Salad Cup with Pickles
French Fries
Orange Wedges

13

Soft Tacos
with Seasoned Meat
Mexican Corn
Garden Salad
Fresh Cantaloupe
Cinnamon Stick

14

Mega Meat Flatbread Pizza
Corn
Caesar Salad
Fresh Pear Wedges

15

Meatballs and Gravy
over Rice
Steamed Carrots
Sliced Peaches
Dinner Roll

16

Macaroni and Cheese
California Vegetable Medley
Fresh Strawberries
Garden Salad

17

Chicken Smackers
Cheesy Spaghetti
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh Cantaloupe

20

Cowboy Stew
Garden Salad
Sliced Peaches
Cornbread Square

21

Ham/Cheeseburger
Salad Cup with Pickles
Baked Beans
French Fries
Orange Wedges

22

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

23

Nachos with Cheese
Black Beans
Mexican Corn
Red Apple Wedges

24

Chicken Parmesan
Sweet Green Peas
Sliced Peaches
Garlic Pistolet

27

Roasted Pork over Grits
Sweet Potatoes
Garden Salad
Green Apple Wedges
Dinner Roll

28

Chili in a Cornbread Bowl
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Orange Wedges

29

Honey Citrus Chicken
Soy-Glazed Carrots
Fried or White Rice
Pineapple Chunks

30

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.



PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE
MySchoolBucks.com

