

# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## Kaleidoscope Connection

### *Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

December 2, 2021

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 3 - No School Mass
- December 6-10 - Christmas Shop
- December 7 - Christmas Band Concert
- December 8 - School Mass
- December 13 - Re-Registration/ Sibling Registration Begins
- December 14-16 - Middle School Exams

*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.*

**Christmas Holidays** - On December 17th, we will have **EARLY DISMISSAL** at 1 p.m. and there will be **NO** aftercare on this day! There will be **NO SCHOOL** on December 20th - December 31st. We will return to school on January 3rd.

## Advent/Christmas Update

As we enter into the second week of Advent this coming Sunday, we are reminded that Jesus is the source of all patience. We ask Jesus to help us to be kind, forgiving and fair. We will light two purple candles! A few reminders as we move forward toward the Christmas break:

- Due to social distancing and space limitations in the classrooms, we are limiting visitors for our Christmas parties to room moms only. We are hoping that by the time we are ready for Easter parties, COVID restrictions will be eased. Thank you for your patience and support as we work our way slowly back to "normal".
- Collections to keep in mind when shopping this weekend- sock drive on December 13th for the Baton Rouge Parent's Magazine Sock It To Me Sock Drive, toy collection for Ross Tires (due by next Friday), food bank Fridays, weekly food drive for St. Vincent de Paul. We understand that Christmas can be a tough time financially for everyone, so please know that all donations are optional and appreciated!

## Student of the Year

Congratulations to Ainsley Englade and Mackenzie Shannon! They have been selected as St. Alphonsus 2021-2022 Students of the Year! This program recognizes one 5th grader and one 8th grader every year. These students have demonstrated excellent academic achievement, leadership ability and citizenship. We are so proud of you!!!

*Congratulations to the 2021-2022  
St. Alphonsus 5th and 8th Grade  
Students of the Year*



Ainsley Englade  
5th Grade



Mackenzie Shannon  
8th Grade



# Middle School Exam Schedule

Please see the middle school exam schedule below. Child care will not be provided for middle school students after exams. Reminder that middle school students will be dismissed at 12 Tuesday-Thursday.

## **Tuesday, December 14:**

6th grade- History / English  
7th grade- Math / Reading  
8th grade- Science

## **Wednesday, December 15th:**

6th grade: Science  
7th grade: History / English  
8th grade: Math / Reading

## **Thursday, December 16th:**

6th grade: Math / Reading  
7th grade: Science  
8th grade: History / English

## Drama Club Christmas Play

The St. Alphonsus Drama Club will be performing "Twas the Night Before Christmas" on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m., in the Family Center. Please come out and support our Drama Club and enjoy a show.

## School Mass

We will have Mass on December 17th. \*Please note that there will be special dress days that week. On December 17th, students will not be allowed to wear their "Christmas Accessories" to Mass.

## Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year

Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students and new siblings will begin on Monday, December 13th. **Please note:** Enrollment will be completed online. Parents will be required to set-up a FACTS account as registration payments are no longer accepted at the School Office. An email with details concerning re-enrollment and FACTS account set-up will be sent out by Friday, December 10th.

## Toy Drive

Spread the Joy, Give a Toy. St. Alphonsus will be helping Ross Tire and Journey Church fill Central's Toy Box. This will help a child have a special Christmas. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The homeroom with the most toys collected will receive a Raising Cane's party. We appreciate your help and generosity!



December 2, 2021

# Christmas Shop

The Christmas Shop will be at our school the week of December 6th - 10th. The Christmas Shop gives our students the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family and friends. If you would like to volunteer to work, please contact Alicia Miller at [abrowl05@aol.com](mailto:abrowl05@aol.com)

## 2021 Christmas Shop Class Schedule

December 6th - 10th

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:50 - 9:20	5A	KA	PK4A	Middle School & Reshop Day	Last Reshop Day
9:30 - 10:00	5B	KB	PK4B		
10:10 - 10:40	4A		PK3A		
10:50 - 11:20	4B				
11:30 - 12:00				Reshop Day	
12:10 - 12:40		2A	PK3B		
12:50 - 1:20	3A	2B			
1:30 - 2:00	3B	1A			
2:10 - 2:40		1B			
2:50 - 3:20					

*\*Students are welcome to return to the Christmas Shop as needed.*

## Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service

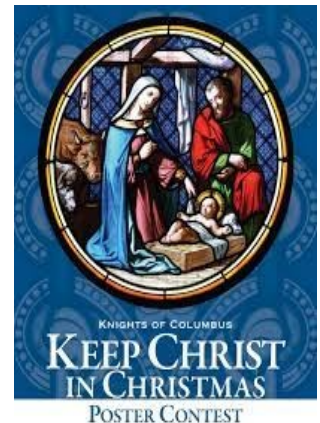
*"Sometimes our light goes out, but it is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being" Albert Schweitzer*

Everyone is invited to be that human encounter supporting our parents who have lost children. Please join them for our Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 12 at 6:00 PM, in the church. This service will symbolize that the light of these precious children will forever be held in our hearts. If you have lost a child and did not receive a personal invitation to our Candlelight Service please call the Church Office, 261-4650, to let us know.



# Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. See the attached entry form for more details. Entries are due to the school office by Wednesday, December 15, 2021. The Knights of Columbus have provided the poster boards (1 per student). Participants can pick up the poster boards in the school office. Please encourage your child to participate in this wonderful Christmas tradition.



## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH:

- Christmas Socks - Students may wear Christmas socks with their school uniform.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH:

- Holiday Headgear - Students may wear a Christmas hat, headband or scarf with spirit dress.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH:

- Winter Wonderland - Students may wear blue, white and gold shirts with spirit dress guidelines or spirit dress.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH:

- Pajama Day - Students may wear Christmas pajama bottoms with their spirit shirt. \*Please no tight fitting pajama bottoms.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH:

- Christmas Day - Students may wear red and green shirt and Christmas accessories with spirit dress guidelines. \*Christmas accessories cannot be worn in Mass.



St. Alphonsus Kids in Ministry

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Saturday, December 11th

9:30 AM - 12 PM

Family Center

Children: Infant to 5th grade

Celebrate the

"Reason for the Season"

Breakfast



Games

Crafts

Nativity Story

RSVP on the parish website for an arrival time.

This will allow us to serve everyone breakfast.



# Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

## ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST in the age division (as of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>) checked below. I realize that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

☐ **AGE 5-7 DIVISION  
(GRADE K-2)**

☐ **AGE 8-10 DIVISION  
(GRADE 3-5)**

☐ **AGE 11-14 DIVISION  
(GRADE 6-8)**

**COUNCIL NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

### This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. **Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

### This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

### Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Slogan – 30 points	Artistic Merit – 30 points	Overall Impact – 40 points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
Jurisdictional Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			



# Keep Christ in Christmas

## Poster Judging Fact Sheet

### RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form.

The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. **Posters will not be returned.**

### JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, young people should be included in all phases of the judging process.

A **100 point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

**30 Points:** Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

**30 Points:** Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

**40 Points:** Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

### Council's Contact Information

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# SPREAD<sup>THE</sup> JOY GIVE A TOY

Help Ross Tire & Journey Church fill Central's Toy Box this year to help a child have a special Christmas.

The classroom that collects the most toys will win a  
**RAISING CANE'S PARTY!!!**

Toys needed by December 15<sup>th</sup>

New, unwrapped toys for newborn - age 16

Call Ross Tire and Service for more details:

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