

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Kaleidoscope Connection

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

August 18, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 19 - School Mass**
- **August 26 - School Mass**
- **August 31 - Spirit Dress**
- **September 5 - No School**
- **September 9 - School Mass**
- **September 9 - Middle School Dance**

Safety Drills

We are committed to providing a safe learning environment for our faculty, staff, and students. We will be conducting various safety drills such as fire, lockdown, and shelter in place throughout the school year so that everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency. Our faculty and staff have practiced and trained on our crisis plan and will review with the students in an age-appropriate manner. While we wish we did not have to prepare for unfortunate situations, we want everyone to do whatever it takes to be safe. Our first drills will take place in September. In the event of a real crisis situation, you will be notified via text message, robocall, and email. Updates would be posted on Facebook when possible. You would be notified immediately if it is necessary for any off-campus reunification or evacuation. Parents/guardians would gather for pick up at Oak Point Fresh Market parking lot and Kristinwood. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dr. Ryals.

Library News

The SAS Book Fair is scheduled for September 19th – 23rd. The Book Fair supplements the library budget by allowing us to purchase books directly from the Book Fair and the Scholastic website. We are looking for a chairperson for Family Night, Book Fair chairperson(s), and Book Fair volunteers to assist with helping students make wish lists and selecting books. Please note that you must be background checked to volunteer at the Book Fair. If you are interested in volunteering in any of the listed positions please contact Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org.

Accelerated Reader guidelines were sent out last Thursday. Please read over the guidelines and return the agreement slips. If you have any questions about our guidelines please contact Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@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.



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Home and School

The SAS Home and School Association is looking forward to serving you and your children this 2022-2023 school 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 sign up below indicating where you may be able to volunteer by **Friday, September 2, 2022.**

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.

There will be a mandatory Room Mom Meeting September 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm for those selected.

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

Thank you,
Lacey Keller, President
Tysha Reeves, Vice President/Secretary
Shae McLin, Treasurer

The link is:

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

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is asking for donations of the following items.

SVDP Food Pantry Needs

Due to inflation, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of certain food items to help feed local families in need:

- Flour - up to 5 lbs., Sugar - up to 5 lbs., Spaghetti, Cereal, Red or white beans (Dry), Canned tuna fish, Apple or grape jelly (Not cold), Grits, Oatmeal.

Please leave donations in the bins in the Gather Space at church or turn in at the School Office.



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@stalphonusbr.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!



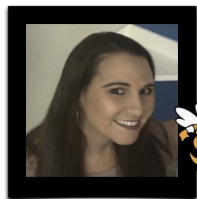
Welcome
Mrs. Kelsey Johnson

Hi! My name is Kelsey Johnson. I am married with two dogs, one cat and a hedgehog named Rosie. I am an alumni of St. Alphonsus, class of 2011-2012, along with being the daughter of Mrs. Debra Byrne of KA. I am looking forward to a great first school year with y'all as KB's Teacher Aide.



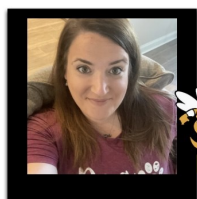
Welcome
Mrs. Philomena Greenblatt

Hi! My name is Philomena Greenblatt (Mrs. Phil). I am married to my husband Glenn & we have two boys who attended SAS. We have been members of this parish for 28 years. I am a retired school teacher of 30 years & I am so excited to be working in PK 4 with Mrs. Joy Lonibos as her aide.



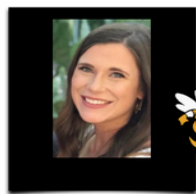
Welcome
Mrs. Tiffany Penton

Hi, my name is Tiffany Penton and I am so excited to be teaching 5th grade Religion and English/Language Arts this year at SAS. I graduated from Louisiana State University in Elementary Education in 2001 and later attended Northwestern State University where I received my School Librarian certification in 2012. I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Jeremy, for 21 years and we have two wonderful teenage sons, Grant and Beau. Our family attends St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and our children are very involved in the high school youth group. I have 18 1/2 years education experience being both a classroom teacher and a school librarian. I even attended SAS as a child! I'm so happy to be part of the SAS family this year!



Welcome
Mrs. Brittany Bradfield

Hi! My name is Brittany Bradfield! This will be my very first year at SAS. I have been a teacher for 12 years with 5 of those teaching Special Education. I grew up right here in Baton Rouge and went to Catholic Schools from K-12th grades. I graduated from Southeastern University in 2009 and then decided I wanted to be a teacher! I am newly married to my husband Brian and together we have 6 kiddos and one Dachshund! I feel beyond blessed to have the opportunity to teach where my girls go to school and to teach with my mom, Mrs. Wiebelt!



Welcome
Mrs. Alex Carmena

My name is Alex Carmena. I am the new PreK4 teacher at St. Alphonsus. I've been a member of St. Alphonsus church for as long as I can remember and I went to school at SAS. This is my third year teaching Pre K. I love spending time with my husband, our three beautiful kids, family and friends. I love reading and coffee!