



# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## Kaleidoscope Connection

### *Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

August 25, 2022

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**REMINDER - There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 5th. We will return to school on Tuesday, September 6th.**

## St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center Update

St. Alphonsus Parish will soon break ground on our new Parish Activity Center off Frenchtown Road. Dr. Ryals, Mrs. Tate, and the faculty and staff are very excited to support the new addition to our parish campus! This new facility will be a tremendous asset for our entire parish. Moving many of the church ministry and school events to the new Parish Activity Center will lessen the demand on the Family Center/Gym so that it can be used for athletic events and physical education classes. Many ministries will continue to use rooms in the parish administration building as well. Funding for the new center will primarily come from the Auction and Festival proceeds as well as the generosity of our school families and parishioners. As we move forward with this addition to accommodate our growing parish community, we ask for your continued support of our parish and school events such as the Auction and Taste Fair, Festival of Two Rivers, and the Hornet Run fundraisers.

## 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.**

*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.*



## 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 signup 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>

## 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 use the Sign Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4CA5AD22A3FF2-book>

If you would like to know your student's timeslot before signing up please contact Amy Nicosia at [anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto:anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.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. 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@stalphonusubr.org](mailto:brichard@stalphonusubr.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.

# SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE EVENTS

## 2022-2023

### MONTHLY FAMILY ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

*On the first Saturday of every month, parishioners and their families are invited to join us for Adoration in the Church at 8:30 AM, followed by coffee and donuts in the St. Francis Room.*

### ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

AFTER 8:30 AM MASS

### WOMEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023

7:00 AM SATURDAY TO 3:00 PM SUNDAY

### PARISH LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 19 - 21, 2023

DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS

7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH - NURSERY AVAILABLE

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

**SUNDAY EVENINGS - DINNER AT 6:00 PM - TALK AT 6:30 PM  
IN THE ST. FRANCIS ROOM  
FREE ADMISSION - NURSERY AVAILABLE**

SEPTEMBER 11

LAUREN DEWITT

*Living a Liturgical  
and Prayerful Life*

OCTOBER 23

LYNETTE SHAFFETT

*How Mary brings us to her son,  
Jesus, and St. Teresa of  
Calcutta's example of complete  
trust in God.*

NOVEMBER 13

SISTER RENEE DAIGLE

*The Vocation of Life*

DECEMBER 4

DR. AND DR. RYALS

*"Bring me a shot...I've tied the  
knot." Marriage enduring  
love even when it is tough.*

JANUARY 22

TAMMY VIDRINE

*Holiness for All Seasons  
Practical Tips for  
remaining steadfast in  
Faith.*

APRIL 23

RHETT COVINGTON

*Beyond bars  
"Acts of Faith  
and Charity"*

Call the Faith Formation  
Office at 225-261-4644

**CONTACT US**  
RSVP at [alphonus.org](http://alphonus.org)

14040 Greenwell Springs Rd.  
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

## St. Alphonsus Beginner Band

Dear St. Alphonsus Parents,

I would like to invite all 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**  
**2022-2023 Beginner Band Registration Form**

\*Rehearsals begin September 6th\*

Band fees: \$200 Fall semester  
\$200 Spring semester

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.

1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature

**St. Alphonsus**  
**2022-2023 Advanced Band Registration Form**  
\*Rehearsals begin September 7th\*

Band fees: \$200 Fall semester  
\$200 Spring semester

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's Signature