



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Kaleidoscope Connection

Forming Faith and Future

April 29, 2021

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

13940 Greenwell Springs Road
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

225.261.5299
225.261.2795 Fax
www.stalphonsusbr.org

May Crowning

During May, we honor our Blessed Mother Mary in special ways. "May Crowning" is a beautiful devotion our students will celebrate on May 4th. We are asking our students and parents to follow the guidelines below for this year's crowning celebration. We are excited that we can continue the tradition this school year with a few variations:

- We are asking students to bring in **one flower only** this year. The flower can be store bought or picked from a garden. In past years, we have been able to bring the larger bouquets and plants to nursing homes. Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be able to do this tradition.
- Because of social distancing rules and space limitations, **only parents of our Honor Guard students (Neighbor's Way recipients) and our 8th Grade parents** will be invited to attend. We will post a slideshow of pictures and a video of the actual crowning on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your help to make this beautiful celebration a special day for our students.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Our faculty and staff have done an amazing job during this not so normal school year! Our Home and School officers have made arrangements to provide special treats to them all week long. Dr. Ryals is inviting each student, all parents and grandparents, alumni, etc. to let our

Upcoming Events

- **April 30** - School Mass
- **May 3-7** - Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 4** - May Crowning
- **May 5-7** - 8th Grade Exams
- **May 7** - No School Mass





April 29, 2021

SAS faculty and staff know how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication. You can send in a card, letter, or drawing that Dr. Ryals will deliver on Friday, May 7th. Share your memories and/or appreciation. You can specify delivery to a teacher by name or to any faculty and staff member in general. Your help to show gratitude and love is greatly appreciated!

8th Grade Exam Schedule - May 5th-May 7th

Wednesday, May 5th - Science

Thursday, May 6th - Math and Reading

Friday, May 7th - History and English

*All 8th graders will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. on exam days

6th and 7th Grade Exam Schedule - May 18th-May 20th

6th grade:

Tuesday, May 18th - History and English

Wednesday, May 19th - Math and Reading

Thursday, May 20th - Science

7th grade:

Tuesday, May 18th - Science

Wednesday, May 19th - History and English

Thursday, May 20th - Math and Reading

*All 6th and 7th graders will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. on exam days

SAS Library News

We have partnered with Cavalier House Books, a local and independent bookseller, to offer a Summer Reading book(s) preorder. They have generously extended us a school discount of 25% off the list price if we pre-order the Summer Reading books with them. This is a great way to support a local small business and be prepared for Summer Reading at the same time! Order forms and the Summer Reading list are attached at the end of the newsletter. **Preorders are due no later than May 10th.** Please send a check made payable to St. Alphonsus School with the order form in an envelope marked "Summer Reading". If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Mrs. Amy at anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org.

If you would prefer to order online from Cavalier House Books click the following link: <https://www.cavalierhousebooks.com/stalphonsus>.



April 29, 2021

2021-2022 School Supplies

Order your student's school supplies for the 2021-2022 school year today! The deadline to order is May 21st. The link to order is <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/> Use code STA448 to order online. Individual grade level supply lists can be found on the school website under the "Parents" tab.

Extended Care Registration

Extended Care is now taking registration for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are enrolled this school year, you must re-register for next year. The forms can be found on the school website.

St. Alphonsus School Summer Camp

Summer camp will be offered to a limited number of students over 4 weeks this summer:

June 7th -June 11th

June 21st-June 25th

July 5th-July 9th

July 19th -July 23rd

Camp is open to St. Alphonsus School students only, ages 4 through those students who have completed the 4th Grade. Hours for camp will be 7:30-3:30 with aftercare offered from 3:30-5:30. All summer camp information and cost information is available on our school website, www.stalphonsusbr.org. Registration will end on May 4th. Spaces are limited and will fill quickly, so get your registration in soon.

Athletic News



Middle school cheer tryouts will be held on May 5th, 6th and 7th. This is for girls going into the 5th-8th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. Tryout information has been emailed and can be found on the school website under Athletics. If you need more information contact Peyton Knapps at knappspeyton@yahoo.com.

Please go to the link to register your daughter for cheer https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt2OyaeqZO8gf5_2wrZgq780JZL6oWEi-xarXuIo7NkdIXog/viewform. The Medical & Liability Release Form must be turned in prior to tryouts. Students will NOT be allowed to try-out without this form.



April 29, 2021



Elementary cheerleading registration is now open for girls going into the 3rd and 4th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline to register is Tuesday, May 11th. For more information contact Morgan Bueche mbueche@stalphonsusbr.org.

Please go to the link to register your daughter for cheer https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt2OyaeqZO8gf5_2wrZgq780JZL6oWEi-xarXuIo7NkdIXog/viewform.

Lamar - Digital Billboard Campaign

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week 2021, Lamar is giving you the opportunity to recognize, honor, and appreciate educators in our community.

From May 3-7, Lamar will feature teachers' photos on their digital billboards. Please visit their website for more information <https://www.lamar.com/lamarlovesteachers>.

Used Uniform Sale

Home and School is looking for volunteers for the Used Uniform Sale on Saturday, June 5th. For more information please contact Jessica Weimer at jessicabweimer@yahoo.com.

Home and School

Nominations are being accepted for the Home and School Association Executive Board for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Members at Large. Nominations SHALL be sent via email to homeandschool@stalphonsusbr.org with the subject stating the purpose and intention to make a nomination. Nominations must be sent No Later than 4:30 p.m. Friday April 30, 2021. ONLY Nominations received within this designated time period shall be considered valid. Nominations are open to any St. Alphonsus Home and School member.

Alumni News

Congratulations to SAS graduates, Class of 2017, Leah Gil and Cole Foret. They made the LHSAA All-Academic Team. They maintained above a 3.5 GPA while participating in their respective sport.



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Summer Reading 2021 – 2022

Below you will find the test schedule and Summer Reading list for the 2021 -2022 school year. Have a great summer! :)

Summer Reading programs improve reading skills and can foster a lifelong love for reading. If you have any questions about the following information please contact Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org

When a student has finished their summer reading book(s) they may come to the computer lab on the following dates and take an Accelerated Reader test. These tests will count towards the student's AR Points for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Parents are asked to wait outside the computer lab while their child takes his/her test. The tests normally take 10 – 20 minutes to complete. Please do not drop off your child and come back. All AR tests must be taken **before** school starts in August. These are the **only** test dates available, no other dates or arrangements will be made.

****Students, please do not select a book that you have previously read and taken an AR test. Once a book is tested on, a second test cannot be taken as the AR program does not allow retakes. If you have already tested on the required book for your grade, please contact Mrs. Amy Nicosia and/or your reading teacher about selecting another book.****

Dates are as follows:

Wednesday, June 23 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Thursday, June 24 4:00 P. M. – 7:00 P.M.

Monday, July 26 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Tuesday, July 27 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

As always, I encourage students to read more than the required Summer Reading! The East Baton Rouge Parish Library has some wonderful Summer Reading programs with great prizes!

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Amy Nicosia

Title	Author	Book Level
2nd Grade		
Little Bear	Else Holmelund Minarik	2.4
Flat Stanley (the original adventure)	Jeff Brown	4
3rd Grade		
*Just Like Beverly	David Hohn	4.2
Freckle Juice	Judy Blume	3.1
*the ending biography does not need to be read in order to pass the AR test		
4th Grade		
Required:		
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume	3.3
Choose one of the following:		
How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell	3.5
Charlotte's Web	E. B. White	4.4
We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes	Patrick Jennings	3.9
Any book from the "I Survived" series	Lauren Tarshis	varies
5th Grade		
Required:		
Old Yeller	Fred Gipson	5.0
Choose one of the following:		
Ninth Ward	Jewell Parker Rhodes	3.3
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	3.6
The Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	4.1
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	J. K. Rowling	5.5
Shiloh	Phyllis Reynold's Naylor	4.4
Middle School		
Required Reading		
6th Grade		
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	4.5
7th Grade		
Fever 1793	Laurie Halse Anderson	4.4
8th Grade		
The Cay	Theodore Taylor	5.3
Choose one of the following:		
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Gennifer Choldenko	3.5
Game Changer	Tommy Greenwald	5.2
11 Birthdays	Wendy Mass	4.1
Pie	Sarah Weeks	5.6
Found (Book 1 of The Missing Series)	Margaret Peterson Haddix	5.0
Elijah of Buxton	Christopher Paul Curtis	5.4
The False Prince	Jennifer A. Nielsen	5.1

St. Alphonsus Catholic School Summer Reading Order Form

-Get your summer reading books before the break and save on the tax!

- Use this order form and save 25% off the book cover price!

Fill out the form below and send it back with payment to the **School Finance Office** in an envelope marked **Summer Reading**. Please place your order by **MAY 10th**. Your student's books will be delivered to their classroom by the end of the year. Thanks for your support!

<u>2nd Grade</u>	
Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik (Reading Level 2.4)	\$3.71
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown (Reading Level 4)	\$3.74
<u>3rd Grade</u>	
Just Like Beverly by David Hohn (Reading Level 4.2)	\$14.24
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume (Reading Level 3.1)	\$4.49
<u>4th Grade</u>	
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume (Reading Level 3.3)	\$5.99
<i>Choose one of the Following:</i>	
How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell (Reading Level 3.5)	\$5.24
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (Reading Level 4.4)	\$6.74
We Can't All be Rattlesnakes by Patrick Jennings (Reading Level 3.9)	\$4.49
Any book from the I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis (Reading Level Varies)	\$4.49
For a complete listing of I Survived books visit www.cavalierhousebooks.com/stalphonus	
<u>5th Grade</u>	
Old Yeller by Fred Gipson (Reading Level 5.0)	\$5.99
<i>Choose one of the Following:</i>	
Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes (Reading Level 3.3)	\$5.99
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (Reading Level 3.6)	\$6.74
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies (Reading Level 4.1)	\$5.99
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling (Reading Level 5.5)	\$8.24
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (Reading Level 4.4)	\$6.74
<u>6th Grade</u>	
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Reading Level 4.5)	\$6.74
<u>7th Grade</u>	
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson (Reading Level 4.4)	\$6.74
<u>8th Grade</u>	
The Cay by Theodore Taylor (Reading Level 5.3)	\$5.99
<i>Choose one of the Following:</i>	
Al Capone Does my Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko (Reading Level 3.5)	\$6.74
Pie by Sarah Weeks (Reading Level 5.6)	\$6.74
11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass (Reading Level 4.1)	\$5.99
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis (Reading Level 5.4)	\$5.99
The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen (Reading Level 5.1)	\$5.99

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ English Teacher: _____ Hour: _____

<u>Title</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Ext. Price</u>
Total:			

For School Use Only:

Received by: _____ Method of Payment: _____ Date Received: _____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO *St. Alphonsus Catholic School*

CHOICES**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
Pepperoni Pizza

CHOICES**

Tuesday/Thursday
Baked Potato

MAY 2021



Monday

Chicken Tenders
Creamed Potatoes
Orange Wedges
Homemade Biscuit
Milk Choice

3

Tuesday

Soft Tacos w/Seasoned Meat
Corn
Pinto Beans
Peach Slices
Milk Choice

4

Wednesday

Honey Citrus Chicken
Fried Rice
Glazed Carrots
Pineapple
Milk Choice

5

Thursday

Cheesy Beef Pasta
Kale Salad w/Carrots
Green Apple Wedges
Dinner Roll
Milk Choice

6

Friday

Mini Pizza Bagels
Corn
Apple Wedges
Granola Bar
Milk Choice

7

Flatbread Pizza
Corn
Green Salad
Applesauce
Milk Choice

10

Beef Chili
California Medley Veggies
Diced Pears
Cornbread Square
Milk Choice

11

Roasted Pork over Grits
Sweet Potatoes
Green Apple Wedges
Dinner Roll
Milk Choice

12

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Sweet Green Peas
Diced Pears
Garlic Pistolette
Milk Choice

13

Corndog Nuggets
Steamed Broccoli
Applesauce
Milk Choice

14

Chicken Smackers
Cheesy Spaghetti
Baby Carrots
Fruit Choice
Milk Choice

17

Cowboy Stew
Green Beans
Orange Wedges
Cornbread Square
Milk Choice

18

Jambalaya
White Beans w/Curly Greens
Green Apple Wedges
Dinner Roll
Milk Choice

19

Hamburger
Kale Salad w/Pickle
Baked Beans
Peaches
Milk Choice

20

Flatbread Pizza
Corn
Green Salad
Applesauce
Milk Choice

21

24

25

26

27

28

31

Notes: Menus Subject to Change. All Meals Served with 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.

**At participating schools