

# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## Kaleidoscope Connection

*Forming Faith and Future*

September 17, 2020

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### SAS Receptionist

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Jill Morgan as the new receptionist for St. Alphonsus School. Mrs. Jill will begin next week.

### ACT Aspire

Throughout the school year, students in 3rd-8th grade take the ACT Aspire Test. We will be taking the first test, the ACT Aspire Interim I, during the month of September. Students in grades 3rd-8th will take their tests September 21st-25th. The test the students will take this month will be about 25 questions, similar to a pre-test. Please have your students to school on time during this testing period! We wish our students good luck!

### 2019-2020 Yearbooks for Sale



We have a limited number of 2019-2020 yearbooks that are available for purchase. They are \$42 and are first come first serve. Please contact Tammy Fouts at [tfouts@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto:tfouts@stalphonsusbr.org).

### Beginner Band

Beginner Band will start on October 1st and is open to students in 4th-8th Grade. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday at 7:15 a.m. Please see the attached registration form and email any questions to Mrs. Love at [slove@stalphonsus.org](mailto:slove@stalphonsus.org).

### Upcoming Events

- September 18 - 2nd and 3rd Grade will attend Mass
- September 21-25 ACT Aspire Interim I
- September 25 - Middle School will attend Mass
- September 30 - Spirit Dress



*Lord.  
Thanks be to You  
May we know You more clearly  
Love You more dearly  
Follow You more nearly  
day by day.*



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## Cafeteria News

The Child Nutrition Program has been approved for a nationwide waiver from the USDA that will extend to December 31, 2020 or until the funding runs out. ALL STUDENTS will qualify for FREE breakfast and lunch (suppers remain free) from the CNP. Regardless of income.

### Allergies:

Students with a food allergy must have a completed form on file. This is a specific State required form. The form can be found on the school website under the Parents tab.

Please contact Carol at [alphonuscafe@diobr.org](mailto:alphonuscafe@diobr.org) if you have any questions.

Carol Forbes

Cafeteria Manager

## Counseling Corner

Another week (almost) down! I hope everyone is doing well and officially settled in their 'back to school' routine. Somehow, each Guidance class lesson keeps getting better and better! This week most of the classes played the game CBT 123, and the students really enjoyed it. Little did they know they were learning how their thoughts, behaviors, and feelings are related while having lots of fun. First grade is also learning about feelings and emotions, and why we feel what we feel. Also, there has been a little delay in our Kindness Challenge. The start date is now October 5th -- just in time for the holiday season and Santa!

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Bueche

[mbueche@stalphonusbr.org](mailto:mbueche@stalphonusbr.org)

## Middle School Youth Ministry

Please sign up for Flocknotes (our new messaging system) in order to receive information and updates about the Middle School Youth Ministry. Please line up in the back drive between the family center and the multipurpose building by 8:15 to pick up your child from youth night. You can use both lanes to form two lines. Students will not be released into the parking lot for safety reasons. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Elizabeth Norwood at [elizabeth@alphonusus.org](mailto:elizabeth@alphonusus.org) or 225-261-4644.



TEXT  
*stalphonus*  
TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT  
[stalphonuscatholic.flocknote.com](http://stalphonuscatholic.flocknote.com)

A graphic for the Flocknote messaging system. It features a dark blue background with a white smartphone icon and a blue speech bubble icon. The text is white and blue, providing contact information for text messaging and online connection.



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## Hurricane Laura Relief

UPDATE: The Church will no longer be accepting cases of bottled water.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is coming together to aid victims of Hurricane Laura in the Diocese of Lake Charles. St. Alphonsus Catholic Church will be a drop-off location for donations, and Catholic Charities will bring these items to the Diocese of Lake Charles each Friday morning. Please read the flyer for a list of needed items.

NO food, clothing, or personal hygiene items will be accepted.

Call the Church Office with any questions.

## HURRICANE LAURA RELIEF DRIVE

**FOR VICTIMS IN LAKE CHARLES**

*Drop off items at*

**St. Alphonsus Catholic Church**

*weekdays from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM,*

*Saturday from 3-5 PM, & Sunday from 8AM-1PM.*

*14040 Greenwell Springs Rd., Greenwell Springs, LA 70739  
225-261-4650*

**Items Needed:** Tarps, Tarp Nails, Bottled Water, Gift cards, Tools such as Rakes, Hammers, Crowbars, Shovels, Cleaning Supplies such as Paper Towels, Mops, Brooms, Dustpans, Masks, Bleach, Disinfectant cleaners, Hand sanitizers, Heavy duty garbage bags, Heavy duty gloves, Fix-a-flat cans, Bug spray, Generators, Locks, Gas cans, Chain saws, Pole saws, & AC 110 units.

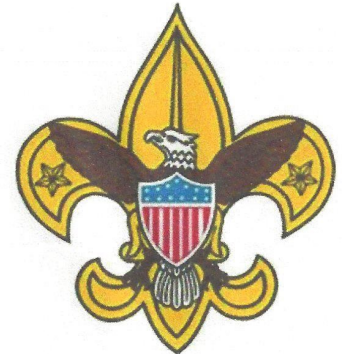
**NOT Accepting:** Food, Clothes, or Hygiene Items.



**PACK 125**

## **COME FIND OUT WHAT SCOUTS IS ALL ABOUT!**

Join us Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2-5:00 p.m. at  
Camp Istrouma, 25975 Greenwell Springs Rd.,  
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739



**Troop 322**

**FISHING, ROCK CLIMBING, GAGA BALL**

**and FUN FOR ALL!**

**Open to all boys grades K-8<sup>th</sup>**

To RSVP or for more information contact Cindy Neal

at

[cindy\\_neal@cox.net](mailto:cindy_neal@cox.net)

or text your name and number to 225-921-8028

### **CHECK THIS OUT:**

**Cub Parents:** <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/lightbox/1411584/108875840>

**Cub Youth:** <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/lightbox/1411584/108782401>

**Scout Parents:** <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/lightbox/1411584/110809034>

**Scout Youth:** <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/6882148/97225876>

Dear Parents and Students,

This is the time of year when the St. Alphonsus Band invites new beginners to join our program. Students who join our Band will learn how to play an instrument, read music, and perform as an ensemble.

The decision of whether to join the school band is an important one. There are many advantages to learning music, and playing in a band in particular. Here are some of these benefits:

- Students who play a band instrument for two or more years score 10 percentile points higher in reading and 12 percentile points higher in language on average than their non-band peers.
- Band students score an average of 62 points higher on SAT tests.
- High school music students have a higher grade point average than other students in the same school.
- Of those who apply to medical school, 66% of music majors are admitted, higher than any other group, including biochemistry majors.
- Group music activities help social skills by teaching students to form a commitment, work together toward a goal, and form a bond with their peers.

The earlier your child gets involved in playing a musical instrument, the greater the potential benefit both academically and socially. For this reason, our band program is open to children as young as 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please talk to your son or daughter about Band, and consider enrolling your child in this program. The Beginner group meets on Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday mornings at 7:15. Semester tuition is \$150 for the Fall and \$200 for the Spring, and your child will need to rent an instrument from Music and Arts (formerly Zeagler's Music) or another music store.

Please e-mail me with any questions. I look forward to teaching the Band students this year!

Sincerely,

Sarah Love

Music Teacher, Band Director

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2020-2021 Beginner Band Registration Form

Band fees: \$150 Fall semester (due October 15th)  
\$200 Spring semester (due January 15th)

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

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

Parent's Email address:

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Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mother'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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any previous musical experience (No musical experience is required to join Band!)

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