

# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## Kaleidoscope Connection

*Forming Faith and Future*

September 24, 2020

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### September Update

It's hard to believe that September is almost over! We have been blessed with a great start to the year, in spite of COVID-19 precautions and a few hurricane days. Things continue to look a little different with face coverings and social distancing remaining in place, but the love and smiles are shining through it all. We will keep you updated on future activities, but for now, Mass will remain on a schedule for classes. October's activities will be adjusted to be virtual or adapted for smaller groups. More details will be sent out soon.

### Team Spirit Day



### Upcoming Events

- September 25 - Middle School will attend Mass
- September 30 - Spirit Dress
- October 3 - 4th and 5th Grade will attend Mass





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## Requests/Student Dismissal Calls

The office phones and lobby can be very busy, especially at arrival and dismissal times. We want to ensure that homework requests and dismissal notes are processed in a timely manner. If you need to request homework or let your child know the method for going home in the afternoon, please make these calls early in the day. We cannot guarantee that your child's teacher or your child will receive the message if you call after 2:30 in the afternoon. We appreciate your help with this.

## PM Carpool

Pink signs=PK3 families (pick up is at the classroom area)

Green signs= PK4 and K families (front carpool)

Orange signs= 1st-8th (bus port rear carpool)

If your PK4 or Kindergarten child is absent and an older sibling is at school, please pick that sibling up in front carpool as usual. This keeps the signs consistent with the areas designated for grade levels.

On **rainy day** carpool, PK3 parents will pull out of the line to be near the classroom/gym area for drop off or pick up.

Official signs are necessary for pick up in carpool. This is for the safety of all students and will be enforced. If you forget or lose the official sign, please come to the school office to get one printed. We appreciate everyone's help to keep our drop of and dismissal safe for everyone.

## 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).

## Spirit Dress Day

The next spirit dress day will be on Wednesday, September 30th. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for the spirit dress guidelines. The handbook can be found on the school website, under the "Parents" tab.



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## 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  
*stalphonusus*  
TO 84576

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

## Hurricane Laura Relief

St. Alphonsus Church is still collecting donations for victims of Hurricane Laura in the Diocese of Lake Charles. If you would like to make a donation, please bring items by the Church Office by Thursday afternoon. The office is open on weekdays from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Please read the revised list of needed items below. Donated items will be picked up by Catholic Charities on Friday morning.

### 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, 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.

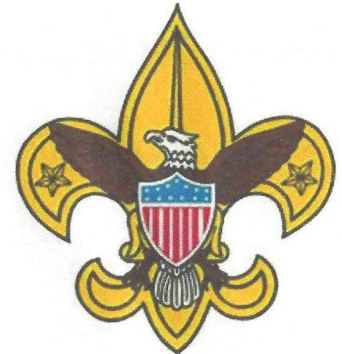
**NOT Accepting:** Bottled Water, Food, Clothes, or Hygiene Items.



**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