



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Kaleidoscope Connection

Forming Faith and Future

December 8, 2016

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Our calendar was modified due to the make-up days needed post flood. We are happy to announce that we are able to return one of those modified days back to the calendar. **Please note: Friday, December 23, 2016, school will be closed.** Class parties will be held on Thursday. Your child's teacher will send out class party times to you. ****Thursday, December 22nd will be a full day of school with aftercare provided.** Please mark your calendars to note the change. All other calendar changes will remain as noted: Return to school January 3, 2017 from the Christmas break, Mardi Gras holiday is shortened to two days off (February 27th and 28th). Thank you! Cindy Ryals

Church Contribution Reminder

A family's tuition rate status will be based on their record of tithing to our church parish for the previous calendar year (January 1 - December 31). Families who are registered and active members of St. Alphonsus Church and tithe at least \$300 per year shall receive the "In Parish" rate which includes a \$400 discount from the "Out of Parish" rate.

Medical Reminder

Parents, please remember that students must be free of fever, vomiting, diarrhea or other symptoms for 24 hours prior to returning to school. Students diagnosed with strep throat are to be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.

Upcoming Events

- December 9 - No School Mass
- December 13 - ~~***Origami Meeting Cancelled~~
- December 14 - God's Helping Hands Meeting
- December 16 - School Mass





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Origami Club

The origami meeting on December 13th has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11th after school until 5:00 pm.

God's Helping Hands

Students in God's Helping Hands please bring on the go breakfast foods or snack foods for the next meeting so we can make little breakfast/snack bags for the homeless shelter.

Toy Drive

Help Ross Tire and Journey Church fill Central's Toy Box this year to help a child have a special Christmas. The classroom that collects the most toys will win a Domino's Pizza Party! Toys are needed by December 14th.

Home and School

We are looking for 8th grade parent volunteers to help with graduation events (crawfish boil, graduation, etc.). Our chairperson would love a co-chair to help her! Please email veronicalisa@cox.net if you can help out, or if you'd like to co-chair.

New Student Open House

January 29th will be here before you know it! Please spread the word to anyone you think may be interested in coming to join our St. Alphonsus School family. We will begin in the cafeteria at 1:00 p.m. and tours will continue until 3:00 p.m. Interested families may also call 225-261-5299 to set up a tour of our school campus.

Counseling Corner

This past week in guidance lessons, third and fourth grade continued their lessons on feelings and emotions. Third grade students thought about how different people in various situations felt, and what they would do. In fourth grade, we used clips from the movie Inside Out to help identify feelings in ourselves and others. In middle school, eighth grade took career guidance surveys and quizzes to figure out where their talents lie. They then looked up starting salaries and how much schooling would be needed for different careers. Seventh grade identified characteristics about themselves that would be useful during group work/projects. Sixth grade had Dr. Ryals as a special guest speaker. She talked about tolerance and respect for everyone.



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Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service

"Sometimes our light goes out, but it is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being" Albert Schweitzer

Everyone is invited to be that human encounter supporting our families who have lost children. Please join them for our Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 PM, in the church. This service will symbolize that the light of these precious children will forever be held in our hearts. The service will be followed by a reception.

Cafeteria News

The Child Nutrition Program is excited to announce their new online payment system MySchoolBucks! This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check. The website is www.MySchoolBucks.com. If you have any questions concerning the online lunch payments, please contact Mrs. Nancy at alphonsuscafe@stalphonsusbr.org.

Lunch Prices: PK-8th Grade \$2.90 / Visitors \$5.00

For all Cafeteria news please go to the Child Nutrition website at www.cnpbr.org.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace

	<p>Nine weekly classes begin @ 7:00 pm January 10, 2017 at St. Alphonsus School in the Middle School Building</p>
<p>This New Year, make the resolution to free yourself from the financial burden of debt so you can live and give like never before. Learn how to eliminate debt, manage your money, and save for your future. Do what millions of families have already done. Let Dave Ramsey's FPU change your life today. For info and sign up, visit https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1022443 Or Contact Jason Kroll 225-892-0382.</p>	



**St. Alphonsus
Kids In Ministry will be hosting our annual
Christmas Party!**

**Join us on Saturday, December 17th
in the St. Francis Room, at St. Alphonsus
from 10am-Noon**

**Come and visit Santa, enjoy some cookies,
make crafts, play games,
bring a camera to take pictures,
and make some fun memories with us!**

**Please fill out the RSVP slip below and return it to the
Faith Formation office by Friday 12/9/16. If you have any
questions please call 261-4644.**

Return to: St. Alphonsus Church 14040 Greenwell Springs Rd. Greenwell Springs, LA 70739
(225) 261-4644

K.I.M. Christmas Party R.S.V.P.

of Adults _____ # of Children _____

_____ I would like to help with this event. PH# _____
Name _____ Email _____