



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Kaleidoscope Connection

Forming Faith and Future

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! It is wonderful to have students back on campus again. My prayers are for you to have a great year. We welcome all new families and students, faculty, and staff to our family. We have some new renovations to the "old church" building (formerly library and reading resource). This building now houses First and Second Grades. Still to be installed : a safety fence and gates. These will be in soon. Thanks to Cooking in Central grant funds, we were able to install a new sound system in the Family Center. We will also be purchasing new seating for Family Center functions. Other Cooking in Central and fundraiser funds are being used to purchase more playground and P.E. equipment, computers, Starboards, and much more to come. More details to come soon on our Fall Fundraiser, the Hornet Run. No magazine or cookie dough sales will be done this school year, so your help and generosity will be needed to make the Hornet Run a success.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who came out over the summer to help us move after the renovations. Thank you also to Home and School. They provided the refreshments for this week's Meet and Greet as well as the new water fountains they purchased for us this summer.

Have a blessed weekend! Cindy Ryals

Student/Parent Handbook

The Parent/Student Handbook for the 2011-2012 School year is on the school's website. Please read over the handbook with your children and ensure they understand the rules and regulations set forth by St. Alphonsus School. The Family Agreement Form must be signed and returned to school by August 15th. The forms can be found on the school's website under About Us>Students>Student Handbook

High Five Hornets

Beginning with this school year, St. Alphonsus will implement a new behavior policy called "High Five Hornets. A team of teachers worked over the summer to develop a positive behavior system that will empower the students to take responsibilities for their actions, both good and not so good. Teachers will be going over this policy with students in the first weeks of school.

School Mass Changes

Beginning this school year, all school masses will be held every Friday, unless otherwise noted. The first school mass will be on August 19th.

Upcoming Events

- August 19 - School Mass
- August 23 - Parent Night (See Calendar)
- August 23 - Mobile Classroom Mtg (7th grade)
- August 30 - School Pictures
- September 5 - Labor Day Holiday

Be it known to all who enter here that **Christ** is the reason for this school.



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Student Information\Emergency Contact

A print out of your child's information was sent home today. Please review the information and make any necessary changes. If there are no changes, write "No Changes" on the bottom, sign and return to school by August 15th. Please note that your home phone and cell phone numbers are used for the parent broadcast system.

Extended Care

Extended Care is looking for an adult to work the morning shift (6:45-7:45) and the afternoon shift (3:15-6:00). A Diocesan background check is required by all employees in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Please call the office at 225.261.5299 if you are interested. If you wish to sign for Extended Care, email Daphne LeSage at dlesage@stalphonsusbr.org

Carpool

Please be aware that the speed limit for the parking lot is 5 MPH. You should enter school campus from the first drive on Frenchtown Road and follow the line around to the back parking lot. Do not enter the parking lot from Greenwell Springs Road at any time. This causes traffic to back up in the carpool line, on Greenwell Springs Road, and Frenchtown. We ask for your full cooperation with this matter for the safety of our students, parents, and staff. PK3 students will be dismissed at 3:00 PM, following different procedures than normal. Don't forget, this year's silent auction winner of the "first in line for carpool" will be allowed to drive up to the bus port when carpool is ready to begin. Thank you for your cooperation with our carpool procedures

Boxtops for Education

St. Alphonsus is participating in the Box Tops for Education Program. This is a wonderful program that helps us get funds to purchase various items needed around campus. Visit Mrs. Wilson's ParentsWeb Page for more information.

Athletics

Football Registration for grades 5-8 and Girls Bas-

ketball Registration for grades 5-8 is due August 17th. Email Jason Ramsey, Athletic Director, at jramsey@stalphonsusbr.org for more information.

ParentsWeb

There were upgrades made to ParentsWeb over the summer. Instructions on new login procedures were emailed home today. Email Mr. Cutrer with any questions. kcutter@stalphonsusbr.org

Email Communications

The Kaleidoscope Connection will be emailed to all parents every Thursday. Some documents may be placed on the school website for your to download and print. If you are not receiving emails from the school, please contact the school office. If you wish to have a paper copy of correspondence sent home, please contact Mr. Cutrer.

Cafeteria

Allergy forms, meal prices, and menus are on the website. Those wishing to apply for Free or Reduced Lunch must do so online. The application is a web form and is submitted electronically to the Child Nutrition Office. Students have to apply each year, regardless if they received benefits in previous years. Please note that it takes 8-10 business days to process the application. If you have not received a letter after 10 days you may contact the Child Nutrition Office for more information.

Finances

Please note that Extended Care fees are drafted on the 10th of each month; tuition is on the 15th, and Reading Resource is on the 20th. Please see the director of each program for appropriate paperwork.

Change in Dismissal\Attendance

If your child will be absent for the day, please call the school office by 9:15 AM. All changes in dismissal (bus, carpool, extended care) must be sent to the office. You can call in afternoon announcements until 2:45 PM. A Student cannot be checked out after 3:00 PM.