



# The Kaleidoscope Connection

Bringing the Week Into Focus

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

### Principal's Message

We are off to a wonderful start to our school year. I am so excited to be at St. Alphonsus. I am pleased to let you know that our playground bids are in and we are ready to begin installment. The playground will be located under the Oak Tree near the Family Center. It will be available to our students in Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade for recess. The replacement of the bleachers will also take place very soon. This is a much needed improvement to our Family Center. The church, through your generous giving to the Maintenance, Improvement & Building Fund Program, will assist with the financial costs for these projects. More about these projects will be discussed at the first Home and School meeting on September 17th. Every family at St. Alphonsus is a member of Home and School and we hope to see you at the meetings.

As part of our Emergency and Crisis Response Plan here at St. Alphonsus, we will be conducting several types of emergency drills with our students. Please speak with your child about the importance and seriousness of these drills. The new car pool signs are a part of our safety management to ensure a safe and speedy delivery of your children at dismissal. Please be aware of the sign policies stated in the Kaleidoscope and the new areas that will be blocked after car pool hours are over. New signs are also on order to indicate the visitor policy. All of these changes are for the safety and well-being of our faculty and students. Thank you to Mr. Don Dartez, with the EBR Parish Sheriff's Office, for his assistance in revising our crisis plan.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year with your children.

Cindy Ryals

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

**Carpool Parents** are asked to have a letter size sign hanging in your front window with the **LAST** name of the students you are picking up. A suggestion is to use a clothes hanger like you would use for pants and hang it on your rear view mirror. This will help tremendously with the flow of the carpool line at dismissal. We are asking that all vehicles have a sign as soon as possible. Beginning next week if your vehicle does not have a sign you will be asked to pull out of the carpool line and park by the cemetery until carpool is complete. At that time you will be allowed to pickup your child/children.

**Tardy** — students are considered tardy after 8:10 am. If you arrive after 8:10 do not let your child/children out to walk to class. You must come in the school office and sign your child/children in. They will be given a Tardy Slip to enter class.

**Absent** — if a student is going to be absent please contact the school office before 8:30 am and let us know that your child/children will not be present on that day.

**Checking Out** — students cannot be checked out after 3:00 pm. This is to be sure that you and your child/children can safely depart from campus before we start our regular dismissals.

**Afternoon Announcements** — if you wish to put something on the Afternoon Announcements for your child/children you must call the school office before 2:45 pm. Announcements are sent to the homeroom teachers shortly after this time.

**Background Checks** — Anyone wishing to participate in class activities, field trips, etc. at school must complete a background check. This is a Diocesan policy and is done to ensure the safety and well-being of all our student. If you are interested in participating in your child/children's school activities, please contact Ms. Julie in the school office or by email at [jgautreaux@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto:jgautreaux@stalphonsusbr.org).

**Visitors to Campus MUST** report to the school office first. Visitors must sign in and get a Visitors Pass to be allowed on campus. If anyone is seen on campus without a Visitors Pass faculty and staff have been directed to notify the office immediately. We have some new faculty/staff members who may not recognize you yet!

**Office Notes**—if your child is changing his/her normal dismissal, checking out early, etc. you must send a note to your child's teacher. These notes are sent to the office for documentation in order for us to be sure that your child is where he/she should be at dismissal.

**BUSSES** — we are still having some problems with our bus routes. Most of you know how difficult it is to contact First Student. We are doing everything we can at this point to work all the bugs out of our routes. We ask for your prayers, patience, and cooperation until we get everything running smoothly. A huge **THANK YOU** to those of you who have been so patient and understanding during this time.

**Medication cannot be given by teachers.** This is a Diocesan policy. If your child needs to take any kind of medication during the school day, including cough drops, peppermints, etc., you must send the medication to the school office, attention Mrs. Toni along with a note from your doctor with specific instructions for administering the medication. There will be NO exceptions to this policy.

**We are asking all parents to adhere to the above important reminders. They are all done for the safety of our students and campus. Having a safe environment for our students, faculty, and staff is one of our top priorities. We appreciate your cooperation with these policies.**

[www.stalphonsusbr.org](http://www.stalphonsusbr.org)

### Important Dates:

- 8/24 2nd—5th Grade Orientation from 6:00 pm till 6:45 pm in classrooms
- 8/24 6th — 8th Grade Orientation from 7:00 pm till 8:00 pm — report to homeroom teachers
- 8/28 #1 Fund Raiser Kick Off (packets will go home this day)

All Students	
Spirit Day T-Shirt Order for Students	1
SAS Sweatshirt Order	2
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Youngest & Only	
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## *St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic School* **PARENT / STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Our Parent/Student Handbook is now available on the school website. Please be sure to read it completely. **We ask that you pay special attention to our uniform dress code and our hair and makeup policies.** These policies will be adhered to throughout the school year. You will be notified of any changes to any of these policies.

Check your child/children's Thursday envelope for the Family Agreement Form. Please sign this form and return it to the school office by Friday, August 28, 2009.



### **2009-2010 SAS YEARBOOKS**

We are in need of a parent or group of parents who may be interested in working with our Yearbook Staff. If this is **YOU**, please contact the school office for details.



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## **New Chains**

Over the next week chains will be installed throughout our campus. This will prohibit anyone from entering campus during school hours. Please be sure to check out these areas. We will continue to put the red barricades at the bus port. If you are visiting campus during school hours you must park in the Greenwell Springs Road parking area. This is to make sure that our campus is a safe environment for all, especially our students. We are asking for your complete cooperation with this.

## **Parent Orientation**

2nd — 5th Grades

Monday, August 24, 2009

6:00 — 6:45

Please report directly to classrooms.

## **Parent Orientation**

6th — 8th Grades

Monday August 24, 2009

7:00 pm — 8:00 pm

Please report directly to Homeroom Teacher.



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## Home and School News



President Marcy Stevens

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### The St. Alphonsus Home and School Welcomes you to the 2009-2010 school year.



We would like to thank **Brenda McLain** for chairing the food for the teacher in service and **Stephanie Potts** for meet your teacher.



Our first Home and School meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Francis room.



Bring a box top and you will be entered into our drawing for a door prize...



Construction on the new playground will begin soon...representatives from the School board playground committee will be at the H&S meeting on Sept 17 to discuss specifics. If you would like to see what the playground will look like or ask questions concerning the playground, please attend the meeting.



We look forward to seeing you there.



Please feel free to contact us at [homeandschool@stalphonusbr.org](mailto:homeandschool@stalphonusbr.org).



## ATHLETIC NEWS



Girls Basketball - late registration is open for grades 4th through 8th. Coaches are in place and I'm looking to fill the middle school teams as soon as possible. CSAL practices can begin this week and I need to fill these teams as soon as possible. Please contact me via email, if interested. Late registration will end on August 25th. As of now, I do not have a 7th or 8th grade team and would like to at least field a combined team.



Football News - we are looking for students interested in becoming equipment managers for the football teams. This is a great opportunity for students to be involved with the football teams. This is open to girls and boys in grades 5th through 8th. Please contact me via email if interested.

Parent Meetings - mandatory parent meetings for the football parents will be held on Aug. 20th at 5:30pm in the Family Center for 5th and 6th grade. These meetings are mandatory for at least one parent of each player. A sign-in sheet will be distributed and those players that do not have a parent attend will not be eligible for practice until meeting with the coach and AD.

If you should have any questions, please contact Warren Ashford at [washford@stalphonusbr.org](mailto:washford@stalphonusbr.org).