



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

Happy New Year to you! The administration, faculty, and staff of St. Alphonsus wish to thank you for your generous gifts and wishes at Christmas time. Thank you also for the generous giving to the toy drive for needy children. We are truly blessed to have the best parents and students in the world!

We are already preparing for the next school year. Don't forget to spread the word about our Open House scheduled for January 31st from 12:00-3:00. Prospective parents will be able to tour the school and learn more about St. Alphonsus.

Thank you and stay warm this weekend!

Cindy Ryals

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Students arriving after 8:10 am are considered tardy. 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.

Dismissals—whenever it is necessary to change a student's normal dismissal process, the parent is to send a note to the office that morning explaining the change.

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.

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

Sickness—student should be free of fever (without medication) vomiting, diarrhea or other symptoms for 24 hours prior to returning to school. Students diagnosed with strep throat are to be on antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school.

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.

Homework Request should be phoned in to the office by 10:30 am each day. Do not send email request for homework to teachers. Homework will be ready for pickup in the school office between 3:30 and 4:00 pm.

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.

Thursday, January 7th will be Parent /Teacher Conference Day. This will be by appointment only from 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm. If you would like to schedule a conference please be sure to contact your child's teacher.

PLEASE CHECK PAGES 2 AND 3 OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Important Dates:

- 1/7 Parent/Teacher Conference Day 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm
- 1/7 Mass 8:30 am
- 1/7 REPORT CARDS
- 1/12 BETA Meeting
- 1/14 Mass 8:30 am
- 1/18 MLK Day — NO SCHOOL



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HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS!

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The **January** raffle item will be announced in the next KC.

We have a limited supply of extra copies of the directory. If you would like an extra copy they will be in the office for a cost of \$5.00.

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30 p.m.** for our next Home and School meeting. It will include a school wide art show in the family center.

Contact us at: homeandschool@stalphonsusbr.org



Festival of Two Rivers Benefit and Taste of Central

Saturday, January 23, 2010

Doors open at 6:00pm
Silent Auction 6:00-7:45pm
Live Auction begins at 8:00pm

The auction committee has been busy procuring a variety of wonderful items for the live and silent auctions for this upcoming event. Now that we are in the home stretch, these are a few items still on our "wish" list:

Flat screen T.V., pool services, utility trailer, green fees for golfing, weekend travel getaway, tickets to sporting events (LSU baseball, New Orleans Hornets, or local high schools), landscaping, patio fire pit and outdoor patio furniture.

If you could or if you know someone who could help us in procuring any of these items for our "wish" list or that could make monetary donation, please contact Tina Glissman (262-1088), Jackie Rembert (261-3116) or Ashley Knapps (933-0868).

The auction committee sends many thanks for your assistance or input in making the auction a great success.



PLEASE HELP US!!

We are in need of your help. Some of you may not be aware of the countless hours that teachers and staff are required to do in order to maintain records, reports, etc... for the state and the Diocesan office. This is done on a monthly or sometimes daily basis and is known by all at SAS as **REQUIRED SERVICES**. We receive a tremendous amount of funding because of this record keeping. These funds are used to support educational activities and programs that are not adequately funded by the state.

At this time, Gov. Jindal is planning to cut the Required Services reimbursements program. This would have a huge impact on our school. We are asking that you visit the following website:

<http://www.louisianacec.org/bins.site/templates/splash.asp>

and join Citizens for Education Choice — Voter Voice. Once you register (this is free of charge) you can voice your opinion to Gov. Jindal asking him **NOT** to cut this program. It only takes a click of the mouse to voice your opposition to this. The more input he receives the better our chances are of stopping this cut.

St. Alphonsus Faculty and Staff appreciate your support concerning this matter.