



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Kaleidoscope Connection

Forming Faith and Future

August 25, 2011

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Principal's Message

We had wonderful attendance for the 2nd-8th Grade Parent Night. The school year is off to a great start. Please remember that as enrollment numbers increase, so does the number of cars in the carpool line. We appreciate your patience and attention to the carpool line rules. I have spoken to the students in morning assembly about being ready to get out of the car promptly. I also ask that you remember to enter from Frenchtown Road. This ensures that no one is "cut" in line and prevents dangerous backups on Greenwell Springs Road. Anything you can do to ensure that the line moves quickly, smoothly, and especially safely, will help us.

Have a wonderful weekend! Cindy Ryals

Extended Care

Extended Care will not be available when the school has early dismissal days. Please make the necessary arrangements for your children to get home on those days. Note that a student who lives outside of the Central Community School district can not ride a school bus home to a friends house.

Home and School

The Home and School volunteer and membership

packet is due this Friday, August 26th. The first Home and School Meeting will be on Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 PM in the Family Center. Come join us as we "Get the Facts" on all news about St. Alphonsus. The Athletic Department and school clubs will have tables setup for information and questions. All SAS Cheerleaders will be performing as well. Come out for a fun and informative evening! If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact the Home and School Committee by email at homeandschool@stalphonsusbr.org.

Spirit Dress

Our First Spirit Dress will be on Friday, August 26th. Refer to the Dress Code for Spirit Dress guidelines.

Jump Rope for Heart

The Kick Off for Jump Rope for Heart is today, August 25th. The actual Jump will be on Thursday, September 15th. If you would like to volunteer for the jump please email Mrs. Wilson at kwilson@stalphonsusbr.org

Upcoming Events

- August 26 - Spirit Dress
- August 30 - School Pictures
- August 30 - Rosary Group
- September 5 - Labor Day Holiday
- September 8 - Home and School Meeting

*Be faithful in small things because it is
in them that your strength lies.
- Mother Theresa*



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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

Don't forget to order your SAS Athletic T-shirts! Order forms are in the school office or on the website. Football and Girls Basketball schedules will be posted on the school website soon. Geaux Hornets!!

ParentsWeb

If you are still having problems signing into ParentsWeb, please contact Mr. Cutrer at kcutrer@stalphonsusbr.org. Thank you for your patience with the new security upgrades. All teachers should be using ParentsWeb for announcements, notes, homework, etc. Please check the site for regular updates.

Email Communications

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. If you wish to have a hard copy of correspondence, including the Kaleidoscope Connection, sent home each week, please call the school office.

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. Notes for absences and excuse forms must be turned into the school office within 3 days of the child returning to school.

Homework Requests

Request for homework can be made for students who are absent from school. Parents must call the school office by 9:30 am to put in a homework request. Homework Request and books can be picked up in the school

office between 3:00 and 4:00 pm.

School Pictures

School Pictures will be on Tuesday, August 30th. Students are required to wear their school uniform for school pictures. Payment envelopes went home to each child today. Regardless if you are purchasing pictures or not, your child still needs to bring the envelope with them the day of pictures.

Guidance

Parent Referral Forms for the guidance program are on the school's website under "Documents." You can email Mrs. de la Houssaye at sdelahoussaye@stalphonsusbr.org for more information.

Rosary Group

All faculty, staff, and families of St. Alphonsus School and Church are invited to our first Rosary Group on Tuesday, August 30th at 4:00 PM in the church.

Fun Dress Day Success

The students and staff raised \$385.50 to donate to Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge. Each month, students will be given the opportunity to wear fun dress that follows a theme in return for donating a dollar to a charity. The "High Five Hornets," St. Alphonsus's positive behavior system committee, is in charge of organizing the days and donating to various charities. Next month, students are looking forward to helping children affected by cancer achieve their goals while showing their LSU spirit just in time for the start of football season.

Book Fair

The St. Alphonsus Book fair is searching for a chairperson. The chairperson will assist Mrs. Nicosia in organizing setup, the book fair, and clean up. If you are interested in helping out with the book fair or chairing the committee, please contact Mrs. Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org.





We are excited about the start of our new chapter of 4-H at St. Alphonsus Catholic School. The four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health and has the slogan of "Learning by Doing." We are welcoming all students grades K-8th, and the level of involvement is completely dependent upon the individual student. Club meetings will be held after school for about one hour in the third T-building on the right (M3). Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be called the Cloverbuds with their meetings held the first Thursday of the month. Their first meeting will be September 1st. The meetings will consist of a speaker and/or craft with a snack. 4th through 8th grade will have meetings the second Thursday of the month. Their first meeting will be held September 8th. These meetings will have student body officers and challenge the students to take on club projects.

Parents are encouraged to come to meetings (especially the first meeting) to hear our expectations and meet our county agent, Mariah Bock. For a child to be a member, they will need to fill out the enrollment card sent out in the Thursday folder, bring it to the meeting, and pay the annual dues.

For more information on 4-H, please check the following website:

www.lsuagcenter.com/en/4h/

Please come out and support our new club that can offer exciting opportunities for our students. Any questions or comments, please contact Casey Fontenot at

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