



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

This morning's Living Rosary was a beautiful tribute to the Blessed Mother. Thank you to all for sharing and participating in this special prayer service.

St. Alphonsus is in the process of seeking District Accreditation through the Catholic Schools Office. The accreditation process will take approximately two years and will involve the administration, teachers and staff, students, parents, and all stakeholders in our community. The first way parents will be involved is a survey. Information on this process is in the Thursday packet. When you complete the survey, complete the Survey Verification Form and your child will receive a special gift from the Superintendent, Dr. Verges. We thank you for your time to help us in our effort to be the best school we can be.

Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated!

Cindy Ryals

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Carpoolers are once again asked to **PLEASE** follow the traffic flow guidelines for am carpool. When you arrive in the mornings you should turn on Frenchtown Rd. and use the first driveway to your left to turn in the parking lot. We still have parents turning in from the Greenwell Springs Rd. lane. This is placing students and their families in a very dangerous situation and we are asking that you please stop.

The District Accreditation Process

letter (yellow) is in your child's envelope. Letters were sent home with the oldest and only students for each family. Please check your Thursday envelope for this important information. Your survey code is located on a white label on the bottom right side of the paper. Please keep your survey code in a safe place as we have no way to issue you a new one if lost or misplaced. The Parent Survey Verification form is due by Friday, October 30th. If you should have any questions, please contact the school office.

All clothing articles for students should be properly labeled. Please remember to put the student's name on everything. Once these items are turned in to the Lost & Found we have no way of returning them to the proper owner if there is no name.

THANK YOU to all of the Room Mothers and Moms who helped sitting with classes while our faculty attended their Accreditation Process meetings. This was a tremendous help and we are very grateful and fortunate to have you.

THANKS SO MUCH!

Internet Safety Meeting forms for 6th through 8th grade students are due. Please remember to mark your calendars for this important meeting on Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Room of the Church.

Church Contributions—please be reminded that the \$300 minimum contribution to St. Alphonsus Church must be done by December 31, 2009. This will apply to tuition for the 2010-2011 school year.

Important Dates:

- **10/15 Report Cards**
- **10/26-- 10/30 Red Ribbon Week**
- **10/21 Early Dismissal 1:00**
- **10/27 BETA Mtg.**
- **10/27 Internet Safety Meeting for 6th — 8th grade parents 7:00 pm**
- **10/30 Parent Survey Verification Forms due**

All Students	
Parent Survey Verification Form (yellow)	1
Oldest & Only	
DOBR District Accreditation Process Letter (yellow)	2
4th- 8th Students	
St. Alphonsus Church Altar Server Flyer	3
Girls Only	
St. Michael High School Dance Flyer	4



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Home and School News



The monthly raffle item for October will be a

Halloween Bucket of Fun which will include:

- 2 Adult and 2 Children's tickets to the Corn Maize (open until Nov. 29th)
- 4 tokens good for activities available at the maze
- Glow sticks
- Halloween candy

The students will be able to purchase raffle tickets for .25 each or 5/\$1.00. A sheet of raffle tickets will be sent home October 29th in your child's Thursday envelope. Please fill out the number of tickets you would like to purchase and cut them apart. Place the tickets and the money (please send exact change) in an envelope and send it to school with your child on Friday. This month's drawing will be held on October 30th.

Halloween parties for grades PK - 5 will be Friday, October 30th at 2:30. Please check with your room mother for information.

The school directory is currently being worked on and will be available soon.

Please feel free to contact us homeandschool @stalphonsusbr.org



The Difference...

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day,
 I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.
 Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.
 "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered, He answered, "You didn't ask."
 I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;
 I wondered why God didn't show me. He said "But you didn't seek."
 I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.
 God gently and lovingly chide, "My child, you didn't knock."
 I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;
 I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.

Author Unknown





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ATHLETIC NEWS

The Athletic jackets have been issued. The Parent Spirit shirts have also arrived and are being handed out. These are the parent shirts ordered through the Athletic department and not the school spirit shirts. If you haven't received yours by the end of the week, please contact Warren Ashford. The final designs for the Athletic Sweatshirts are complete. You will receive an email if you're eligible to order a sweatshirt at this time. The email will come from the coaches with two attachments. One is the logo design and the other is the order form. Those eligible should have already received this email. Completed order forms should be returned to Dawn Ashford at the school. A second round of orders will be coming up soon with the intent being that all student-athletes wanting a sweatshirt having them for the winter months.

The new bleachers are still on schedule for the week on Oct. 19th. The gym will be closed all week for the removal of the existing bleachers and the installation of the new ones.

The 3rd/4th grade team will play at Redemptorist on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 9:00am.

The 5th/6th and 7th/8th will not play this week. Open Date

The 5th and 6th grade girls basketball teams will play at home on Thursday, Oct. 15th beginning at 6pm.

Football Highlights for last weekend:



The 3rd/4th grade team played St. Jude on Saturday and came away with a hard fought victory. The final score was 7-0 and it was a huge win for these players and coaches. Congratulations Hornets and good luck this week.

The 5th/6th grade and the 7th/8th grade teams were due to play Holy Family at Redemptorist on Sunday, Oct. 11th. The early morning heavy rains caused the games to be cancelled. We are currently working with the Holy Family coaches and AD to come up with another playing date. We are also working on securing a field for the games.

These teams have an open date this weekend (10/18).

Girls Basketball Highlights for last week:

The 5th grade girls played Catholic Pointe Coupee last week at home and came away with a big victory. It was a close game in the fourth quarter but these girls turned it on and pulled away at the end. They are having fun, win or lose, and we're all very proud of them. Coach Kandyce will be taking the girls to a LSU Women's Basketball game in November and the girls will be treated like VIP's. They will go on the court with the Lady Tigers and each will be presented with a game ball.



The 6th grade girls played St. Isidore last week at home and also came away with a big victory. This group has a busy week this week. They have league games and will also be playing in a tournament at Holy Family. Good luck, girls and we know you'll make us all very proud.



Have you thanked a cheerleader lately for all they do? These girls work very hard behind the scenes and it shows at the games and the Pep Rally. They make signs, learn football and basketball cheers, attend practices and games, learn dances, represent the school at the Central Christmas Parade, and many other things. Thank you, girls. And a big thank you to the cheerleader moderators and all those that help by donating their time and talent.

Boys Basketball Information:

Registration will begin Oct. 19th and end on Oct. 30th. There will be no late registration period. Numbers will be evaluated and tryouts will need to be organized and setup around football. Remember, each school can have only one CSAL team per grade level but as many CYO teams as needed. Registration will be limited to boys in grades 5th through 8th. I will be taking coaching applications during this same time period. For those interested in 4th grade basketball, please contact Mickey Guidry at St. Jude for information on a 4th grade league that St. Jude will host.



Personal Note from the Athletic Director:

A small group of volunteers approached me about some fundraising ideas. I decided to pull a small committee together for discussions about our athletic needs and how we could possibly begin the process of achieving our goals. One of the first items was to establish a Fall fundraiser and Spring fundraiser. We are working on the details and these details will be communicated as soon as possible. The only detail we know for sure right now is the fact that we will be doing a jambalaya plate sale before year end. More to come.....

GEAUX HORNETS





Grandparent's Day

**for our 6th, 7th, & 8th
grade students has
been**

rescheduled for

**Thursday, Nov. 12,
2009**

**Please be sure to note this
change so that our students
may enjoy their day with their
grandparents.**