



# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## The Buzz

*Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

August 24, 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 25 - School Mass
- August 25 - Middle School Dance
- August 30 - Spirit Dress
- September 1 - School Mass
- September 4 - No School
- September 8 - School Mass
- September 14 - Progress Reports / Picture Retakes and Class Pictures

**REMINDER - There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 4th. We will return to school on Tuesday, September 5th.**

## School Safety

We are pleased to have added the fences and school resource officer to our school safety measures. We will also be conducting safety drills with our faculty, staff, and students. We conduct these drills often to ensure that our current plan is effective and everyone is familiar with the procedures. In the event of a true emergency, we would alert you via text messages, emails, and phone calls. For everyone's safety and to maintain order, we would ask that you follow the directives in those messages on when and where to pick up your child if necessary. We appreciate your support as we strive to provide a safe learning environment for everyone!

## Spirit Dress Guidelines



**Spirit t-shirt** – Spirit shirts can be purchased at Cross Threads in Central. No other SAS shirts are allowed. They may be worn with school uniform shorts (navy or plaid) or the following:

**Jeans** – Long, solid blue color. No decorations, embellishments, writings, or prints, and must be worn at the waist. No dragging hemlines, rips, tears, frayed hemlines or seams. Girls must wear

modest fit or relaxed fit jeans. **NO SKINNY JEANS.**

**Shoes** – Any low-quarter athletic shoe, a **closed toe shoe with a back**, or the school uniform shoes. **No high tops, boots, or heels of any kind are allowed.**

*The Mission of  
St. Alphonsus  
Liguori Catholic School  
is to form students in  
the Catholic Faith  
spiritually,  
academically,  
physically, and  
culturally in an  
environment of  
academic  
excellence.*



## Library News

The SAS Book Fair is scheduled for September 18th – 22nd. The Book Fair supplements the library budget by allowing us to purchase books directly from the Book Fair and the Scholastic website. We are looking for a chairperson for Family Night, Book Fair chairperson(s), and Book Fair volunteers to assist with helping students make wish lists and selecting books. Please note that you must be background checked to volunteer at the Book Fair. If you are interested in volunteering in any of the listed positions please contact Amy Nicosia at [anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto:anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org).

Accelerated Reader guidelines were sent out. Please read over the guidelines and return the agreement slips. If you have any questions about our guidelines please contact Amy Nicosia at [anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto:anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org).

## Beginner and Advanced Band

The St. Alphonsus Beginner and Advanced Bands will be forming in September. Band is open to 4th-8th grade students interested in learning to play an instrument in a group setting. Please see the attachments below for more information. Click on the link to register <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/RRkcKBmd>



## Lunch Menu

The September lunch menu is attached to the newsletter and is on the school website.  
\*Please note that meals are subject to change.

## Forms

If you have not turned in your Parent/Student Handbook Agreement and Picture Release Forms, please do so as soon as possible. The forms can be found on the school website, under the "Parent" tab.



# Office News

## Medication

At no time are students to have any medication, inhalers, cough drops, etc. on them or in their book sacks. Medication that needs to be taken at school will be kept in the office with proper documentation on file. Please contact Mrs. Erin in the office for those procedures.

## Forgotten Items

In order to ensure the consistent flow of education, it is our policy that we will not call students out of class to pick up forgotten homework, notes, book bags, binders, etc. If you bring items for your child, they will be placed in the mailbox of your child's teacher for them to get it on their next break. Students will not be allowed to call home for forgotten items as well. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

## Checkouts

Students will not be allowed to check out after 3:00 p.m. This is to ensure the safety of all students, teachers, and staff.

## Afternoon Announcements/ Change in Dismissal

If your child will be going home a different way than what is normal, please fill out the **Change in Dismissal Form** that is on the school website and send it to school with your child. This form eliminates the small notes that may get lost in the shuffle of the day. If for some reason you need to change the dismissal way once your child is at school, please call the school office before 2:45 p.m. for them to be placed on Afternoon Announcements.

## Carpool

- Slow down and be alert!
- **Cell phone use is prohibited when in the carpool lane.**
- **DO NOT ENTER ON GREENWELL SPRINGS ROAD IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH!** The turning lane is not allowed to back up traffic on Greenwell Springs Rd.
- Bus lane entrance is for BUSES ONLY.
- Be aware of not blocking the bus exit in the afternoon. This holds up the line and buses cannot make the wide turn.
- Students should be ready to exit the car when a duty teacher arrives. If you need more time, we ask that you park and then rejoin the line.
- For afternoon carpool, please do not skip parking spots. Park in the next available spot.
- Carpool signs are required to be hanging from your rearview mirror. If you need additional carpool signs you can call the office at 225-261-5299 or email Mrs. Erin ([edickerson@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto:edickerson@stalphonsusbr.org)). Starting this week, all cars without the correct carpool sign will have to go to the office to collect your child. We always want to make sure that our students get home safely and with the correct people.

## Homework requests

Homework can be requested for your child when he/she is absent. Requests for homework should be done no later than 9:00 a.m. This will allow each teacher to add his/her notes and to avoid disturbing the classes. Homework can be picked up in the school office after 3:15 p.m.



# Welcome Back to School!!!

The SAS Home and School Association is looking forward to serving you and your children this 2023-2024 school year. We cannot do this without your help! Our goal is to create a great year for all of our students and teachers while promoting a closer relationship between the school, home, and church. Your participation helps us to ensure a successful academic school year at all grade levels. As such, we are asking that you complete the signup below indicating where you may be able to volunteer by Friday, September 4, 2023. Please mark the dates down on your calendars when you sign up and be available for the events you have signed up for.

This year we are excited to bring back some of our favorite events and will be adding some new ones. We cannot do this without your help! We are looking for some awesome volunteers to help chair some of our various events. When signing up, please pay attention that you do not sign up to chair an event unless you want to. Home and School will assist with all events but in order to add some new events, we need help chairing various events throughout the year. You do not have to be on the Home and School Board or a Room Mom to chair any events. Do know that if you sign up to chair an event, you will be expected to attend the event.

Included in this sign up is a request for volunteers to assist as Room Mother. Room mothers assist the teacher as needed throughout the school year, coordinate with other classroom parents, assist with Christmas and Easter crafts (Pre K-5th Grades), arrange auction items for the St. Alphonsus Church Auction, etc. In order to be a room mother, you must meet the mandatory child protection requirements as outlined by the Diocese as instructed by the office. Because spots are limited, signing up to volunteer does not guarantee a spot as Room Mom. Please do not let this hinder you from volunteering, however, as there are many opportunities to volunteer in the classroom. Also note, if there is a lack of volunteers to chair events, Room Moms may be asked to fill in as chairs for certain events. This will be a big help to the Home and School Board to be able to plan and chair new events for the coming year.

There will be a mandatory Room Mom Meeting for those selected, date and time TBD.

If you have any questions regarding any of these activities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,  
Lacey Keller, President  
Tysha Reeves, Vice President/Secretary  
Shae McLin, Treasurer  
Kourtney Rogers, Board Member  
Casey Ebey, Board Member

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4EADA728A0FD0-20212022>



# Back to School Adult Dance

The Hive proudly presents a back to school dance “**Friday Night Lights**” as our fall fundraiser! Come join in some fun and dancing while supporting the Hive to pay for graphics for the newly renovated gym and locker room. This event is open to the public, anyone is welcome to buy a ticket.

Dress as your favorite sport, athlete or team to join in the fun! The grade with the most parents in attendance will win a pizza and pop-sicle party at school.

## **DATE:**

**September 15, 2023**

## **TIME:**

**Doors open at 6:30 p.m.**

**“Rewind” Band to start at 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.**

## **LOCATION:**

**St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center (The new building!)**

## **TICKET OPTIONS:**

**\$50/person**

**OR**

**\$500 for a table to include 8 entry tickets**

**(only 12 available)**

Tables will have an optional food package add on for \$150 that will include a sandwich tray, cookie tray, 7 layer dip and chips, and an assorted boudin tray from Oak Point. This will be paid when purchasing table and will be delivered to your table at the time of the dance.

We will also have non alcoholic drinks available for purchase and many raffle items going on during the night, cash or venmo will be accepted. All other drinks are BYOB. There will be no food available for purchase.

\*This will be an adult only event, you must be 21 to attend.

**Buy Tickets [HERE](#)**





**St. Alphonsus Home and School Presents**

# **THE HORNET MARKET**

**FOOD | CRAFTS | KIDS  
ACTIVITIES | GIFTS | RAFFLES**

**FREE ENTRY**

**November 11th**

**10am-2pm**

**St. Alphonsus School  
Courtyard**

**13940 Greenwell Springs Rd  
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739**

**Vendor Registration**

**<https://forms.gle/L9PRCc8b2zCXhZoN6>**



## St. Alphonsus Beginner Band

Dear St. Alphonsus Parents,

I would like to invite all 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students to join the St. Alphonsus Beginner Band! Band students will learn to play a musical instrument, read music, and perform together. Student do not need to have any musical experience to join the band! I will teach the students everything they need to know about their instruments, including how to put them together, how to hold them, how to play them, and how to read music. Band students will have the opportunity to participate in a Christmas Concert and a Spring Concert.

The Beginner Band instruments are:

Flute

Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Trumpet

Trombone

Percussion (drums, orchestra bells)

Beginner Band rehearsals will be held at school on Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday mornings at 7:15 for the remainder of the school year. The first rehearsal will be on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Band fees are \$200 per semester, and students will need to rent an instrument from Music and Arts, Music Time or another music store.

Band students will be able to indicate a preferred instrument choice, but final instrumental assignments will be made by the director to ensure balance in the band. Once the registration form is turned in, parents will receive an e-mail discussing instrument options.

If your child is interested in Band, please complete the Band registration form and return it to the school office. Fees will be paid through FACTS.

I'm looking forward to teaching your children this year!

Sarah Love

slove@stalphonsusbr.org





# SEPTEMBER 2023

## Elementary Schools

 LUNCH

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Chicken Smackers  
Spaghetti and Cheese  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Cauliflower with Cheese  
Mixed Fresh Fruit

**4**

**Choice:** Pizza  
Power Cup

Hamburger/Cheeseburger  
Lettuce and Pickle Cup  
French Fries  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Tropical Fruit

**5**

**Choice:** Chicken Smackers  
Power Cup

Jambalaya  
White Beans  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Sorbet Cup  
Dinner Roll

**6**

**Choice:** Chef Chicken Smacker Salad  
Power Cup

Chicken Parmesan with  
Spaghetti  
Garden Salad  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Diced Peaches  
Garlic Bread Stick

**7**

**Choice:** Totachos  
Power Cup

Macaroni and Cheese  
Green Beans  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Strawberry Applesauce

**1**

**Choice:** Pizza  
Power Cup

Nachos  
Nacho Salad Cup  
Salsa  
Mexican Corn  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Orange Wedges

**8**

**Choice:** Pizza  
Power Cup

Chicken Tenders  
Red Beans and Rice  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Pineapples  
Biscuit

**11**

**Choice:** Pizza  
Power Cup

Soft Tacos  
Taco Salad Cup  
Pinto Beans  
Salsa  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Sorbet Cup

**12**

**Choice:** Chicken Smackers  
Power Cup

Chicken Potato Bowl  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Red Apple Wedges  
Dinner Roll

**13**

**Choice:** Chef Taco Salad  
Power Cup

Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Fruit

**14**

**Choice:** Totachos  
Power Cup

Chicken Filet on Bun  
Tator Tots  
Lettuce and Pickle Cup  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Diced Pears

**15**

**Choice:** Pizza  
Power Cup

Honey Citrus Chicken  
Fried Rice  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Pineapples

**18**

**Choice:** Pizza  
Power Cup

Spaghetti and Meatballs in Sauce  
Garden Salad  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Orange Wedges  
Garlic Bread Stick

**19**

**Choice:** Chicken Smackers  
Power Cup

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Tropical Fruit  
Celebration Cupcake

**20**

**Choice:** Chef Caesar Salad  
Power Cup

Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Sorbet Cup

**21**

**Choice:** Totachos  
Power Cup

Macaroni and Cheese  
Green Beans  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Strawberry Applesauce

**22**

**Choice:** Pizza  
Power Cup

Chicken Smackers  
Spaghetti and Cheese  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Cauliflower with Cheese  
Mixed Fresh Fruit

**25**

**Choice:** Pizza  
Power Cup

Hamburger/Cheeseburger  
Lettuce and Pickle Cup  
French Fries  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Tropical Fruit

**26**

**Choice:** Chicken Smackers  
Power Cup

Jambalaya  
White Beans  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Sorbet Cup  
Dinner Roll

**27**

**Choice:** Chef Chicken Smacker Salad  
Power Cup

Chicken Parmesan with  
Spaghetti  
Garden Salad  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Diced Peaches  
Garlic Bread Stick

**28**

**Choice:** Totachos  
Power Cup

Nachos  
Nacho Salad Cup  
Salsa  
Mexican Corn  
Garden Variety Veggies  
Orange Wedges

**29**

**Choice:** Pizza  
Power Cup

**Notes:** Menus are subject to change. All meals are served with a choice of milk.

**Notification Statement:** Peanuts and Peanut butter are not purchased for meals produced by the Baton Rouge Diocese Child Nutrition Program; however, some products served may contain nuts, may be produced in plants that use nuts and may contain traces of nuts.