



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

February 1, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2 - School Mass
- February 8 - Progress Reports
- February 9 - School Mass / Krewe of Hornets Parade 2:00 p.m.
- February 12-16 - Mardi Gras Holidays - No School
- February 19 - Students Return / School Mass

*Mardi Gras Holidays - NO SCHOOL on February 12th - February 16th. We will return to school on February 19th.

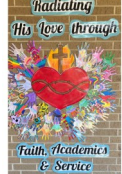
**On February 20th, students will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. There will be NO AFTER-CARE on this day.

Thank You!



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

We have celebrated Catholic education this week for Catholic Schools Week 2024. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Unity in Faith and Community". What a joy to be able to take the time this week to focus on the value Catholic education provides to our families, our church, and our community. Thank you for choosing St. Alphonsus Catholic School for your child's education!



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.

Beta Induction



Our 2023-2024 Beta Induction is tonight in the St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center. The dress code for Induction is Sunday best. We ask that skirts and dresses be the school appropriate length, and no jeans, shorts, or tennis shoes are allowed. Due to the number of students in Beta, we will divide the induction. Elementary Induction will begin at 6:00 and Middle School Induction will begin at 7:00. Beta Induction is such a special night to recognize the student's dedication to their academics and character. Thank you for all of your support.



Distinguished Graduate

Congratulations to Mr. Devin Knapps, the 2024 St. Alphonsus School Distinguished Graduate. He was honored at the annual Catholic Schools Week Distinguished Graduates Banquet. Thank you for being a beautiful testament to the lasting impact of a Catholic education.



Diocese of Baton Rouge District Accreditation

Our school is participating in the Diocese of Baton Rouge District Accreditation Process. Cognia District Accreditation provides nationally recognized accreditation for the district and all its schools. To renew Cognia District Accreditation, the district must: 1) meet the Cognia accreditation standards; 2) implement a continuous process of improvement; and 3) host an external review team once every five years.

District accreditation is a rigorous process that demonstrates to our students, parents, and community that we are focused on raising student achievement, providing safe and enriching learning environments, and maintaining efficient and effective operations staffed by highly qualified educators. As a Catholic School, we utilize the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools protocol. As a system of Catholic Schools, we employ the Cognia Performance Standards for K-12 and Postsecondary Institutions protocol.

Your input is important to your school and to the district during the self-study process. Please take the time to **complete the brief online survey by February 9**. To take the survey, simply go to the school website www.stalphonsusbr.org and click the survey link. All responses are confidential, and only the group statistics will be reviewed and included in the data reports. Dr. Ryals also sent the survey link in an email. Thank you for your help with this important endeavor.

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#!/action/245681/28217>

New Student Registration

If you know of someone interested in joining our St. Alphonsus School family, please let them know that new student registration is opened. Tours can be scheduled by calling 225-261-5299.



Boys Basketball

Congratulations to our 4th Grade blue basketball team for winning 2nd place in the Red Storm 4th Grade Classic this past weekend.



Tax Statements for 2023

A printable payment summary is available by logging into FACTS.

Please follow the steps below:

- Click Financial Home
- Click View Details in the Payment Plan and Billing Box
- Click View Payment Summary

If you need assistance navigating to your FACTS account, please contact Karen Keller, Finance Manager at 225.261.5299 or by email at kkeller@stalphonusbr.org.

Child Nutrition Program

Meal Payment Reminder: NO cash will be accepted beginning this school year 2023-2024. However, checks and money orders will be accepted. Parents are encouraged to create an online meal account at www.myschoolbucks.com. This information is posted on the CNP website at www.cnpbr.org.

Happy 60th Birthday SAS



Happy 60th Birthday to St. Alphonsus Liguori School! We are excited to begin planning some activities to celebrate 60 wonderful years of Catholic education. One of the ways will be to get in touch with all of our past students. Please use the link to be in our alumni database. We would also like you to share your favorite memory from your time at St. Alphonsus <https://forms.gle/do4ephfWaDGc2LUn6> . We will be sharing this link on Facebook, but please share with other alumni of the school. We are looking forward to hearing from our past students!



Daddy Daughter Dance - Save the Date

Mark your calendars - The Daddy/Daughter Dance will be on Saturday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m.! The dance is hosted by the SAS Cheerleaders. More information coming soon.

St. ALPHONSUS CHEERLEADERS
present

Let's Get Groovy

Daddy Daughter Dance

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th

6:00PM - 8:00PM

SAS GYM

TICKETS GO ON SALE
FEBRUARY 19th



HOW TO CREATE A TECH-READY HOME

Free Workshop for Parents



All Catholic School parents in the Diocese of Baton Rouge are strongly encouraged to attend an upcoming presentation from national speakers at Protect Young Eyes.

- Understand how young, developing brains are impacted by today's technologies.
- Learn how to use hardware and software to keep your children safe.
- Discover ways to ensure your family is prepared, balanced and protected online.



Free registration is required at:
<https://csoobr.org/events/pye>

Tuesday, February 20
 6 p.m. - Catholic of Pointe Coupee Gym
 504 W. Fifth St., New Roads, LA 70760
 6 p.m. - St. Theresa Cafeteria
 212 E. New River St., Gonzales, LA 70737
 6:30 p.m. - Catholic Life Center Ballroom
 1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Wednesday, February 21
 6 p.m. - Holy Ghost Catholic Church
 601 N. Oak St., Hammond, LA 70401
 6:30 p.m. - Catholic Life Center Ballroom
 1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
 7 p.m. - St. Alphonsus Family Center
 13940 Greenwell Springs Rd., Greenwell Springs,
 LA 70739





ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH LENTEN MISSION

February 18-20, 2024 at 7 PM

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is an internationally-renowned speaker, author, and preacher. His talks will focus on the following three topics:



**Sunday, February 18 at 7 PM:
Baptized Into His Death: The Power of
the Cross and Its Meaning in Our Lives**

**Monday, February 19 at 9:30 AM:
Meeting Jesus in the Beauty & Truth of the Catholic Faith
for SAS Middle School**

**Monday, February 19 at 7 PM:
Rich in Mercy: Finding Healing in God's Mercy**

**Tuesday, February 20 at 9:30 AM (after 8:30 Mass & Novena):
Living a Eucharistic Faith:
The Big Deal About Mass & Why It Matters**

**Tuesday, February 20 at 7 PM:
Living a Eucharistic Faith:
The Big Deal About Mass & Why It Matters**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED.

**A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IN THE ST. FRANCIS ROOM
EACH EVENING AFTER 7 PM TALK.**



Redemptorist St. Gerard School is seeking a Principal for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information, please visit www.rsgbr.org.



Redemptorist St. Gerard School
seeks a faithful, joyful
Principal, Grades PK4-8
for the 2024-2025 school year

Redemptorist St. Gerard School is a private, Catholic school located in North Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Our dedicated faculty and staff of 25 individuals currently serve over 250 students in grades Pre-kindergarten through eighth, and nearly 100% of our students qualify for need-based scholarships.

For more information, visit www.rsgbr.org

Cultivating Scholars with Pride and Passion



The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

The schools of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.



The Catholic High School Cheerleaders will be hosting cheerleader clinics on Sunday, March 3 and Sunday, March 10 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The clinics are open to all girls in first through fifth grades. The cost to attend a clinic is \$30 per girl and includes a t-shirt and snack. Please register at mychs.catholichigh.org/cheer/clinic or you may contact Jennifer Thibodeaux or Carey Lauret at chscheer@catholichigh.org. The registration deadline is February 7, 2024.



Catholic High School Cheerleading Clinics

Open to girls 1st through 5th grade

**Sunday, March 3 or
Sunday, March 10**

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Performance for parents at
3:00 p.m.*

Catholic High School Gym

Cost - \$30

Includes a t-shirt and snack



Register by Wednesday, February 7 at
<https://mychs.catholichigh.org/cheer/clinic>
(You will need to create a myCHS account.)

Any questions, please email CHSCheer@catholichigh.org.



CENTRAL CAMPUS SPRING SOCCER

📍 LOVETT RD. PARK

REGISTER NOW SAVE \$25

OFFER ENDS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

All Pre-K to 4th grade Central Campus teams will play in an eight-game in-house league in Central on Thursday and Friday nights. All 5th-12th grade Central Campus teams will play eight regular-season games at Burbank Soccer Complex.

SEASON TIMELINE

Feb. 10: Last Day of Early-bird Discount

Feb. 17: Last Day to Register Online

Feb. 24: 1st Weekend of Games

May 19: End of Season

VOLUNTEER COACH

FORM A TEAM • FREE COACHING GEAR
PRACTICES PLANS PROVIDED

brsoccer.org/recreational/coachs-corner

BECOME A REFEREE

GREAT PAY • FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE

brsoccer.org/referees-srabr

BRSC ACADEMY (AGES 8-15)

PROFESSIONAL COACHING

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 5:00 - 6:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit BR Soccer.org or call 225.924.2157
142 Lobdell Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

