



# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## The Buzz

*Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

April 18, 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 19 - School Mass
- April 24 - Spirit Dress
- April 25 - Progress Reports
- April 26 - School Mass / No Aftercare
- April 26-28 - Festival of Two Rivers
- April 30 - Band Concert 7:00 p.m.

There will be **NO Aftercare** on Friday, April 26th due to the Festival of Two Rivers.

## Summer Camp

All weeks of camp are now OPEN! Since we have had an overwhelming response to camp, we are closing registration on Monday, April 22nd, NO exceptions. Summer Camp will start on Monday, June 3rd - Friday, July 19th. Students must be a registered SAS student for the 2024-2025 school year and 4 years old to participate. Please go to the school website for more information. Questions: email Mrs. Tammy Fouts at [tfouts@stalphonusbr.org](mailto:tfouts@stalphonusbr.org)

- All registration and paperwork must be turned in by April 22nd.
- The week of VBS isn't free if they attend VBS through camp.
- If you ordered extra camp shirts, they need to be paid through FACTS. The link is on the school website under "Summer Camp."

## 2024-2025 School Supplies

Order your student's school supplies for the 2024-2025 school year today! The deadline to order is July 1st. Scan the QR code or click the link to order <http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=44913>

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Order by: July 1st

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*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.*

## Summer Reading

Attached to our school newsletter you will find information about our Summer Reading program.



# Field Day

SAS had another great Field Day! This year was extra special because we had Dr. Ryals carry the torch for us! Special thank you to Mrs. Kocke, faculty, staff and volunteers. This day would not be possible without you!



## Festival of Two Rivers T-shirt



Students may wear their Fair T-Shirt with Spirit Dress Guidelines any Wednesday or Friday. T-shirts may be worn with uniform pants/shorts/skirts OR jeans (tucked in with belts if worn with jeans). See the form attached to order a fair t-shirt.

## Mother/Son Event

The Dads' Club is excited to sponsor a Mother/Son event this school year. The original date was on the calendar for April 13th but will need to be moved to the month of May. Please stay tuned for more information.

## 2023-2024 Yearbooks



Buy your 2023-2024 yearbook today for \$50.00. Go to [www.YearbookOrderCenter.com](http://www.YearbookOrderCenter.com) and use order number 2454. Yearbook orders are ONLY ACCEPTED ONLINE.

## 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!



# Athletic News

## Athletics Banquet

The St. Alphonse Hive Athletics Banquet will be on Wednesday, May 1st. You must RSVP before April 24th to attend. There will be NO pay at the door entries.

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/ru6BbLzM>



## Volleyball

Congratulations to our 8th grade volleyball team! They won 1st in the St. Thomas More Tournament! Great job girls.



## Free Physical Day

We like to see our athletes healthy and ready to play! This year, we are launching our fourth annual community-wide event that provides **free physicals for middle school & high school athletes** in the Baton Rouge & surrounding areas. **We will be hosting this event at our main Baton Rouge Orthopedic Clinic location at 8080 Bluebonnet Blvd on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 7AM-12PM.** All physicals will be provided by licensed medical doctors and credentialed support staff. We look forward to this being a fun and cohesive community event with support from local organizations, where we can offer educational information, food, t-shirts & swag bags. Please simply click on the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BKXD7Z7> by April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5PM to show interest or decline.





## Purchase 2024 Festival Mega Bands Online!

It's time to purchase your weekend Mega Band for the upcoming Festival of Two Rivers! The Mega Band will give you unlimited rides for the entire weekend! These bands will be available for online purchase until Noon on Friday, April 26.

Parent bands and session arms bands can be purchased at the Festival. Choose St. Alphonsus Festival of Two Rivers when purchasing. Save your confirmation email to present it for arm band pick-up at the start of the Festival.

Go to [https://amusement.magicmoneyllc.com/MagicMoney\\_Web/ETicket/UpcomingEvents](https://amusement.magicmoneyllc.com/MagicMoney_Web/ETicket/UpcomingEvents) or go through the link on the homepage of [www.alphonsus.org](http://www.alphonsus.org).

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL

# FESTIVAL OF TWO RIVERS

APRIL 26-28, 2024

PURCHASE A WEEKEND MEGA PASS  
ONLINE FOR YOUR CHILD!







**WE NEED YOU!** The Festival of Two Rivers is not possible without the help of hundreds of volunteers working the various booths. Sign-ups are now live for this year's Festival. We encourage you to sign-up for a shift or two. The sign-ups below are for the drink booths, plants booth, armband booth, and the festival store. If you wish to volunteer to work in one of the food booths, please reach out to the individual booth chairs. You can email Kyle Cutrer at [kylemcutrer@gmail.com](mailto:kylemcutrer@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Drink Booths:**

- Friday: <https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/signup/161532>
- Saturday: <https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/signup/161534>
- Sunday: <https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/signup/161535>

**Plants and Festival Store:**

- Friday: <https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/signup/161548>
- Saturday: <https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/signup/161547>
- Sunday: <https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/signup/161549>

**Armband Distribution:**

- Friday: <https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/signup/161550>
- Saturday: <https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/signup/161554>

**Fair Games:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0549A5AD2CA7F49-48957579-sasfair>

## Drink and Candy Donations Requested

We need your help to reach our goal! It's almost time to play your favorite Ring-A-Drink game at this year's fair! In order to have a successful game, we need at least 100 2-liter drinks. We will also need candy (non-chocolate/peanut free) for the Puppet Show Booth. Any student that brings drinks or candy by April 22nd will receive a free dress pass. This free dress pass can be used the week of April 22nd.





# St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church FESTIVAL OF TWO RIVERS April 26-28, 2024

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 5 PM - 11 PM**

- 5 PM Opening Prayer
- 7 - 10 PM The Chee-Weez - Main Stage  
*Presented by Velocity Clinical Research*



**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 11 AM - 10 PM**

- 11:30 AM SAS Grade Level Performances
- 12 PM Cornhole Tournament Begins
- 1-2 PM Legworks by Terri - Main Stage
- 2-4 PM Bingo - Family Center  
*Presented by Knights of Columbus 2807*
- 3-5:30 PM Michael Rayburn - Main Stage
- 7 - 10 PM Bucktown Allstars - Main Stage



**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 11 AM - 5 PM**

- 11 AM Crawfish Étouffée Meals - Food Tent
- 12 PM Rides Open  
Horseshoe Tournament Begins
- 1-2:30 PM Hydra - Main Stage
- 2-4 PM Bingo - Family Center  
*Presented by Knights of Columbus 2807*
- 4:45 PM Cash Raffle Drawing - Food Tent



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*You're Invited*

TO THE ST. ALPHONSUS

# *Art Show*

in the courtyard

Join us to celebrate, create, and view  
the original artwork created  
this year by our talented SAS  
students.

**MONDAY / MAY 13, 2023**

**5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Suggested donation of  
**\$2.00 per person admission**

All proceeds benefit the Art Department

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Summer Reading 2024 – 2025

St. Alphonsus School utilizes a summer reading program to help students excel in their studies, prevent “summer slide”, foster a love of reading, and introduce genres/books that students may not normally gravitate toward.

Below is information about the SAS Summer Reading list for the 2024 – 2025 school year and the testing schedule.

Each grade level must read two books for summer reading. Rising third grade students and up must read the required book **and** one book from the “choose one of the following” list for their grade level. Rising second grade students must read the two books their teacher and Mrs. Amy Nicosia have selected for them. **Graphic novel versions should not be read in place of the listed titles.**

When students have finished their summer reading book(s) they may come to the Library on the dates listed below and take an Accelerated Reader test. These tests will count as a **separate** Summer Reading grade; it does not count towards the student's 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks AR goal. Parents are asked to wait outside the Library while their child(ren) takes their test. The tests normally take 10 – 20 minutes to complete. Please do not drop off your child(ren) and come back. All AR tests must be taken **before** school starts in August. These are the only test dates available, no other dates or arrangements will be made.

**\*\*Students: please do not select a book that you have previously read and have taken an AR test. Once a book is tested on, a second test cannot be taken as the AR program does not allow retakes. If you have already tested on the required book for your grade, please contact Mrs. Amy Nicosia and/or your reading teacher about selecting a different book.\*\***

Dates are as follows:

Monday, June 24                    9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25                3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24            9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursday, July 25                3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

If you have any questions about the Summer Reading books and/or test dates please contact Amy Nicosia at [anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto:anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org)

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Amy Nicosia



<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Book Level</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>		
Little Bear	Else Holmelund Minarik	2.4
Dinosaurs Before Dark	Mary Pope Osborne	2.6
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>		
<b>Required:</b>		
Freckle Juice	Judy Blume	3.1
<b>Choose one of the following:</b>		
Any book from the Mercy Watson series	Kate DiCamillo	varies
Any book from the Judy Moody series	Megan McDonald	varies
Any book from the A to Z Mysteries series	Ron Roy	varies
Any book from the Magic Treehouse series	Mary Pope Osborne	varies
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
<b>Required:</b>		
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	3.9
<b>Choose one of the following:</b>		
Any book from the I Survived series	Lauren Tarshis	varies
Any book from the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series	Jeff Kinney	varies
Any book from the My Weird School series	Dan Gutman	varies
Any book from the Geronimo Stilton series	Geronimo Stilton	varies
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
<b>Required:</b>		
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	3.6
<b>Choose one of the following:</b>		
The Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	4.1
Rules	Cynthia Lord	3.9
Leonard: My Life as a Cat	Carlie Sorosiak	5.2
The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	5.1
How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell	3.5

**Middle School  
Required Reading**

<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>		
Wonder	R. J. Palacio	4.8
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>		
Number the Stars	Lois Lowery	4.5
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>		
A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park	5.0
<b>Choose One of the Following</b>		
Becoming Muhammad Ali	Kwame Alexander	5.4
The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	4.7
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Gennifer Choldenko	3.5
Counting by 7s	Holly Goldberg Sloan	5.6
Ground Zero	Alan Gatz	4.8
The False Prince	Jennifer Nielsen	5.1

**\*\*Graphic novel versions of any of the above titles are not permitted\*\***

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH COMMUNITY  
2024  
FESTIVAL OF TWO RIVERS  
T-SHIRT ORDER FORM



Please return the completed form with payment to the school office.

Checks should be made payable to **St. Alphonsus Church Fair**.

T-shirts may also be ordered online at <https://alphonsus.org/>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom at SAS: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH T-Shirt Sizes - \$16.00:**

\_\_\_\_\_ YXS(4-5)      \_\_\_\_\_ YS (6-8)      \_\_\_\_\_ YM (10-12)      \_\_\_\_\_ YL (14-16)

**ADULT T-Shirt Sizes - \$16.00:**

\_\_\_\_\_ AS      \_\_\_\_\_ AM      \_\_\_\_\_ AL      \_\_\_\_\_ AXL

**ADULT – T-Shirt Sizes - \$20.00:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2XL      \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL

**Total # of Shirts Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Students may wear their Fair T-Shirt to school every Wednesday and Friday from March 6<sup>th</sup>-April 26<sup>th</sup>**