



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

April 25, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 26 - School Mass / No After-care
- April 26-28 - Festival of Two Rivers
- May 1 - May Crowning 9:30 a.m. / Athletics Banquet 6:30 p.m.
- May 3 - School Mass
- May 6 - Band Concert 7 p.m.

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

May Crowning on May 1st

Students may bring in a SMALL bouquet or flower for the May Crowning ceremony. Due to space limitations in the vases, we ask that students not bring plants or large flower arrangements. Flowers from your garden are a great resource to honor our Blessed Mother. The ceremony will begin in the St. Alphonsus Church at 9:30 a.m.

Mother Seton Award

Congratulations to Mrs. Tysha Reeves, Home and School Vice President. She was honored by the Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools Office with the Mother Seton Award. Tysha is a dedicated volunteer to our School. She has served as a Room Mother for eight years, Home and School Vice President for two years, coached volleyball, and was a substitute teacher. Other volunteer efforts include Grandparents Day, Teacher Appreciation, Festival Volunteer and Class Parties. When not volunteering at the School, Tysha is busy as a Youth Night volunteer for our Church. She works as a registered nurse and is a mom to three beautiful daughters who attend St. Alphonsus School and one is a graduate. What a blessing to our Church and School!



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.

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 or go through the link on the homepage of www.alphonsus.org.





Attention SAS Parents & Grandparents or High School Students:

We need Your help! We know your kids love to play the school fair games, but we can't do it without volunteers to work the games. We still have several games without volunteers so please help if you can. Thanks in advance!

Link to sign up:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0549A5AD2CA7F49-48957579-sasfair>

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 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>



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.



Happy Administrative Professionals Day

Happy Administrative Professionals Day to Mrs. Erin and Mrs. Bethany. Thank you for everything you do for our school! Thank you to our Home and School for providing a special treat from Starbucks and Boards and More.



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?>



Summer Reading

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

2023-2024 Yearbooks



Buy your 2023-2024 yearbook today for \$50.00. Go to 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!



Art Club - Art Show

The Art Club would like to invite you to our 3rd St. Alphonsus Outdoor Art Show. Artwork will be displayed in the courtyard on Monday, May 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Art Club has been working hard to put this display together to show off all the talent we have at St. Alphonsus.

Along with the artwork, there will be art activities and light refreshments. A donation of \$2 per person at the door is suggested and will go towards fun art supplies for next year. The students are so excited to have everyone come out and see their artwork displayed!!





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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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 17-21, 2024. Registration is now open for all children age 5-11. Register your child or sign up as a volunteer through this link: <https://vbspro.events/p/savbs24>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 17 – 21, 2024

CHILDREN AGES 5 – 11 YEARS OLD

CRAFTS, MUSIC, STORIES AND FUN!

TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Register online at alphonsus.org





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SAVE 15% IN MAY



You'll also get \$10 in School Time Bucks for each \$100 spent in-store and online in May.

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

**15%
off**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14 &
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**

Save on your entire purchase in-store and online during your school's sale days!

We'll also give you \$5 in School Time Bucks for each \$100 spent in June!
Use code **HORNETS1** to get **FREE SHIPPING** and 15% off.

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If you miss your school's sale days, you can still **save 10% all month in June** in-store and online!

You will also get \$5 in School Time Bucks for each \$100 spent.

Why do parents love shopping at School Time?

We have a wonderful staff ready to help you find exactly what you need. We also allow returns and exchanges even when logos are on your items.

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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 1st 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

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Amy Nicosia

Title	Author	Book Level
2nd Grade		
Little Bear	Else Holmelund Minarik	2.4
Dinosaurs Before Dark	Mary Pope Osborne	2.6
3rd Grade		
Required:		
Freckle Juice	Judy Blume	3.1
Choose one of the following:		
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
4th Grade		
Required:		
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	3.9
Choose one of the following:		
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
5th Grade		
Required:		
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	3.6
Choose one of the following:		
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**

6th		
Wonder	R. J. Palacio	4.8
7th		
Number the Stars	Lois Lowery	4.5
8th		
A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park	5.0
Choose One of the Following		
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 Gratz	4.8
The False Prince	Jennifer Nielsen	5.1

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



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THURS, MAY 2 | 6:30 PM

St. Alphonsus Liguori Church
St. Francis Room
14040 Greenwell Springs Rd.
Central, LA



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