



# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## The Buzz

*Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

August 17, 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 18 - No School Mass
- August 22 - 2nd-8th Grade Parent Orientation
- August 25 - School Mass
- August 25 - Middle School Dance
- August 30 - Spirit Dress
- September 1 - School Mass
- September 4 - No 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.*

## Carpool

Thank you for your cooperation these last few days to learn SAS carpool etiquette. It is a tough duty for our teachers with this extreme heat. We are still having a few parents forget the proper etiquette. Please see the info below and share it with others who may pick up students for you in the carpool line. These rules are in place for everyone's safety!

- 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.

## 2nd-8th Grade Parent Orientation

Parent orientation is Tuesday, August 22nd. Parents can meet in their child's classroom.

2nd-5th Grade - 6:00 p.m.

6th-8th Grade - 7:00 p.m.



# 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 last Thursday. 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).

## 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.

### 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.

### Forms

If you have not turned in your Parent/Student Handbook Agreement and Picture Release Forms, please do so by Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>. The link to the handbook and forms is below



# Welcome to St. Alphonus

## Mrs. Erin Dickerson

Hi! My name is Erin Dickerson and I will be your new school receptionist/attendance secretary. My husband, Chris, and I have been married for 36 years, are parishioners of St. Alphonus Church, and have two daughters. Our girls and their husbands all attended St. Alphonus and now 4 of our grandchildren are currently enrolled! I am SUPER excited to join the SAS family and look forward to meeting all of you soon!



## Mrs. Krystal Armand

My name is Krystal Armand and I am excited to be the new Athletic Director here at SAS. I have been involved in sports my whole life, including collegiate basketball. I have volunteered as a girls basketball coach for the last 5 years and this year will make 6 here at SAS. My husband Scott Armand is also very involved with the school athletics as he coaches boys basketball here and is the Basketball Director. We have 5 children together, with 4 here at SAS and one at CHS. I also work as the Administrative Assistant at St. Alphonus Church, when I'm not involved with the athletics at school. I am excited to be an official part of St. Alphonus School and most importantly the athletic department. I look forward to meeting everyone and growing our athletic community.



## Mrs. Kelley Jones

My name is Kelley Jones and I am very excited to be joining SAS as the Fifth grade English Language Arts teacher. I am a National Board Certified teacher entering my 29th year in education. I have been married to my husband, a christian musician, for over 37 years. We have 2 adult sons, 2 daughters (in love & law), and 2 precious grandchildren. I would say we are empty nesters, but our 3 dogs would disagree.



## Mrs. Rachel Harper

Hello, my name is Rachel Harper. I have been teaching various grades and subjects for about 7 years now. My son is also starting here with me in PreK 4. I also have been a dance instructor for the last 15 years. I could not be more excited to start at St. Alphonus School this year!



## Mrs. Kathemarie Humphreys

I have been married for 46 years. We share two grown children one of which just got married. We share 4 grandchildren who we adore!! Both of our children went to St. Alphonus. We have been a member of the parish for over 40 years. I'm so excited for this new beginning at my home parish.





# 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>



# 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. Registration will open tomorrow. Click on the link to register <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/RRkcKBmd>



# THE HIVE

Do you want to be a member of The Hive? Memberships are \$40 per family/year. Members will receive T-shirt and Hive decal. Members only are eligible to purchase annual home game pass for \$50 per person.

**The deadline to register is Sunday, August 20th.**

To purchase your membership click [HERE](#).

## JOIN THE HIVE ST. ALPHONSUS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



**THE HIVE'S PURPOSE IS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF ALL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES  
AT ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL INCLUDING GYM UPGRADES.**

**\$40/FAMILY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE  
INCLUDES FREE T-SHIRT, DECAL, AND ACCESS TO PURCHASE ANNUAL HOME  
GAME PASSES.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE- AUGUST 20, 2023**





# 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 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

St. Alphonsus School  
Parent / Student Handbook

**Family Agreement Form**  
2023-2024

We/I have read the 2023-2024 **St. Alphonsus School Parent / Student Handbook**. We/I understand that these rules, regulations, and procedures are to be followed while my child(ren) attend St. Alphonsus School and will be administered impartially. By Diocesan policy, “Failure to abide by the regulations and policies of the school handbook by either the student and/or parent may result in the student’s removal from the school”.

As a parent/guardian, We/I understand the expectation to work courteously and cooperatively with the school to assist the student in meeting the academic, moral, and behavioral expectations of St. Alphonsus School.

**PUBLICATION RELEASE:** As stated in the handbook, we/I further understand SAS reserves the right to use student pictures in publications and on the school’s website to include the name, voice and/or likeness of my child in the following media formats: news publications, audiovisuals, and other electronic transmissions issued by employees or designees of St. Alphonsus School. If you do not wish for your child(ren) to be in publications, please notify the office in writing.

**By signing below, We/I verify that we/I have read the St. Alphonsus School Parent / Student Handbook and all rules included within. We/I understand that these rules, regulations, and procedures are to be followed while my children attend St. Alphonsus School.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**By signing below, I verify that I have read the St. Alphonsus School Parent / Student Handbook and all rules included within. I understand that these rules, regulations, and procedures are to be followed while I attend St. Alphonsus School.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Principal

Parents,

Throughout the school year, SAS likes to spotlight our students, faculty and school when possible. We use photos on marketing brochures, school website and social media to highlight the wonderful things our students are doing.

With this being said, SAS reserves the right to use student pictures in publications, on the school's website, and social media. This includes the student name, voice and/or likeness in the following media formats: news publications, audiovisuals, and other electronic transmissions issued by employees or designees of St. Alphonsus School.

If for any reason, you do not wish your child's picture used, you must notify the school office in writing prior to the beginning of the school year.

By signing below, you are giving St. Alphonsus School permission to use your child's identity in the above formats.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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