



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

August 31, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 1 - School Mass
- September 4 - No School
- September 8 - School Mass
- September 14 - Progress Reports / Picture Retakes and Class Pictures
- September 15 - School Mass

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.

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

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be on September 26th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Students will dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

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). 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.

2022-2023 Yearbooks

We have a limited number of 2022-2023 Yearbooks available for purchase. The cost is \$42. If you did not order a yearbook LAST year, use the link <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/7sxxk6dOD> to purchase one.



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. If you are interested in volunteering as a chairperson any of the listed positions please contact Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@stalphonusbr.org. You may also sign up to volunteer using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4CA5AD22A3FF2-book1>

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.

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.

Beginner and Advanced Band

The St. Alphonse 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>

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CRUSADERS FOOTBALL



Come show your support for our Crusaders football teams! The Crusaders will play Central Private on Sunday, September 10th at Central High Wildcat Stadium. This will be our only home field game so we need our Crusaders fans to pack the stands!

We will need volunteers for set up, gate, concessions and pick up. Please click on the link to volunteer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4EAAAF2CA6F94-crusaders>

Sunday, September 10th
**AT CENTRAL
HIGH WILDCAT
STADIUM**

- 3rd and 4th grade play at 2:00 p.m.
- 5th and 6th grade play at 3:00 p.m.
- 7th and 8th grade play at 4:30 p.m.

SAS Dad's Club

There's still time to join our SAS Dad's Club. Simply follow the link provided below to complete your annual \$25 dues payment and become a part of our team. Once you've joined, you'll receive communication about upcoming events and chances to engage with the school and connect with fellow dads. Take action now; enroll today without delay.

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/pWty7UWr>



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 4th-8th 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 12th.

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

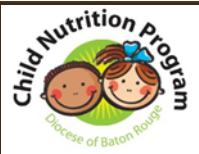
Band students will be able to indicate a preferred instrument choice, but final instrumental assignments will be made by the director to ensure balance in the band. Once the registration form is turned in, parents will receive an e-mail discussing instrument options.

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



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.



8TH GRADE GIRLS FROM

ST. ALPHONSUS

ARE INVITED TO

Spend the Day at SJA
OCTOBER 16, 2023

Eighth-grade girls are invited to learn about our curriculum; talk to teachers and students; see classrooms in action; get information about our athletic program, student clubs and organizations; and get answers to all your questions.

Drop off: 8 a.m.
Pick up: 2 p.m.
Mother Alice Hall circle
driveway
(3080 Kleinert Avenue)

Wear your school uniform, and prepare to discover for yourself why St. Joseph's Academy is so special.

To RSVP, please visit www.visitsja.org and look for Spend the Day at SJA.

We can't wait to meet you!

JOIN US FOR

2023 Open House

Register at visitsja.org



St. Joseph's Academy
Est. 1868

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 3:30-7 p.m.
For Girls in Grades 6-8 and Their Parents



Tour

Tour campus with Student Ambassadors.



See

See performances and demonstrations showcasing the arts, academics, sports medicine and the STEM Lab.



Watch

Watch technicians at work in our student-run Help Desk.



Visit

Visit with teachers and administrators.



Enjoy

Enjoy performances by the SJA cheerleaders, SJA/Catholic High band and the Red Steppers competition dance team.

LEARN ALL ABOUT WHAT
MAKES THE ACADEMY

So Special.



Founded in 1868 by the Sisters of St. Joseph. | St. Joseph's Academy has a non-discriminatory admissions policy.
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