



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

November 30, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1 - School Mass
- December 6 - Hornet Run Fun Day
- December 7 - Re-enrollment and New Sibling Registration
- December 8 - School Mass
- December 14 - Band Concert

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.

Welcome, Mr. Johnson!

Welcome to Mr. Victor Johnson! Mr. Victor is the new facilities manager for St. Alphonsus School. We are excited to have him join our St. Alphonsus School family.

Advent 2023: Happy New Year!

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the Advent season. Advent is the first season of the liturgical calendar so we can say "Happy New Year!". We hope that this Advent season will be a time of renewal as you and your family prepare to celebrate the birth of the Savior of the World. Our weekly morning Advent prayers are included below. Please take some time to say these prayers as a family as you enter into the beauty of the season.

First Week: Jesus, you are the light of the world. Teach us to leave the darkness behind and to live in your light. Help us not to hurt each other by our words and actions. Make us thoughtful and generous so that we can be ready to greet you when you come. Come, Lord Jesus!

Second Week: Jesus you are the light of the World. May the fire of your love burn away our sins. May it help us to prepare the way for you by being kind, forgiving, and fair. Come, Lord Jesus!

Third Week: Jesus, you are the light of the world. May your light shine brightly so we can see you everywhere. Help us to spread your light and joy by giving freely and happily to all we meet. Come, Lord Jesus!

Fourth Week: Jesus, you are the light of the world. Yet you were born in the darkness of night, in a cold stable with only the animals to warm you. Let the light of your love shine on us so we can see you today in all the helpless children, in all who have no home. Teach us how to love you in them. Come, Lord Jesus!



Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year

Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students and new siblings will begin on Thursday, December 7th. **Please note:** Enrollment will be completed online. Parents will be required to set-up a FACTS account as registration payments are no longer accepted at the School Office. Re-enrollment instructions will be emailed by Thursday, December 7th. Please contact Bethany Richard (brichard@stalphonsusbr.org) to enroll a sibling.

Middle School Exam Schedule

Please see the middle school exam schedule below. Child care will not be provided for middle school students after exams. Reminder that middle school students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**Tuesday,
December 19th:**
6th grade: History/Reading
7th grade: Math/English
8th grade: Science

**Wednesday,
December 20th:**
6th grade: Science
7th grade: History/Reading
8th grade: Math/English

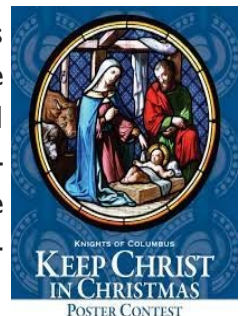
**Thursday,
December 21st:**
6th grade: Math/English
7th grade: Science
8th grade: History/Reading

Toy Drive

Spread the Joy, Give a Toy. St. Alphonse will be helping Ross Tire and Journey Church fill Central's Toy Box. This will help a child have a special Christmas. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The homeroom with the most toys collected will receive a Raising Cane's party. We appreciate your help and generosity!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. See the attached entry form for more details. Entries are due to the school office by Friday, December 8th. The Knights of Columbus have provided the poster boards (1 per student). Participants can pick up the poster boards in the school office. Please encourage your child to participate in this wonderful Christmas tradition.





***Effective on November 13th

Details for the Multi-Factor Authentication can be found on the school website on the home page .



Dear FACTS Partner,

On November 13, 2023, FACTS will enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) for all non-administrative users (e.g., families, authorized payers, etc.) accessing FACTS for the following products:

- FACTS Payment Plans and Billing
- FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment

To help facilitate the use of MFA, FACTS recommends that all users utilize a free authentication app, such as Authy, Microsoft Authenticator or Google Authenticator. Users can also choose to receive an authentication email containing a unique code.

These authenticator options support existing login credentials by verifying usernames and passwords, along with something users have in their possession.

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/do4epfhWaDGc2LUn6> . 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!

Water Bottle Policy

Please note that there will be some changes to the water bottle policy now that the weather has finally cooled down. No water bottles of any kind will be allowed starting on January 8th until the administration deems the weather warm enough. At that time, only clear, reusable plastic water bottles will be allowed. No metal water bottles and bottles with straws or handles will be allowed. Water bottles, especially the metal container style, are a distraction in the classroom. Students are given multiple water breaks during the day using the regular water fountain. When students are permitted to bring water bottles, they must be placed in a designated spot in the classroom and not at their desks. Students with doctor's notes regarding water will be allowed to bring their water, but it will not be kept at their desks. We appreciate your help and support with this change.



ST. ALPHONSUS CHRISTMAS DANCE
 Sponsored by the Prime Timers
Saturday, December 2, 2023
 from 7 - 10 PM
 Emmanuel Hall in the Parish Activity Center
 Doors open at 6 PM.

Ice and drinks will be available.
 Bring your own bottles.
 Must be 21+ to enter.

Come dance along to the
 • **Kenny Cornett Band!**

Tickets:
 \$10 each at the Church Office
 \$15 each at the doors (Cash only)

KIDS IN MINISTRY
PANCAKES WITH SANTA

GAMES
PANCAKES
PHOTOS WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

RSVP at www.alphonsus.org
 BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG
 FROM 6-7:30 PM
DECEMBER 17, 2023
 IN THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

Sponsored by the
 St. Alphonsus Liturgy Committee

2024 Hive Golf Tournament

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Save the Date!

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See you there!

Top Golf
 10955 N. Mall Drive
 Baton Rouge, LA 70809



DECEMBER 2023

Elementary



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



4
 Chicken Smackers
 Spaghetti and Cheese
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Cauliflower with Cheese
 Grapes
Choice: Pizza
 Power Cup

5
 Gumbo
 Potato Salad
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Diced Peaches
 Dinner Roll
Choice: Chicken Smackers
 Power Cup

6
 Hamburger/Cheeseburger
 Lettuce and Pickle Cup
 French Fries
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Diced Pears
Choice: Chef Chicken Smacker Salad
 Power Cup

7
Christmas Meal:
 Pork Fricassee
 Mac and Cheese
 Green Beans
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Sorbet Cup
 Dinner Roll
 Celebration Cupcake
No Choices Today

1
 Nachos
 Nacho Salad Cup
 Salsa
 Mexican Corn
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Orange Wedges
Choice: Pizza
 Power Cup

8
 Chicken Filet on Bun
 French Fries
 Lettuce and Pickle Cup
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Apple Wedges
Choice: Pizza
 Power Cup

11
 Chicken Tenders
 Red Beans and Rice
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Pineapples
 Biscuit
Choice: Pizza
 Power Cup

12
 Soft Tacos
 Taco Salad Cup
 Pinto Beans
 Salsa
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Sorbet Cup
Choice: Chicken Smackers
 Power Cup

13
 Chicken Smackers
 Mashed Potatoes
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Red Apple Wedges
 Dinner Roll
Choice: Chef Taco Salad
 Power Cup

14
 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Buttered Corn
 Garden Salad
 Diced Peach Cup
Choice: BBQ Pork Fries with Cheez its
 Power Cup

15
 Macaroni and Cheese
 Green Beans
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Strawberry Applesauce
Choice: Pizza
 Power Cup

18
 Honey Citrus Chicken
 Fried Rice
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Pineapples
Choice: Pizza
 Power Cup

19
 Spaghetti and Meatballs in Sauce
 Garden Salad
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Orange Wedges
 Garlic Bread Stick
Choice: Chicken Smackers
 Power Cup

20
 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich
 Baked Beans
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Diced Pears
Choice: Chef Caesar Salad
 Power Cup

21
 Pastalaya
 Garden Salad
 Garden Variety Veggies
 Sorbet Cup
Choice: BBQ Pork Fries with Cheez its
 Power Cup

22
Brunch for Lunch:
 Egg Bites/Eggstravanga
 Biscuits
 Grits
 Tator Tots
 Fruit Choice
Choice: Chef Chicken Smacker Salad
 Power Cup

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Christmas Break

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.



Keep Christ in Christmas

Poster Judging Fact Sheet

RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form.

The name and grade of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. **Posters will not be returned.**

JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, young people should be included in all phases of the judging process.

A **100 point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

30 Points: Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

30 Points: Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

40 Points: Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

Council's Contact Information



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST in the Grade division checked below. I realize that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

GRADE K GRADE 1-2 GRADE 3-4 GRADE 5-6 GRADE 7-8

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

Name of Entrant _____ Grade _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____
 Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) _____ Email _____ Signature of Entrant _____

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. **Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.**

Parent/Guardian

Date signed

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Slogan – 30 points	Artistic Merit – 30 points	Overall Impact – 40 points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
Jurisdictional Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			





Spread the Joy Give a Toy

Help Ross Tire & Journey Church fill Central's Toy Box this Year to help a child have a special Christmas.

The Classroom that collects the most toys will win a

Raising Cane's Party!

Toys needed by December 14th

New, unwrapped toys for newborn—age 16

Call Ross Tire and Service for more details

262-8473

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