



# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## The Buzz

*Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

December 7, 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 8 - School Mass
- December 14 - Band Concert 7 p.m.
- December 15 - School Mass
- December 19 - Middle School Exams
- December 20 - Spirit Dress/ Middle School Exams
- December 21 - Middle School Exams

*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.*

**Christmas Holidays** - On December 22nd, we will have **EARLY DISMISSAL** at 1:00 p.m. and there will be **NO** aftercare on this day! There will be **NO SCHOOL** on December 25th - January 5th. We will return to school on January 8th.

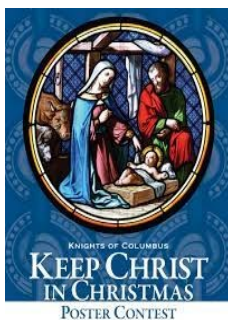
## Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year

Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students and new siblings is open now. **Please note:** Enrollment will be completed online. Parents will be required to set-up a FACTS account as payments are no longer accepted at the School Office. We encourage parents to re-enroll students now to secure their spot for the 2024-2025 school year. Re-enrollment is available through the "Family Portal" on Ren-Web or by clicking on this link: <https://SA-LA.client.renweb.com/pw/>. Once on the Family Portal, select "Apply/Enroll" and then click "Enrollment/Reenrollment". Only new students will require an application. Please contact Bethany Richard at [brichard@stalphonsusbr.org](mailto:brichard@stalphonsusbr.org) to enroll a sibling.

## Church Contribution Reminder

Please remember that in order to receive the "In-Parish" tuition rate, your contribution of at least \$300 needs to be included in the December 24th Sunday Mass collection. If you are hand delivering it to the church, it needs to be in the church office by Noon on Thursday, December 21st. Contact the church office at 225.261.4650 if you would like to set-up automatic contributions.

## 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 Wednesday, December 13th. 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.



# 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 all 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. Alphonsus 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!

## Drama Club Christmas Play and 8th Grade Nativity

The Drama Club will be performing "A Christmas Wizard of Oz" and the 8th graders will perform the Living Nativity on Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. Please come out and support our Drama Club and enjoy a show.

## 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.



# 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

### Boys Basketball

Come out and support our boys' basketball teams!

**Friday, December 8th  
at Home**

6th grade plays at 5:45 p.m.  
7th grade plays at 6:30 p.m.  
8th grade plays at 7:15 p.m.



**Monday, December 11th  
at OLOM**

5th grade white plays at 5:45 p.m.  
5th grade gold plays at 6:30 p.m.  
5th grade blue plays at 7:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 12th  
at St. George**

3rd grade plays at 5:45 p.m.  
4th grade white plays at 6:30 p.m.  
4th grade blue plays at 7:15 p.m.

## Sock it To Me Sock Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated socks for the "Sock it to Me" sock drive. This program is through Baton Rouge Parents Magazine and helps children and adults in our community.





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



THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE & ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENT  
**CATHOLIC EDUCATION CAREER EXPO**

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A TEACHER  
IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?



Dear Parents, Alumnae and Friends of SJA,

St. Joseph's Academy recently purchased new laptop computers for use by our students, faculty and staff. As a result, the Fujitsu T938 LifeBook computers that SJA students have used during the past four years are being offered for sale.

Just in time for Christmas, these units are being offered "as is" for the price of \$208.25 through [SchoolCash Online](#).

Units will be distributed on Wednesday, December 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the lobby of Mother Alice Hall (3080 Kleinert Avenue). Bring your emailed receipt, and park in the circle driveway in front of the building.

Additional details are available on [SchoolCash Online](#).

Wishing you and your loved ones all the blessings of the Christmas season,

The SJA Technology Team



# Safe Babysitter Courses

The Louisiana Firefighters Foundation is hosting 2 upcoming Safe Babysitter courses, Dec 27 & 29th. Thanks to a grant from Healthy Blue, these classes are being offered at no charge.

This course is designed for students in grades 5th to 8th. Safe Sitter covers basic life safety, childcare, business skills, basic CPR, first aid, and choking. This is not just a course for those looking to become #babysitterbosses, all are welcome that want to be more equipped for anything that life can throw at them! class time is 8 AM. to 3:30 PM.

Could you please share this with your students, parents, associated groups, faith-based organizations etc.? It would be a huge help to us getting this information out to the intended audience.

[December 27th Safe Sitter - Register Here](#)

[December 29th - Safe Sitter - Register Here](#)

# 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

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# 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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