

#### St. Alphonsus Catholic School The Buzz Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

**December 14, 2023** 

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 14 -Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
- December 15 -School Mass
- December 19 -Middle School Exams
- December 20 -Spirit Dress/ Middle School Exams
- December 21 -Middle School Exams / Drama Club Play and Nativity 7:00 p.m.

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 now open. **Please note:** Enrollment will be completed online. Parents will be required to setup 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: <u>https://SA-LA.client.renweb.com/pw/</u>. 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 <u>brichard@stalphonsusbr.org</u> 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 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

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

### **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 <u>Noon on Thursday</u>, <u>December 21st</u>. Contact the church office at 225.261.4650 if you would like to set-up automatic contributions.

#### 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation

Last week, D.A.R.E. Graduation was celebrated with 5th Grade! A special thanks to our 5th Grade teachers, our D.A.R.E. officer, and Lt. Clayton Henry for making this year's 5th Grade DARE class a success. Thank you to the guest speaker, Capt. Randy Aguillard, for your inspirational words for our students and families.



#### 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.

## 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!

## 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 <u>https://forms.gle/do4ephfWaDGc2LUn6</u>. We will be sharing this link on Face-

book, but please share with other alumni of the school. We are looking forward to hearing from our past students!



# 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, faithbased 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

# JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

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FROM 6-7:30 PM DECEMBER 17, 2023 IN THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

> Sponsored by the St. Alphonsus Liturgy Committee



# 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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