



# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## The Buzz

*Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

December 21, 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 21 - Drama Club Play and Nativity 7:00 p.m.**
- **December 22 - 1:00 p.m. Dismissal / Christmas Spirit Dress**
- **December 25 - January 5th - No School**
- **January 8 - Students Return**
- **January 11 - Report Cards**

**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.**

## 2024 Distinguished Graduate

Congratulations to Mr. Devin Knapps, SAS class of 1984. He is the 2024 Distinguished Graduate for St. Alphonsus School. Mr. Knapps will be honored at an awards dinner held by the Catholic Schools Office in January. Mr. Knapps says that the education he received at St. Alphonsus has helped him shape his beliefs both spiritually and mentally. It has formed the foundation that he has passed along to his children and grandchildren. Mr. Knapps is married to Gina Knapps and has four children, Peyton, Grace, Anna and Jude. He recently had his first



granddaughter, Leighton, and has a grandson on the way. He has worked in sales for Sysco Foods for almost 30 years. He is a proud member of the Knights of Columbus and has served and continues to serve as the first chairperson for the St. Alphonsus Festival. He also volunteered his time for 6 years coaching the football program for the combined team of St. Alphonsus and St. Jean Vianney, the Crusaders.

*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.*

## 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. Contact the church office at 225.261.4650 if you would like to set-up automatic contributions.



## 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 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 RenWeb 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.

## Open House / New Student Registration

St. Alphonsus School will be hosting a new student open house on Sunday, January 28th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Please spread the word to any interested families and please share the flyer that is attached to the newsletter with prospective families. If you know of someone interested in joining our St. Alphonsus School family, please let them know that new student registration opens on January 28th.

## 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 tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. Please come out and support our Drama Club and enjoy a show.

## Toy Drive

Spread the Joy, Give a Toy. Thank you for all of your donations to help fill Ross Tire and Journey Church Toy Box. We appreciate your help and generosity!





# 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!

## 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.

## Thank You!

Thank you to the Dad's Club for helping with carpool this week!





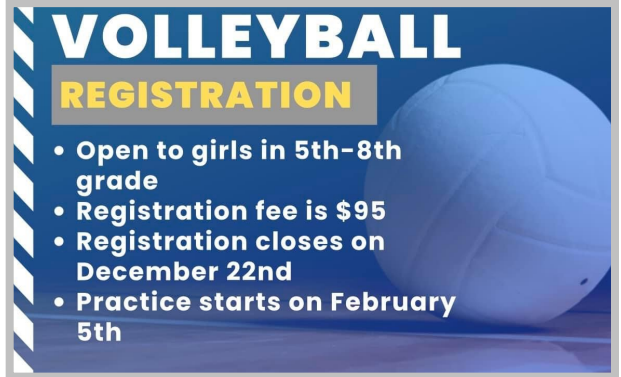
# Athletic News

## Volleyball Registration

Volleyball registration is now open. Registration will close on Friday, December 22nd.

Click on the link to register.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQCxsc\\_h70mLoPzAj6TM88--kxBup-C\\_kxzPnBKcBShNwXQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQCxsc_h70mLoPzAj6TM88--kxBup-C_kxzPnBKcBShNwXQ/viewform)



**VOLLEYBALL**  
**REGISTRATION**

- Open to girls in 5th-8th grade
- Registration fee is \$95
- Registration closes on December 22nd
- Practice starts on February 5th



ST. ALPHONSUS  
**HOLIDAY VOLLEYBALL CLINIC**  
SAS PROSPECTIVE PLAYERS  
5TH - 8TH GRADE  
\$85/player  
Thursday January 4, 2024  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Come have some fun and work on your skills before tryouts/season!  
Each player will bring a water bottle and lunch, snacks will be provided.

## Holiday Volleyball Clinic

We will be offering a volleyball clinic over Christmas break. The clinic will take place on Thursday, January 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration is open to SAS prospective players in grades 5th – 8th.

Register using the link below.

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/zF8FYJ0o>

## Boys Basketball

Congratulations to our boys basketball teams that participated in our tournament this past weekend. 4th grade white team won 2nd place and 5th grade gold team won 2nd place. Way to go boys!





# 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](#)



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## OPEN HOUSE

January 28th 1:00-3:00 p.m.

### Grades

Pre K3 - 8th

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Dr. Cynthia Ryals, Principal



## WHO ARE WE?

- Certified, Caring Faculty
- Excellence in Academics
- Religious Education
- Weekly Mass
- Reading Lab
- Athletics 3rd-8th
- Morning and Extended Care
- Technology
- Computer Lab
- K - 8th Grade 1:1 Chromebook Program
- Multi-Media Library
- Science Lab
- Foreign Language
- High School Credit in Algebra 1, Physical Science, and Spanish 1
- Extracurricular Activities/Clubs
- Summer Camp