



# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## The Buzz

*Forming Faith and Future*

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

August 10, 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 15 - School Mass
- August 17 - School Pictures
- August 18 - No School Mass
- August 22 - 2nd-8th Grade Parent Orientation
- August 25 - School Mass
- August 25 - Middle School Dance
- August 30 - Spirit Dress

## Welcome Back!

It's been a busy summer at St. Alphonsus! The Family Center (gym) was painted on the inside and outside. A locker room was created from a storage area next to the boy's restroom. It looks amazing and we can't wait for you to get a peek at it when we host family events and games. The sidewalk outside of the school office courtyard area was removed and a new one replaced it. No more flooding on rainy days!! Our school resource officers will be returning this school year and an added layer of security are the new gates and fence by the bus port and gym. The playground area has new tarps for shade and the bleachers now have limestone under them to prevent erosion. We are excited for a wonderful school year!



## Celebrating 60 Years!



Happy 60th Birthday to St. Alphonsus School! It's been 60 years since a parish school with 131 students in grades 1-4 opened its doors. Dr. Ryals is celebrating her 15th year as principal of St. Alphonsus and she is excited to lead such a wonderful school. You will be invited to celebrate with us in many ways. We will recognize our faculty, staff, administration

and students of present and past. We will be asking for photos and stories from alumni. Stay tuned on how you can celebrate 60 awesome years!

## Lunch Menu

The August lunch menu is attached to the newsletter and is on the school website. \*Please note that meals are subject to change.

*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.*

# Office News

## Medication

At no time are students to have any medication, inhalers, cough drops, etc. on them or in their book sacks. Medication that needs to be taken at school will be kept in the office with proper documentation on file. Please contact Mrs. Erin in the office for those procedures.

## Forgotten Items

In order to ensure the consistent flow of education, it is our policy that we will not call students out of class to pick up forgotten homework, notes, book bags, binders, etc. If you bring items for your child, they will be placed in the mailbox of your child's teacher for them to get it on their next break. Students will not be allowed to call home for forgotten items as well. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

## 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.

## Carpool Reminders

- Please do not speed.
- Cell phone use is NOT permitted at any time during carpool.
- Refer to the carpool maps on our school website. For the safety of everyone, do not enter on Greenwell Springs Road. Use the driveway closest to Greenwell Springs on Frenchtown Road.
- Be careful turning in on Frenchtown Road.

## Carpool Signs

If you did not receive an official carpool sign for your car, please email Mrs. Erin at [edickerson@stalphonesusbr.org](mailto:edickerson@stalphonesusbr.org). Having the school issued sign helps our carpool duty teachers and keeps the lines flowing. If you do not have a sign in the window, we will ask that you report to the school office so Mrs. Erin can print one for you. We require that drivers have the official sign to assist our duty teachers.

# Thank You!

Thank you to Home and School for providing breakfast and Bites and Boards for our teachers on their first day back!



## 2nd-8th Grade Parent Orientation

Parent orientation is Tuesday, August 22nd. Parents can meet in their child's classroom.  
2nd-5th Grade - 6:00 p.m. / 6th-8th Grade - 7:00 p.m.

## Counseling Corner

Welcome back & welcome to all of our new SAS families! I am excited to start my fourth year as the school counselor at St. Alphonsus.

In addition to teaching biweekly guidance classes to grades K-8th, I provide one-on-one counseling and peer/small group counseling. If at any time during the school year you think your child could benefit from meeting with me, please complete and submit the referral form linked below.

[School Counseling Referral Form](#)

I also included the link to my school counselor Google site. Students in grades 3rd-8th will have access to the student check-in forms through their Guidance Google Classrooms.

[School Counselor Google Site](#)

I look forward to seeing you all at 2nd-8th Grade Parent Orientation on August 22nd!

Best wishes,  
Morgan Bueche

# Welcome Back to School!!!

The SAS Home and School Association is looking forward to serving you and your children this 2023-2024 school year. We cannot do this without your help! Our goal is to create a great year for all of our students and teachers while promoting a closer relationship between the school, home, and church. Your participation helps us to ensure a successful academic school year at all grade levels. As such, we are asking that you complete the signup below indicating where you may be able to volunteer by Friday, September 4, 2023. Please mark the dates down on your calendars when you sign up and be available for the events you have signed up for.

This year we are excited to bring back some of our favorite events and will be adding some new ones. We cannot do this without your help! We are looking for some awesome volunteers to help chair some of our various events. When signing up, please pay attention that you do not sign up to chair an event unless you want to. Home and School will assist with all events but in order to add some new events, we need help chairing various events throughout the year. You do not have to be on the Home and School Board or a Room Mom to chair any events. Do know that if you sign up to chair an event, you will be expected to attend the event.

Included in this sign up is a request for volunteers to assist as Room Mother. Room mothers assist the teacher as needed throughout the school year, coordinate with other classroom parents, assist with Christmas and Easter crafts (Pre K-5th Grades), arrange auction items for the St. Alphonsus Church Auction, etc. In order to be a room mother, you must meet the mandatory child protection requirements as outlined by the Diocese as instructed by the office. Because spots are limited, signing up to volunteer does not guarantee a spot as Room Mom. Please do not let this hinder you from volunteering, however, as there are many opportunities to volunteer in the classroom. Also note, if there is a lack of volunteers to chair events, Room Moms may be asked to fill in as chairs for certain events. This will be a big help to the Home and School Board to be able to plan and chair new events for the coming year.

There will be a mandatory Room Mom Meeting for those selected, date and time TBD.

If you have any questions regarding any of these activities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,  
Lacey Keller, President  
Tysha Reeves, Vice President/Secretary  
Shae McLin, Treasurer  
Kourtney Rogers, Board Member  
Casey Ebey, Board Member

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