



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Kristy M. Monsour, Principal

May 1, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 2** - School Mass / No After-care
- **May 2-4** - Festival of Two Rivers
- **May 5** - May Crowning 8:30 a.m.
- **May 6** - Volleyball Home Games
- **May 7 - 9** - 8th Grade Exams
- **May 8** - Volleyball Home Games
- **May 9** - School Mass / Middle School Dance
- **May 12** - 8th Grade Awards
- **May 13** - 8th Grade Graduation
- **May 16** - School Mass
- **May 20** - Kindergarten Promotion

There will be NO aftercare on Friday, May 2nd due to the Festival of Two Rivers.

Festival of Two Rivers - May 2-4, 2025

Schedule, volunteer sign-ups, T-shirts, and more information can be found [HERE](#).

Weekend Passes

Weekend Mega Pass Bands for unlimited rides are now available for purchase through the ride company.

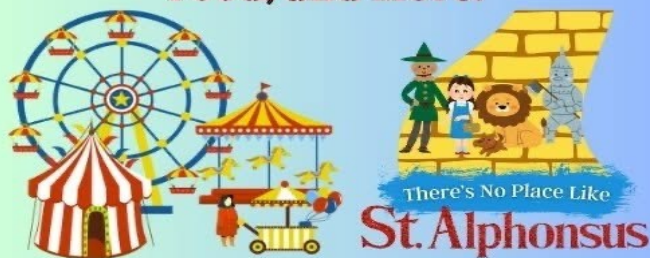
Click [HERE](#) to purchase your Mega Pass.

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Festival of Two Rivers

May 2-4, 2025

Back Parking Lot/Field

**Rides, Games, Live Music,
Food, and More!**



Ring-A-Drink Donations

We need your help to reach our goal! It's almost time to play your favorite Ring-A-Drink game at this year's fair! In order to have a successful game, we need at least 100 2-liter drinks.

Class Performances

Our students in Pre-K3 through 3rd grade will be taking the stage at the Fair this Saturday! Each grade level will perform two songs and have been working hard to make it special. Come support our students and enjoy the fun!

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| PK3: 11:30 a.m. | 1st: 12:15 p.m. |
| PK4: 11:45 a.m. | 2nd: 12:30 p.m. |
| K: 12:00 p.m. | 3rd: 12:45 p.m. |



Exam Schedule

8th Grade

Please see the 8th grade exam schedule below. Child care will not be provided for students after exams. Reminder that all 8th graders will be dismissed at **12:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Wednesday,
May 7th:**

8th - Math and Reading

**Thursday,
May 8th:**

8th - Science

**Friday,
May 9th:**

8th - English and History

6th and 7th Grade

Please see the 6th and 7th grade 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,
May 20th:**

6th- History and English
7th- Science

**Wednesday,
May 21st:**

6th- Math and Reading
7th- History and English

**Thursday,
May 22nd:**

6th- Science
7th- Math and Reading

Library Books

All library books are due **Friday, May 9.** Library overdue notices will be sent home weekly beginning this week. Please note that if the book(s) are not returned before the student's last full day of school, **final** report cards will be held until all school fees/fines are satisfied. Students may utilize their classroom library, the public library, or a bookseller to continue reading for AR. If you have any questions about your student's overdue library books please contact Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2nd graders on receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday. May God continue to bless you!



2025-2026 School Year News

- Mark your calendars! The first day of school for the 2025-2026 school year will be on **Thursday, August 7th!**
- Before purchasing PE uniforms and spirit shirts, please note that we will have a new design for next school year. More information on purchasing will be coming soon. Students will be able to wear the old ones for the next school year but will be phased out for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Order your K-8th grade student's school supplies for the 2025-2026 school year today! The deadline to order is **July 1st**. Scan the QR code or click [HERE](https://1stDaySchoolSupplies.com) to order.



***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.***

Armor of God Prayer

I put on the helmet of salvation to guard my mind. I think the thoughts of Jesus.

I put on the breastplate of righteousness to guard my heart. I am righteous in Jesus.

I put on the belt of truth. I don't believe any lies, and I don't tell any either.

I put on the Gospel shoes of peace because I am on a mission for Jesus.

I take the shield of faith to stop all the darts of the enemy.

I take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and I defeat the devil.

Amen



Summer Reading 2025-2026

Dear Parents,

We're excited to share some updates to our summer reading program for the 2025–2026 school year that we believe will make the experience more engaging and meaningful for both students and teachers.

Students entering 2nd–8th grade will read two books over the summer: one required title and one book of their choice that is appropriate for their reading level, based on their 4th nine weeks STAR scores. This approach allows students to enjoy more personalized reading while still engaging with a shared text that will connect the class in the fall.

There will no longer be a separate summer testing schedule. Instead, when students return to school, they'll take an AR test on their chosen book, and their class will dive into fun and enriching activities based on the required reading.

To help select a book at the appropriate level, families can use arbookfind.com.

We're confident that this refreshed approach will help foster a love of reading and build a stronger classroom community from day one!

Required Books

3rd Grade: Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli

4th Grade: Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

5th Grade: One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

6th Grade: Wonder by RJ Palacio

7th Grade: Watson's Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis

8th Grade: The Wednesday Wars by Gary D Schmidt

TIPS FOR HELPING KIDS DO THEIR BEST ON THE TEST

Spend Time Studying

Help your child develop strategies for studying that will help them feel confident and prepared for their test. Ideas include:

- Studying a little bit at a time, not just last minute.
- Taking breaks while you're studying.
- Making up songs or rhymes to help you remember the information.
- Asking another person to quiz you on the information.
- Setting specific goals for what you want to learn or remember.
- Not being afraid to ask questions if you don't understand something.

Get Prepared

Feeling prepared for a test is more than just knowing the information. Here are some other things to consider:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast. Feeling rested, and not hungry, can make it easier for your child to focus and think clearly.
- Make sure you have all of your materials. Not having what you need might mean you have to scramble before the test or stop in the middle of the test to get them.
- Go to the bathroom. Taking care of this before the test can limit disruptions.

Use Test-Taking Strategies

Knowing the information is the best test-taking strategy, but there are other tools your child can use to help like:

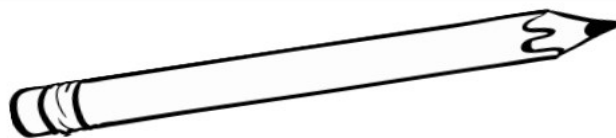
- Read the directions carefully.
- Look through all of the questions before you start.
- Underline or circle important information.
- Write down any important information on the side of your test.
- Cross off answers you know aren't right.
- If you get stuck, move on and come back to that question.
- Try to answer all of the questions.

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Stay Calm

It is completely normal to feel nervous about taking a test. Thankfully, there are some strategies your child can use to help them feel more calm as they work.

- **Deep Breathing:** Breathe in for 4 seconds, hold the breath for 7 seconds, and exhale for 8 seconds.
- **Positive Self-Talk:** Come up with an encouraging sentence to tell yourself.
- **Tensing & Relaxing:** Focus on one part of your body. Make it as tense as possible, then relax.
- **Focusing On What You Can Control**



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<https://www.stalphonsusbr.org/parents/counseling-corner.cfm>



VOLLEYBALL HOME GAMES

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MAY

5:45 P.M. - 5TH GRADE BLUE
6:45 P.M. - 7TH GRADE JV
7:45 P.M. - 8TH GRADE JV

8

MAY

5:45 P.M. - 5TH GRADE WHITE
6:45 P.M. - 7TH GRADE JV
7:45 P.M. - 8TH GRADE JV
*ROSE CEREMONY

Volleyball

Join us in the Family
Center to cheer on our
volleyball teams!

Click [HERE](#) for the
volleyball schedule!



Summer Camp

for our future Hornet cheerleaders

May 28th - 30th
8am to 12pm
@ SAS Gym

\$115 per camper (includes shirt and set of poms)
open to SAS students going into pk4 - 2nd grade

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER!

*REGISTER BY MAY 2nd to receive shirt & poms
the first day of camp*



Hosted by St. Alphonsus Cheer
Contact Morgan Bueche for information
mbueche@stalphonsusbr.org

MEAL FUNDRAISER FOR *Melise Efferson*

WHEN?

MAY 31ST, 2024
11:00 AM
'TILL
2:00 PM

WHERE?

10954 JOOR RD SUITE D
BATON ROUGE, LA 70818



\$10.00

INCLUDES
JAMBALAYA OR PASTALAYA,
WHITE BEANS,
GREEN BEANS
& ROLL



PREORDER BY MAY 28!
DAY-OF ORDERS FILLED AS AVAILABLE.

BLOOD DRIVE, LIVE MUSIC, ACTIVITIES & MORE!



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@SUPPORTMELISE

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://NEXTLEVELSOL.NET/SUPPORTMELISE](https://nextlevelsol.net/supportmelise)

QR CODE:



Melise is the daughter of SAS alum, Michael Efferson. Thank you for your support!

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 School Closed/Holidays

 Indicates First/Last day of school

Important Dates

Please note these dates are subject to change & families will be notified if changes are made.

August 7 First Day of School
September 1 Labor Day
October 10 Fall Break
Nov. 24-28 Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Christmas Holidays

January 5 Students return to school
January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Feb. 16-20 Mardi Gras Holidays
April 3-10 Easter Holidays
May 22 Last Day of School



MAY 2025

Elementary Lunch



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Menus are subject to change as we close out the school year.

Please contact your school's cafeteria manager or visit your school website for more information regarding your school's monthly menu.

Honey Citrus Chicken
Fried Rice
Garden Variety Veggies
Pineapple
Milk

5

Choice: Loaded Baked Potato

Chicken Smackers w/ Potatoes
Garden Variety Veggies
Tropical Fruit
Dinner Roll
Milk

12

Chicken Smackers
Spaghetti and Cheese
Steamed Broccoli
Garden Variety Veggies
Peaches
Milk

19

Pork Roast w/ Rice & Gravy
Green Beans
Garden Variety Veggies
Red Apple Wedges
Dinner Roll
Milk

6

Choice: Chicken Smackers

Soft Tacos
Taco Salad Cup, Salsa
Pinto Beans
Garden Variety Veggies
Red Apple Wedges
Milk

13

Southwest Quesadilla
Spanish Rice
Pinto Beans
Nacho Salad Cup, Salsa
Garden Variety Veggies
Pineapple
Milk

20

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
Garden Variety Veggies
Peaches
Garlic Dinner Roll
Milk

7

Choice: Chef Taco Salad

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich
French Fries
Sandwich Salad Cup
Garden Variety Veggies
Peaches
Milk

14

Beef a Roni
Garden Variety Veggies
Peaches
Texas Toast
Milk

21

BBQ Pulled Turkey on Bun
French Fries, Baked Beans
Sandwich Salad Cup
Garden Variety Veggies
Green Apple Wedges
Milk

1

Choice: Nacho Cheese Fries

Chicken Tenderloin
Red Beans and Rice
Garden Variety Veggies
Green Apple Wedges
Dinner Roll
Milk

8

Choice: Nacho Cheese Fries

Chicken Parmesan w/ Spaghetti
Steamed Broccoli
Garden Variety Veggies
Green Apple Wedges
Garlic Dinner Roll
Milk

15

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
French Fries
Garden Variety Veggies
Pineapple
Milk

22

Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans
Garden Variety Veggies
Peaches
Dinner Roll
Milk

2

Choice: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
French Fries
Sandwich Salad Cup
Garden Variety Veggies
Peaches
Milk
Cupcake

9

Choice: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza

Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
Garden Variety Veggies
Peaches
Milk

16

Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
Garden Variety Veggies
Applesauce
Milk

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Enjoy Your Summer!

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.

MENUS: www.cnpbr.org



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MySchoolBucks.com



OUR BIGGEST SALE

15% OFF

EVERY PURCHASE IN MAY
IN-STORE AND ONLINE

**In addition to our sales, we are giving
out School Time Bucks in May and June!**

We're giving out \$5 in School Time Bucks for each
\$100 spent in-store and online, and you will get **DOUBLE**
School Time Bucks on all purchases over \$100 in May.



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

15% OFF

Save on your entire purchase in-store and
online during your school's sale days!

**Friday, June 13 &
Saturday, June 14, 2025**

Use code **HORNETS1** to get **FREE SHIPPING** and 15% off online.

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Can't shop during our sale in May or your school's special sale days?
You can still save 10% on everything in-store and online in June!

*Returns and exchanges are allowed even when logos are on your items. We also offer layaway in the summer!
You can take advantage of our sale pricing in May and June even if you put your items on layaway.*

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