



# St. Alphonsus Catholic School

## The Buzz

*Forming Faith and Future*

Kristy M. Monsour, Principal

May 8, 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 9** - School Mass / 8th Grade Exams / Middle School Dance
  - **May 12** - 8th Grade Awards
  - **May 13** - 8th Grade Graduation
  - **May 16** - School Mass
  - **May 20** - Kindergarten Promotion
  - **May 21** - PK3/ PK4 Last Day
  - **May 23** - School Mass / Spirit Dress / Awards / Last Day of School - 1:00 p.m. Dismissal / No Aftercare
  - **May 26-30** - School Office Closed
  - **June 7** - Used Uniform Sale
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### Library Books

All library books are due **Friday, May 9th**. 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](mailto:anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org)

### 6th and 7th Grade Exams

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.

<b>Tuesday, May 20th:</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 21st:</b>	<b>Thursday, May 22nd:</b>
6th- History and English 7th- Science	6th- Math and Reading 7th- History and English	6th- Science 7th- Math and Reading

### Brody - Mr. Dale's Assistant of the Day

Shout out to Mr. Dale's Assistant of the Day — Brody! He had the best time fixing things around the school, building a birdhouse, and riding around with Mr. Dale. Thanks for all your hard work, Brody!



# May Crowning

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother, and as part of our devotion, we honor her with the traditional crowning of her statue. Students brought beautiful flowers to present to Mary, and the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award recipients had the special honor of serving as the ceremonial honor guard.



## Brotherhood/Sisterhood Recipients

The overall winners for 8th grade: **Emmett T. and Gia F.**

PreK 3A - Phillip B. and Jules M.  
 PreK 3B - Logan M. and Camille C.  
 PreK 4A - Owen H. and Olivia A.  
 PreK 4B - Carson M. and Vinci M.  
 KA - Riley C. and Sage H.  
 KB - Evan F. and Bailey B.  
 1A - Anthony Z. and Adeline A.  
 1B - Collin M. and Cammie M.  
 1C - Jordy G. and Camille A.  
 2A - Dexter H. and Isabella E.  
 2B - Mason M. and Amelia G.  
 3A - John M. and Sammi D.

3B - Jace K. and Evan S.  
 4A - Banks B. and Ellie B.  
 4B - Bradley M., Kinsley A. and Camille C.  
 5A - Beau S. and Catherine F.  
 5B - Carter D. and Berklee S.  
 6A - Carter B. and Layla A.  
 6B - Logan B. and Cameron M.  
 7A - Eli J. and Mackenna S.  
 7B - Reid W. and Kennedy Y.  
 8A - Lane B. and Scarlet R.  
 8B - Carson A. and Layne S.



## Happy Teacher Appreciation Week

A huge thank you to Home and School for providing lunch, to our amazing volunteers, and to Oak Point for the delicious dessert at our Teacher Appreciation Lunch. We're also grateful for the lunch and treats throughout the week. Special thanks to our room moms and parents for the thoughtful gifts and goodies.

It was truly a blessed week for our faculty and staff—thank you for making it so special!





# 2025-2026 School Year News

## New Tuition and Fees Refund Policy for the 2025-2026 School Year

For any enrolled student who withdraws from school, the refund policy is as follows:

- May 1 to July 31 - 100%
- August 1 to October 31 - 75%
- November 1 to December 31 - 50%
- January 1 to March 31 - 25%
- April 1 to end of the school year - 0%

*\*Fees (student and security) are refundable until July 31.*

- 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.



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**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**



# FOOTBALL

## *Skills Camp*

**JUNE 24TH-26TH**  
**6-8 PM**

Join us for the 3-day Football Skills Camp,  
designed for young athletes who want to  
develop their football skills.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

\$75 \*includes T-shirt  
Boys, rising 2nd-6th grade

### **LOCATION**

St. Alphonsus School



**Register [HERE](#)**





## 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](https://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





# USED UNIFORM SALE

## It's Closet Clean-Out Time!

### Drop-Off:

Gently used uniforms you'd like to sell can be dropped off on **Friday, June 6th** from **4:00–6:00 PM**. The new SAS logo will be mandated in August so we will not be accepting any items with the old logo. This includes items such as sweatpants, jumpers, and polos. The spirit shirts and PE shirts will be redesigned this year. Like with the uniform logo, St. Alphonsus will be extending a 1 year grace period to change to the new design. More to come on this.

### Volunteers Needed:

We need help sorting items on Friday and assisting with sales on Saturday. If you can volunteer for both days, please contact **Megan McNemar** at **225-252-0455**. We will need 3-4 volunteers.

### Pick-Up Reminder:

Items not sold must be picked up at **10:45 AM on Saturday**. Any uniforms or money not picked up will be donated to the school.



**JUNE 7TH  
9:00 - 11:00 A.M.  
IN THE GYM**

## ST. ALPHONSUS Vacation Bible School June 9 - 13, 2025



SCAN HERE TO  
REGISTER  
OR GO TO THE  
PARISH WEBSITE



## Vacation Bible School

<https://vbsmate.com/events/alphonsusVBS25/29965>

VBS is in need of your help. We are planning a wonderful week of fun and excitement. This year's theme is "True North." We are hoping to borrow items from the community for some of our décor. We need a canoe, paddles, camping equipment like a small tent, fishing poles, hiking boots, camp chairs, cooking equipment. If you have some of these items and would allow us to use them, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for details.

We also need help making decorations. If you can cut paper, you and your scissors are needed. We have the supplies and directions in the Faith Formation office. Please contact us and we will get you started. Items are due back in the Faith Formation Office by **Friday, May 23, 2025**.

# 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.stalphonusbr.org/parents/counseling-corner.cfm>



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# Melise Efferson

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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