



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Dr. Cynthia C. Ryals, Principal

May 9, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 10 - School Mass / Middle School Dance
- May 13 - 8th Grade Awards 9:00 a.m. / Art Show 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- May 14 - 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- May 14-16 - Elementary Terranova
- May 15 - Kindergarten Promotion 9:00 a.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.

Congratulations 8th Graders

As our 8th grade students prepare for their graduation, we ask for God's blessings for each of them. May their futures hold wonderful and exciting memories. We wish them well in high school and beyond!



Terranova Testing Week

The Terranova standardized test for elementary students in grades 3rd-5th will be next week, Tuesday through Thursday. It is imperative that students arrive to school on time and rested. We will have very limited days to makeup any tests that are missed. We want our students to strive to do their very best!

Art Club - Art Show

The Art Club would like to invite you to our 3rd St. Alphonsus Outdoor Art Show. Artwork will be displayed in the courtyard on Monday, May 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Art Club has been working hard to put this display together to show off all the talent we have at St. Alphonsus.

Along with the artwork, there will be art activities and light refreshments. A donation of \$2 per person at the door is suggested and will go towards fun art supplies for next year. The students are so excited to have everyone come out and see their artwork displayed!!

Library News



Library overdue notices will be sent home more frequently the closer we get to the end of our school year. If a book is lost or damaged please pay the amount listed or send in a **new hardcover** copy of the lost/damaged title before your student's last full day of school. 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 library fines please contact Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org

Important Library Date

May 10th – 1st - 7th grade library books are due

Summer Reading

Attached to our school newsletter you will find information about our Summer Reading program. *The book, "Dinosaurs Before Dark" will be an optional summer reading book for students going into 2nd grade.

Band Concert

The St. Alphonsus beginner and advanced band members had their band concert this week. The students did a fantastic job! Thank you to our band director, Sarah Love.



2024-2025 School Supplies

Order your student's school supplies for the 2024-2025 school year today! The deadline to order is July 1st. Scan the QR code or click the link to order

<http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=44913>

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Order by: **July 1st**

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Save the Date - Summer Sports Camps

- **June 25th and June 26th - Girls Basketball Camp - \$85**
(Girls, rising 3rd and 4th grade)
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **July 9th, 10th and 11th - Girls Volleyball and Basketball Camp -**
Volleyball Camp **\$85** / Basketball Camp **\$85** / Both Volleyball and Basketball Camp **\$150**
(Girls, rising 5th through 7th grade)
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Volleyball Camp
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. dinner
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Basketball Camp
- **July 15 and 16th - Boys Basketball Camp - \$95**
(Boys, Rising 3rd and 4th grade)
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **July 17th and 18th - Boys Basketball Camp - \$95**
(Boys, rising 5th through 7th grade)
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**More information will be sent out soon!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 17-21, 2024. Registration is now open for all children age 5-11. Register your child or sign up as a volunteer through this link: <https://vbspro.events/p/savbs24>



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/do4epfhWaDGc2LUn6>. 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!

You're Invited

TO THE ST. ALPHONSUS

Art Show

in the courtyard

Join us to celebrate, create, and view
the original artwork created
this year by our talented SAS
students.

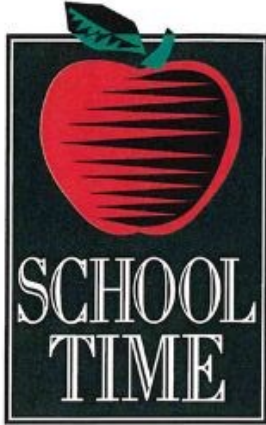
MONDAY / MAY 13, 2023

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Suggested donation of

\$2.00 per person admission

All proceeds benefit the Art Department



Don't miss our best storewide sale of the year!

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SAVE 15% IN MAY



You'll also get \$10 in School Time Bucks for each \$100 spent in-store and online in May.

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

**15%
off**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14 &
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**

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

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Summer Reading 2024 – 2025

St. Alphonsus School utilizes a summer reading program to help students excel in their studies, prevent “summer slide”, foster a love of reading, and introduce genres/books that students may not normally gravitate toward.

Below is information about the SAS Summer Reading list for the 2024 – 2025 school year and the testing schedule.

Each grade level must read two books for summer reading. Rising third grade students and up must read the required book **and** one book from the “choose one of the following” list for their grade level. Rising second grade students must read the two books their teacher and Mrs. Amy Nicosia have selected for them. **Graphic novel versions should not be read in place of the listed titles.**

When students have finished their summer reading book(s) they may come to the Library on the dates listed below and take an Accelerated Reader test. These tests will count as a **separate** Summer Reading grade; it does not count towards the student's 1st Nine Weeks AR goal. Parents are asked to wait outside the Library while their child(ren) takes their test. The tests normally take 10 – 20 minutes to complete. Please do not drop off your child(ren) and come back. All AR tests must be taken **before** school starts in August. These are the only test dates available, no other dates or arrangements will be made.

****Students:** please do not select a book that you have previously read and have taken an AR test. Once a book is tested on, a second test cannot be taken as the AR program does not allow retakes. If you have already tested on the required book for your grade, please contact Mrs. Amy Nicosia and/or your reading teacher about selecting a different book.**

Dates are as follows:

Monday, June 24 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursday, July 25 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

If you have any questions about the Summer Reading books and/or test dates please contact Amy Nicosia at anicosia2@stalphonsusbr.org

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Amy Nicosia

Title	Author	Book Level
2nd Grade		
Little Bear	Else Holmelund Minarik	2.4
Dinosaurs Before Dark	Mary Pope Osborne	2.6
3rd Grade		
Required:		
Freckle Juice	Judy Blume	3.1
Choose one of the following:		
Any book from the Mercy Watson series	Kate DiCamillo	varies
Any book from the Judy Moody series	Megan McDonald	varies
Any book from the A to Z Mysteries series	Ron Roy	varies
Any book from the Magic Treehouse series	Mary Pope Osborne	varies
4th Grade		
Required:		
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	3.9
Choose one of the following:		
Any book from the I Survived series	Lauren Tarshis	varies
Any book from the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series	Jeff Kinney	varies
Any book from the My Weird School series	Dan Gutman	varies
Any book from the Geronimo Stilton series	Geronimo Stilton	varies
5th Grade		
Required:		
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	3.6
Choose one of the following:		
The Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	4.1
Rules	Cynthia Lord	3.9
Leonard: My Life as a Cat	Carlie Sorosiak	5.2
The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	5.1
How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell	3.5

**Middle School
Required Reading**

6th		
Wonder	R. J. Palacio	4.8
7th		
Number the Stars	Lois Lowery	4.5
8th		
A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park	5.0
Choose One of the Following		
Becoming Muhammad Ali	Kwame Alexander	5.4
The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	4.7
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Gennifer Choldenko	3.5
Counting by 7s	Holly Goldberg Sloan	5.6
Ground Zero	Alan Gatz	4.8
The False Prince	Jennifer Nielsen	5.1

****Graphic novel versions of any of the above titles are not permitted****

Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools

Principal Opening 2024-2025



About St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic School

Part of the Diocese of Baton Rouge and located in Central, LA, outside of Baton Rouge, St. Alphonsus Catholic School is committed to providing a positive, faith-filled environment for children to learn. Our comprehensive curriculum is designed to promote academic excellence and the spiritual growth of our students, coupled with an appreciation of how service to others makes the world a better place. We strive to expand their potential to become leaders. St. Alphonsus is much more than a school. It is a community of parents, teachers, grandparents, staff, parishioners and alumni working together for the good of our children. We are blessed with involved faculty and priests who work together for the benefit of our 450 students in Pre-K 3 through 8th grade.

About the Position

St. Alphonsus Catholic School seeks a principal with a strong Catholic identity, commitment to growth, collaborative spirit, and strategic vision. The principal has the immediate responsibility for implementing the mission of St. Alphonsus in its regular operations. This position supports the philosophy, principles and characteristics of Catholic education and assures quality service to students, faculty, staff, parents, and the community. The principal must have the ability to relate well with children, parents, teachers, and the community, honor the rich traditions and culture of Catholic education and work collaboratively with the Pastor to lead the school positively in its mission.

Evangelize Hearts, Educate Minds, Encourage Talent, and Embrace the Future!

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Practicing Catholic for whom loyalty to Christ, His people, and the Church are of first importance and hold a philosophy of education consistent with this Catholic conviction
2. Master's Degree, Able to Meet LA Non-Public Requirements for Administration
3. Five Years Minimum Experience in Education, Preferably in Catholic Schools
4. Demonstrated Leadership Ability, Preferably in Catholic Education
5. Must be Available on or before July 1, 2024

Send cover letter of interest, resume, copies of all college transcript(s) showing degrees, and three letters of recommendation to Claire Willis, Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools, at cwillis@csobr.org.

Deadline for Application: Must be Received by Thursday, May 23, 2024.

The schools of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.