



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Kristy M. Monsour, Principal

December 12, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 12 -**
Re-enrollment
Begins / Band
Concert 7:00 p.m.
- **December 17 -
19 -** Middle School
Exams
- **December 18 -**
Spirit Dress
- **December 20 -**
School Mass /
Christmas Spirit
Dress / 1:00 p.m.
Dismissal
- **December 23-
January 3 -**
Christmas
Break - No School
- **January 6 -**
Students Return to
School
- **January 9 -**
Report Cards
- **January 10 -**
School Mass

- **Christmas Holidays - On December 20th, 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 23rd - January 3rd. We will return to school on January 6th.**

- **On Friday, December 20th, students may wear a red and green shirt and Christmas accessories with spirit dress guidelines.**

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year

Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students and new siblings is open now. **Please note:** Enrollment will be completed online. Parents will pay registration online through their FACTS account. We encourage parents to re-enroll students now to secure their spot for the 2025-2026 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 to enroll a sibling.

- [Registration Timeline](#)
- [2025-2026 Tuition & Fee Schedule](#)

Church Contribution Update

Please remember that in order to receive the "In-Parish" tuition rate for the 2025-2026 school year, your contribution of at least \$300 needs to be included in the **December 22nd** Sunday Mass collection. If you are hand delivering it to the church, it needs to be in the church office by Noon on **Friday, December 20th**. Contact the church office at 225.261.4650 if you would like to set-up automatic contributions.

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, in order to qualify for the "In-Parish" tuition rate, families will need to contribute a total of \$500 to St. Alphonsus Church in the 2025 calendar year. This rate has not been increased in over 20 years and must be increased in order to meet the higher financial needs of the church. We continue to be grateful for your contributions.



Middle School Exam Schedule

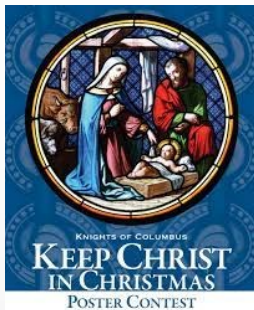
Please see the middle school exam schedule below. Child care will not be provided for middle school students after exams. Reminder that all middle school students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**Tuesday,
December 17th:**
6th- History and English
7th- Math and Reading
8th- Science

**Wednesday,
December 18th:**
6th- Science
7th-History and English
8th- Math and Reading

**Thursday,
December 19th:**
6th- Math and Reading
7th- Science
8th- History and English

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. See the attached entry form for more details. Entries are due to the school office by **Friday, December 13th**. The Knights of Columbus have provided the poster boards (1 per student). Participants can pick up the poster boards in the school office. Please encourage your child to participate in this wonderful Christmas tradition.

Volleyball Registration

Volleyball registration is now open. Registration will close on **Friday, December 20th**. The tentative tryouts/placements will be on January 17th. Click on the link to register.

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

VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

- Open to girls in 5th-8th grade
- Registration fee is \$85
- Registration closes on December 20th.
- Practice will begin in February and games will be in March, April and May.



5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation

Congratulations to our 5th grade students for completing the D.A.R.E. program. Our speaker, Chief Jeff LeDuff encouraged our students to dream big because they can be anything they want to be!



Armor of God Breakfast

In the month of November, our students learned about the **Shield of Faith** - **“I choose to believe in God and have faith.”** We celebrated our students that were nominated by their teachers with donuts and a Faithful Award. Congratulations to all of these students!



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



Counselor's CORNER

December 2024

Ms. Morgan Bueche

Note from Ms. Morgan

This week I want to introduce our SAS parents and families to a local foundation, Rain Will Bring Flowers. This foundation was founded in 2023 by parents after losing their son to suicide. The mission of Rain Will Bring Flowers is to prevent youth suicide through awareness, education, and support.

The foundation will be hosting the 2nd annual Planting Seeds of Hope 2025 event on February 12th. This is a great event with a powerful message. If you're interested or would like more information, please check out the foundation's website or contact me.

<https://www.rainwillbringflowers.org/>

Important Links

Counselor Contact Info:

✉ mbueche@stalphonsusbr.org

☎ 225.261.5299

Parent Counseling Referral Form

Student Check-In Form Elementary & Middle School

School Website - Counseling Corner

Happy, Healthy Hornet Tip

It's the most wonderful (& sometimes stressful) time of the year! The excitement, changes in routine, and increased expectations can be overwhelming and lead to stress & big emotions for kids. Here are a few tips to help your child cope with stress & regulate their emotions during the holiday season: 1) maintain routines when possible, 2) prepare your child for what's ahead, 3) give them space to express their feelings, 4) create calm moments, and 5) set realistic expectations. Lastly, enjoy this special time of the year!

<https://kincare.services.com.au/blog/holiday-stress/>





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RAIN WILL
BRING FLOWERS
FOUNDATION



PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE

HOSTED BY RYAN CLARK

6:00 PM • FEBRUARY 12, 2025

PETE MARAVICH ASSEMBLY CENTER

LSU | ATHLETICS



ALL ADULTS 21+ ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND OUR

CHRISTMAS DANCE

DECEMBER 14 AT 7:00 PM

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER
14158 FRENCHTOWN RD., GREENWELL SPRINGS, LA

Live Music by the Chris LeBlanc Band

Tickets \$20 per person.
Purchase in the Church Office.

BYOB

Join us at St. Alphonse for a night of live music & dancing! Adults 21+ are invited to our Christmas Dance featuring the Chris Leblanc Band on **December 14th** at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the church office or online: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=592f451a-b565-49ff-8e17-8cbab159dd73>

JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024
FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM
IN THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

Please bring cookies to share!

Sponsored by the St. Alphonse Liturgy Committee

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST in the Grade division checked below. I realize that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

GRADE K GRADE 1-2 GRADE 3-4 GRADE 5-6 GRADE 7-8

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

Name of Entrant _____ Grade _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) _____ Email _____ Signature of Entrant _____

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. **Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.**

Parent/Guardian

Date signed

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Slogan – 30 points	Artistic Merit – 30 points	Overall Impact – 40 points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
Jurisdictional Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			



Keep Christ in Christmas

Poster Judging Fact Sheet

RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form.

The name and grade of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. **Posters will not be returned.**

JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, young people should be included in all phases of the judging process.

A **100 point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

30 Points: Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

30 Points: Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

40 Points: Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

Council's Contact Information

