



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: February 14, 2022

Parents,

For the past couple of months, there has been an inclusion in the Lions' Roar entitled "Tech Tips" to assist parents with online advice in managing their children's devices. We hope it has been informative and helpful, and we thank Mrs. Joanna Lemoine for researching and providing this information. Through retreats and guidance lessons, education of appropriate use of devices is also discussed and shared with students often.

Four years ago, Richard Guerry, founder of *Public and Permanent*, addressed the students on "responsible online and cellphone communication". His knowledge and delivery was very well received, so we have invited him back to St. Aloysius this Thursday when he will present to students in Grades 5-8. After the presentation, additional materials including lesson plans, access to podcasts, parental control resources, and access to digital content will be available to parents. Links to the content will be emailed and included in next week's Lions' Roar.

Our goal is to educate the students that every stroke on their phone, Ipad, computer, etc. is forever "public and permanent" even if they have "deleted" it. Please have a follow up conversation with your children and provide us with feedback, so we can continue to focus on this important topic in the most effective manner. -Erin Candilora

"The Lord is kind and merciful." Amen

Important Dates

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| Monday, February 14 | Scholarship Application Period Ends |
| Tuesday, February 15 | 8th Grade Pictures |
| Wednesday, February 16 | All School Mass- Food Bank Collection |
| Thursday, February 17 | Auction Shirt/ Spirit Shirt Day |
| Friday, February 18 | Auction Shirt/ Spirit Shirt Day |
| Saturday, February 19 | St. Aloysius Parish Auction (See flier below) |
| February 28-March 4 | Mardi Gras Holidays- No school |
| Monday, March 7 | Pk-2 Conference Sign Up Opens 8:00pm |
| Wednesday, March 9 | Pk-2 Conference Sign Up Closes 8:00pm |
| March 9-10 | Youth Legislature (8th Grade) |
| Friday, March 11 | End 3rd nine weeks |
| Friday, March 11 | PreK-2 Conference Day- No school for PreK-2 |

DEADLINE REMINDER: 2022-2023 SAS Scholarship/Financial Aid Application Period closes **today, Monday, February 14, 2022**. The link to apply is available on the school website under the Parents' tab and Important Links. This year, SAS has contracted with The FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Services to securely collect families' financial data and review it in an accurate and equitable way. There is an online application for families to apply and upload tax documents and a one-time non-refundable application fee of \$35.00 per household to apply. If you have questions or if paying the application fee is a financial hardship, please contact Mary Dawson in the Development office at mdawson@alloysius.org.

EIGHTH GRADE PORTRAITS: Eighth grade portraits are scheduled for Tuesday, February 15. Boys are asked to wear a long sleeve white button down collar shirt to school and bring a uniform shirt to change into once portraits are taken. Long sleeve shirts will be provided if needed. Girls will wear their regular school uniform. Gowns will be provided by Barberito Photographers for all students. Appropriate safety measures will be in place.

ALL SCHOOL MASS: First -Eighth grades will be celebrating All School Mass on Wednesday, February 16. Students are to wear their Mass uniforms (no sweatpants.)

Due to spacing concerns in church, we will have only parents of children facilitating the mass (Mrs. Granier's 5th grade homeroom, the 6th grade liturgical choir and cantors) in attendance in the Cry Room.

We are having a special Peanut Butter and Jelly drive so that children in need will be able to fix their own lunches during the Mardi Gras break. Thanks in advance for your support!

AUCTION T-SHIRT/ SPIRIT SHIRTS: In celebration of the SAS Auction this weekend, students may wear auction t-shirts or spirit shirts with regular school uniform bottoms to school this Thursday and Friday.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to all of our second graders for receiving Reconciliation, their second sacrament!

This year, there were several options for the parents of second grade children receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. On Saturday, February 5, many children from school and the PSR program gathered together in Church and received the sacrament from one of the eight priests present. Some families have chosen to take their children to church at one of the regularly scheduled parish sacrament times. Some students in Mrs. Leblanc's, Mrs. Thompson's and Mrs. Kleiner's classes received Reconciliation on Friday, February 11. Some students in Mrs. Patout's and Mrs. Champagne's classes will receive the sacrament this Friday, February 18. If your child was unable to receive the sacrament at the time scheduled, you may reschedule with Mrs. Triicia Greely at the Church office (tgreely@stalloysiusparish.com).

7TH GRADE MINI-RETREAT: On Wednesday, February 23, the 7th grade will be having a mini-retreat in the afternoon. The theme will be "Positive and ProActive." Students will discuss

how to use social media to spread the gospel message in the world. Students will consider ways to improve their online presence to enhance future education and job opportunities. In addition, students will hear a special guest speaker who actually went to school with Ruby Bridges.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (Grades PK-2): Conferences for students in grades PK-2 will be held on **Friday, March 11**. Students in grades PK-2 will not have school on this day. The online sign-up for conference times will open on **Monday, March 7, at 8:00 p.m. and will close on Wednesday, March 9, at 8:00 p.m.** Further information with a sign up link will be sent soon.

STANDARDIZED TESTING - April 26-28:

All schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be taking the Terra Nova Next test this spring. It is a brand new assessment based on the College and Career Readiness Standards as well as national standards.

Students in grades 3-8 will be testing on the mornings of **April 26-28**. Please do not schedule any appointments for these dates.

SAS CHEER: There is a mandatory parent (at least one parent) Cheer Meeting on Sunday, March 13 at 6:30p.m. in the Old Gym for any girl wanting to try out for the 2022-2023 7th & 8th Grade SAS Cheer Team. The material will be learned from 3:00-4:00 after school on March 22-24. Tryouts are on March 25 after school. Ending time will be determined by the number of girls participating. Girls that make the SAS Cheer Team are required to attend UCA Camp July 18-21 at SLU. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Haley McCaslin at haleymccaslin9601@gmail.com

TECH TIPS: Parents' Ultimate Guide to YouTube: Answers to these questions and more:
What's the best way to keep tabs on my kids' YouTube-watching?
How can I find out what my kid has been watching on YouTube?
How can I minimize my kids' exposure to iffy videos on YouTube?
How can I find out who's behind the videos my kid watches on YouTube?
How can I manage the related videos on YouTube?
Can I get rid of ads on YouTube?
What should I say to my kid about all the mean comments people leave on YouTube?
Are there any parental controls on YouTube?
How can I find good stuff on YouTube?

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-youtube>

The mission of St. Aloysius School is to educate the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose.



Join us for a Louisiana Saturday Night!

When: Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 7PM

Where: St. Aloysius Campus, Entrance through Old Gym (Mimosa Street Parking Lot)

Visit <https://www.staloyusiauction.net> for all the details!

Buy your tickets and register to bid:

Buy your reserved table:

<https://staloysius.cbo.io>

[Table](#)

Auction or Spirit Shirts can be worn to school on February 17 and 18, 2022

[Click for 2022 SM TShirt](#)

[Click for Vintage 2020 SM TShirt](#)

Purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win a 2022 Polaris Ranger!

Students will get a Free Alternative Dress Day if we sell 600 tickets!

[Click for Raffle Tickets](#)

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, February 19th:

7pm: Doors open and David Borne takes the stage

8pm: Rockin' Dopsie takes the stage

9:30: Raffle drawings are held

9:35: Live Auction Begins

10pm: Silent Auction closes

10:30pm: Item pick up begins in Old Gym

11pm: Have one last dance and a safe ride home

All proceeds from the Auction benefit

St. Aloysius Parish and School
