St. Aloysius Catholic School

Lion's Roar: February 8, 2022

Parents,

Our SAS Community enjoyed a wonderful Catholic Schools' Week, and we thank you for your support of Catholic Education as we continue to build the kingdom of God. The faculty and staff spent today praying for our SAS Community, learning new skills, planning, and collaborating ensuring horizontal and vertical alignment with the curriculum. Their dedication to the development of your child(ren) is so impressive!

Attached to this newsletter is the 2022 Diocese of Baton Rouge Updated Covid Protocols effective February 7th. The biggest change includes: students that are exposed (close contact) to someone with COVID-19 but exhibit no symptoms are no longer required to quarantine (unless symptoms develop). See below for a detailed explanation and chart to identify specific situations.

The Omicron variant moved through our community swiftly, and we pray for those that are ill from Covid-19. Last week, only a handful of students were in quarantine as opposed to the prior two weeks (when we had 140 and 78 in quarantine respectively). We appreciate you contacting us immediately and providing essential information in order for us to make decisions in order to keep our SAS community healthy. Please continue to use the reporting form as it has been most effective. -Erin Candilora

" In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." Amen

Important Dates

Wednesday, February 9	**4th grade class mass**
Wednesday, February 9	**Boy Scout Jambalaya Sale (See flier below)**
Thursday, February 10	**Acceptance letters mailed to prospective families**
Monday, February 14	**Valentine Accessories may be worn to school**
Tuesday, February 15	**8th Grade Pictures**
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**

2022-2023 SAS Scholarship/Financial Aid Application Period:
Monday, January 24, 2022, until Monday, February 14, 2022

SAS contracts with 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. The same application can be applied to multiple schools provided they use FACTS. For example, SJA & CHS both use FACTS.

Scholarships/Financial Aid is awarded annually. All submitted information remains confidential. A scholarship selection committee will meet to determine recipients. To be considered, a student must be a currently enrolled PreK through the seventh grade student for the 2021-2022 school year.

Need is always the prime determinant for selection. Other criteria considered in the selection are good character, satisfactory achievement, and activities. Four scholarships are designated for minority students.

The school currently has 54 scholarships that award the following amounts:
39 scholarships award $500.00
4 scholarships award $1,000.00
5 scholarships award $1,500.00
4 scholarships award $2,000.00
2 scholarship award $3,000.00
1 scholarship awards full tuition

The application **deadline is Monday, February 14, 2022**. **All documents must be uploaded and your application completed by this deadline to be considered for a scholarship.** Notifications will be sent out to applicants in March.

The link to apply will be available on the school website under the Parents' tab and Important Links beginning Monday, Monday, January 24, 2022. If you have questions or if paying the application fee is a financial hardship, please contact Mary Dawson in the Development office at mdawson@aloysius.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.

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.

TECH TIPS: Did you know you can set Parental Controls on the PlayStation 4? Use these settings to help make gaming safer for kids**. Click here to find out how!**

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

February 3, 2022

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge have been very successful in maintaining safety and providing in-person learning during the pandemic since August 2020, largely because school staff, students, and parents worked together in a cooperative spirit to implement COVID protocols that helped reduce the spread of the virus. Since that time, vaccines have become available to reduce the incidence and effects of infection. Currently, though the rate of student infection has increased since August, most experience only cold-like symptoms from the Omicron Variant.

With the current understanding and trust in continued cooperation, the following updated protocols for students can be implemented by schools beginning on February 7, 2022. Please understand that future updates to policy may be warranted as situations change during this pandemic.

Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools COVID-19 Protocols for Students Updated February 7, 2022	
Symptomatic DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Stay home when not feeling well with any of the following symptoms: fever, cold-like symptoms, chills, cough, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestions, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.	
Positive Test for COVID-19 Or Have COVID-19 Symptoms: Isolate regardless of vaccination status	• Stay home in isolation for 5 days. (Note: to calculate isolation, Day 0 is first day of symptoms or a positive viral test. Day 1 is the first full day after symptoms develop or your test specimen was collected.) • Return to school after 5 full days, if no symptoms develop. Wear a well-fitted face mask covering nose to chin for 5 days after returning to school. • If symptoms develop, return to school when symptoms are gone for 24 hours without the benefit of fever-reducing medications. Wear a well-fitting face mask covering nose to chin for 5 days after returning to school.
Exposed (Close Contact) to Someone with COVD-19, but Have No Symptoms: No Quarantine Required	• Continue to attend class unless symptoms develop. • Wear a well-fitted face mask covering nose to chin for 5 days. • Note: At any time, if symptomatic, immediately isolate and follow protocol above.

- **Virtual or Online Learning:** Students in isolation may have the support of virtual or online learning, depending on the school's policy.

- **Extra-Curricular Activities**: Because there is an increased risk of transmission associated with activities, individuals who were infected or had symptoms may not participate in any activities with a higher risk of spreading the virus (i.e., extra-curricular or co-curricular activities, including sports teams, PE class, music instruction, field trips, etc.) or take part in any activity that cannot maintain a 6-foot physical distancing until after Day 5 of their return to school.

- All schools activities, including field trips and overnight travel, can be held if current CDC and LDH guidelines are followed. Schools should post signs throughout campus indicating when face masking and physical distancing are in effect.

  Note: CSAA and LHSAA schedules for the spring semester will remain in-tact with students playing under the guidelines above.

- **Face masks:** There is no universal masking required in schools at this time. Wearing a face mask continues to be optional in general for those not listed above as requiring masking to return to school. For individuals requiring a face mask, their masks must be well-fitted and worn with fidelity.

- **Physical Distancing**: Students need to maintain a distance of at least 3-feet apart and adhere to static seating assignments in classrooms. In common areas, including eating areas, all individuals should distance 6-feet apart as much as possible. Activities and classes that involve increased exhalation should continue to be held outdoors or in large, well-ventilated spaces, whenever possible. School buses may operate at 100% capacity if all passengers are masked, the windows are open, and assigned seating charts are utilized and enforced.

- **Visitors to Campus**: Non-essential visitors (i.e., volunteers, external groups, organizations, etc.) may not be allowed to visit campus unless required by law or by contract for services or considered essential. All visitors are required to wear masks and maintain 6-feet physical distancing from others.

- **Child Nutrition Program:** Breakfast, lunch, and after-school meals continue to be provided at no cost to all students during the 2021–2022 school year. Grab-n-go packaged meals such as cereal bars, pop tarts, muffins, fruit, juice, and milk will be available for breakfast. Students will be afforded a main dish and/or menu choices for lunch, which will be provided through the cafeteria serving line. Extra items may also be purchased through the student's cafeteria account, which can be funded through www.myschoolbucks.com. After-school meals will be distributed to the program director at each site. Principals are to determine where students eat lunch within state guidelines.

The policies listed above come from concern for the safety of all stakeholders. The Diocese is grateful to pastors, school leaders, faculty, staff, advisory board members, parents, and students for their vigilance in embracing health and safety practices to protect others in the community. Only through care for our brothers and sisters in Christ during this pandemic are we able to continue to enjoy learning communities that ***Evangelize Hearts, Educate Minds, Encourage Talent, and Embrace the Future.***

st. aloysius auction

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.staloysiusauction.net for all the details!

Buy your tickets and register to bid:

https://staloysius.cbo.io

Buy your reserved table:

Table

Auction or Spirit Shirts can be worn to school on February 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

TAKE-OUT
AWARD-WINNING

JAMBALAYA

Fundraiser to benefit St. Aloysius Catholic Church Boy Scout Troop 7

Each meal includes a heaping portion of
Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya
a scrumptious vegetable, bread,
and a tasty dessert!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

Beginning at **11 AM** & serving until **7 PM**

$10 PER PLATE

Knights of Columbus Hall
4035 Mimosa Street (behind St. Aloysius Church)
Drive thru pick-up available after school

PURCHASE MEALS ONLINE
https://bsa-troop-7---st-aloysius.square.site/s/shop

Your generous donation helps to fund the activities of Troop 7.
Thank you for your support!