



# ST. ALOYSIUS

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Parents,

June 2024

We pray you are enjoying a blessed summer with your children, and we look forward to seeing you all in August! The goal of this letter is to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year and to provide important information for your planning purposes.

The following important information can be found at [school.aloysius.org](http://school.aloysius.org) on the **SAS Website**:

- **School Calendar**: The general “year in review” calendar, as well as the monthly event calendar, are under “Calendar”. Events are continuously updated.

**Under “Parents” and “Important Links”**:

- **School Supplies**: The majority of School Supplies were included in your child’s tuition; however, please note the couple of items that you need to provide.
- **Summer Reading Lists**: Incoming Grades 4-8
- **Summer Tutoring**: If you feel your child could use some tutoring this summer, a list of certified SAS teachers can be found on the website for your convenience.

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### **Important Dates:**

- **Used Uniform Sale**
  - Sunday, July 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in both gyms. A signup genius will be sent 2 weeks prior to the event to choose your designated time to shop. Contact Heather Mouchon (317-1111) or Shay Schilling (636-8129) with questions. (There is no uniform drop-off prior to the event this year.)
- **New Student Orientation**
  - PreK & K – Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. (Parents Only)
  - Grades 1-8 – Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Specific information will be sent directly.)
- **First Day of School Per Grade Level**
  - Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Grades PreK-4<sup>th</sup> do NOT attend on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> do NOT attend on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

- PreK-K – Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> (A specific staggered schedule will be sent in July.)
- “Back to School” Parent Event
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

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Uniform updates for the 2024-2025 school year: School Time is our only authorized uniform provider. They are located at 7745 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. School Time has the specifications of all uniform policies.

**Sweatshirts:**

Navy blue hooded sweatshirts with the approved school logo may be worn by students in grades 6-8 only for the 2024-2025 school year. Beginning 2025-2026, hooded sweatshirts will not be allowed. Only navy blue, crew neck St. Aloysius logo sweatshirts may be worn in grades PreK-5. These sweatshirts may be purchased at School Time.

**P.E. Uniform:**

For the 2024-2025 school year, we will offer both cotton and Dri-fit shirt options for the P.E. uniform. P.E. uniforms must be worn by students in grades 6th-8th and may be purchased from School Time.

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General Information:

The Parent/Student Handbook for 2024-2025 is currently being updated. Once approved, it will be on the website.

The FACTS Family Login access is now blocked as we transition our database information to the new school year.

Walker/Bike Rider Information: If your child(ren) will walk or ride a bike to school during the 2024-2025 school year, please complete the form below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Py0sNu-K3CYZXv03GeMSwZHJ-5ndSfTdX6B-jbqOMac/edit>

Aftercare Program: If you will need aftercare for your child(ren), information can be found under the “Student Services” tab on the school website.

Child Protection: If you plan to substitute, coach a sports team, volunteer on campus, and/or attend a field trip as a chaperone, please see the information under “Parents” and “Safety.” You can contact Edie Boudreaux at [eboudreaux@aloysius.org](mailto:eboudreaux@aloysius.org) for assistance with the process. It takes several weeks to complete, so taking care of it now will not hinder the activities you want to be involved in once school begins.

If you are already Child Protection Certified, please be sure to sign and turn in your Code of Ethics form to Ms. Boudreaux for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Home & School Committee: See the letter below from our chairpersons.

SAS Food Bank Donations: Thanks for providing 6,919 meals during the 2023-2024 school year for the Baton Rouge Food Bank! See the attached flier for information on how you can continue to help our community.

Protect Young Eyes was presented to our middle school students this past semester. Here are some tips from them on keeping your children safe online over the summer months. There is also information from our school counseling department attached about Summer Screen Time.

<https://protectyoungeyes.com/three-reasons-internet-risk-higher-during-summer/>

As always, please let us know if you have any questions. The school office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and we can also be reached via email. Please note that the school office will be closed from Monday, June 24-Friday, July 5. The next communication from the school will be in mid-July. Thanks for entrusting us with your precious children.

Sincerely,

SAS Administration

## St. Aloysius Counseling Department Summer Screen Time



With summer approaching and no tests in sight, your children will want to spend more time in the digital world. According to The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) parents should limit their child's screen time, whether that time is spent in front of a television, tablet computer, laptop, or mobile phone. You play an important role in teaching your child(ren) healthy technology habits.

### 1) Screen time should not replace family time:

- Summer is a great time to make memories and strengthen family relationships.
- Media should support family values, not replace treasured activities.
- Outdoor play, exercise, face to face interactions, board games, and unplugged down time promote learning and healthy development.

### 2) Set limits and restrictions on online interactions:

- Get to know your children's friends both online and offline.
- Know what apps, programs, and social media sites they are using.
- Have a conversation about what your limits and expectations are on these platforms.
- Know their password and log-in information for all apps.
- Have a designated time and place for technology usage.

### 3) Monitor online interactions, but also take an active role:

- Co-engage with your children when they are using screens, it encourages social interactions and learning opportunities about your perspective.
- You can demonstrate good sportsmanship and gaming etiquette.
- Watching a show with them creates opportunities to share family values.
- Remember you are their role model as a digital citizen.

### 4) Resist the temptation to use technology as a babysitter:

- Although media can assist kids to remain calm and quiet, children need to know how to identify and handle strong emotions.
- Decide on activities to manage boredom and discuss problem solving.
- Creativity is stimulated through unstructured play.

### 5) Public and permanent:

- Explain that once content is shared, it cannot ever be completely removed.
- Educate your child on privacy settings and limitations.
- Remind your child that their device is a privilege and should be treated as such.
- These devices are ultimately owned by you the parents.

### 6) Media mistakes:

- Online activity is part of adolescent development.
- Be aware of your child's actions in both the real and online worlds.
- Kids will make mistakes using media, use these as teachable moments.
- Some indiscretions need to be carefully monitored, and if needed pursue professional help.

**Digital devices offer many social and educational benefits. They are a necessary part of society today. However, research shows that face-to-face interactions with family and friends, serves as an even more important role in children's learning and growth.**

**Resources:**  
[www.AAP.org](http://www.AAP.org)  
[www.HealthyChildren.org](http://www.HealthyChildren.org)  
[www.iRoc2.org](http://www.iRoc2.org)

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the St. Aloysius Home & School Committee and our 20+ subcommittees, we hope you and your families are having a great summer. As we look forward to a new school year, we want to encourage our parents and grandparents to re-engage their service to the school community through volunteerism.

We are grateful for all the parents who have already signed up to co-chair or volunteer for the various subcommittees for the 2024-25 school year. We encourage every SAS family to have at least one parent or grandparent volunteer for one or more Home & School Subcommittee(s) by completing our [online volunteer form here](#).

What is the HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE?

- Leadership team of 3 parent volunteers committed to 3 years of service overseeing efforts of 20+ various subcommittees led by parents and grandparents in the school community
- Liaison between subcommittees and administration as needed
- Furthers SAS vision and mission via flexible combination of volunteer ministry, education, special events

Those involved in Home & School activities support the school's mission and collaborate with the Administration to provide the extra support that goes into "educating the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose". For more information, please visit the [Home & School webpage](#).

We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all of our parents, especially those who are new to our school community, to become Child Protection Certified.

Why is CHILD PROTECTION CERTIFICATION IMPORTANT? It is **REQUIRED** by the Diocese to:

- Volunteer at school
- Chaperone a field trip
- Coach a school team
- Substitute
- Lead a class retreat small group
- Participate in classroom activities

For more information, please visit the [Diocese safety webpage](#).

Thank you to all who have participated in volunteer efforts in the past. We look forward to having you sign up again and to welcoming many new parent and grandparent volunteers. Don't forget to sign the **Code of Ethics** form and turn it into Ms. Boudreaux to stay current for this school year.

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The St. Aloysius School community is blessed to have such an active group of volunteers that we hope to continue to grow and foster. Please know we are here to answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,  
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Mollie Carby  
Allison Pham