



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: April 4, 2022

Every year in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, the Mother Seton Award is presented to individuals who exemplify the qualities and service of Mother Elizabeth Anne Seton, for whom the award is named. Mother Seton was the founder of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and a leader in Catholic education by establishing the first Catholic elementary school in the United States in Baltimore in 1808 as well as an orphanage in Philadelphia in 1814. Mother Seton became an exemplary role model and an inspiration to others who followed in her footsteps through her life as a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious order. She was canonized in 1975 by Pope Paul VI.

This year, St. Aloysius School is pleased to announce **Jennifer Usher** as the recipient of this prestigious award. Jennifer is a humble and selfless volunteer who shares countless hours serving the St. Aloysius School community. She gracefully balances her roles of wife, mother of four, and dedicated volunteer. Jennifer is always ready to assist in any way, even at a moment's notice.

Jennifer volunteered in various capacities within our school, including Room Mom over multiple years, Cafeteria Volunteer, and Parent Volunteer for St. Aloysius 8th Grade Come, Lord Jesus! She is one of the 8th Grade Come, Lord Jesus! Lead Coordinators since 2017.

She serves our church and community through many ministries, including JHYG Stations of the Cross Coordinator, ACTS Member and Spiritual Companion, St. Aloysius Confirmation Small Group Leader, St. Aloysius Auction Class Art Co-Chair, Vacation Bible School – Games Chair and Skits, St. Aloysius Marriage Prep Team, Eucharistic Minister, Respect Life Group, and SJA Mother's Club Teacher Appreciation Co-Chair.

Jennifer is married to Shawn Usher, and they have four children, James, Mary, Elizabeth, and Aimee.

Congratulations, Jennifer! Her servant leadership blesses us as she shares her time and talents with St. Aloysius. We look forward to celebrating with Jennifer and her family at the Mother Seton Awards Luncheon this week.

“The Lord will guard us, as a shepherd guards his flock.” Amen

Important Dates

Wednesday, April 6	All School Mass/ Food Bank Collection
Friday, April 8	Spirit Shirt Day w/ uniform bottoms
Monday, April 11	JHYG Living Stations of the Cross; 7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 13	8th Grade Field Trip
April 12, 13, 14	No Buses
April 15-22	Easter Holidays- No School
April 26-28	Standardized Testing
Tuesday, May 3	Tuition Due
Monday, May 9	8th Grade No School
May 10-12	8th Grade Exams/ 8th Grade Early Dismiss
May 13-17	7th Grade Exams/ 7th Grade Early Dismiss
Friday, May 20	PreK/K last day
Sunday, May 22	Challenge day set up 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 23	Challenge day and End of the Year Parties
Wednesday, May 25	Last Day of school

CHILD PROTECTION CERTIFICATION: Approximately 2/3 of parents need to update their child protection status in order to volunteer at school or chaperone field trips. If you have not checked your status this year, please email Edie Boudreaux eboudreaux@alloysius.org. If you need to become Child Protection certified, please email Ms. Boudreaux and the necessary forms will be sent to you.

GULF COAST TUITION LOANS: Parents, if your Gulf Coast tuition loan for the 2021-2022 school year is not current, registration for the 2022-2023 school year is considered “pending” and “incomplete” until the loan is brought current or paid off. Spots are not guaranteed to be held for your child (or children) unless your loan is current and not considered past due.

TUITION: Tuition is due by **Tuesday, May 3, 2022** via e-check through Gulf Coast Bank Tuition <https://www.tuition.gulfbank.com/>. Loans must be applied for by that date as well. Current year tuition loans must be closed out in order to apply for a Gulf Coast tuition loan for 2022-23. Any payments or loan applications made after May 3th, will incur a \$50.00 (PER CHILD) late fee. Tuition information can be found under Important Links on the school website (Tuition and Fee Information).

CHALLENGE DAY: We are excited to announce that St. Aloysius will once again be hosting Challenge Day. It has been 4 long years since we have had it on campus. For those of you who have never attended, Challenge Day is a school wide End of the Year Celebration. It will take place Monday, May 23 throughout the school day. All 1st -6th graders will participate. This will also be each grade's end of the year party. Two grades will participate at a time and the students will have their choice of games in which to “challenge” each other. Some examples of the games are: football toss, water balloon toss, 3-legged race, and much more. A sign-up genius will go out to parents after Easter. This sign-up genius will include volunteer slots for set up on Sunday, May 22, and times to help work the games throughout the day on Monday, May 23. It will also include other fun things to volunteer for, like balloon arches, sidewalk decorating, and other fun surprises for the students. ****Parents must be Child Protection Certified (and updated) in order to volunteer for Challenge Day.**

TOWEL COLLECTION: The 5th grade is collecting used towels for Animal Shelters during the week of April 6-13. See flier below for details.

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU!: MANY THANKS to all Families,Volunteers, and Dedicated Book Fair Committee Members for Supporting the SAS Library, Celebrating READING, and Making New BOOK FAIR MEMORIES!

TECH TIPS: Download a free parents technology booklet from IROC2
(INSTITUTE FOR RESPONSIBLE ONLINE AND CELLPHONE COMMUNICATION)

What's Inside Your Free Parents Booklet...

Security Tips for Mobile Devices

Printable Digital Risk Assessment

IROC2's Digital Consciousness™ Contract for Families

Tip Sheets for Parents & Educators

Documents About Digital Citizenship

Tips & Activities for Cyber Bully Prevention

Top 50 Chat Acronyms Parents Should Know

And more.... [Click Here to Download Your FREE Booklet](#)

FREE ATHLETIC PHYSICALS AT THE BR ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC:

We like to see our athletes healthy and ready to play! This year, we are launching our second annual community-wide event that provides **free physicals for middle school & high school athletes** in the Baton Rouge & surrounding areas. **We will be hosting this event at our main Baton Rouge Orthopaedic Clinic location at 8080 Bluebonnet Blvd on Saturday, May 14th from 7AM-2PM.** All physicals will be provided by licensed medical doctors and credentialed support staff. We look forward to this being a fun and cohesive community event with support from local organizations, where we can offer educational information, food, t-shirts & swag bags. Please simply click [HERE](#) and fill out the ***Survey Monkey by April 15th at 5PM, to show interest or decline.*** More information can be found here. This date will be upheld, due to having to schedule everyone's time. Please be courteous about RSVPing. Thank you!

Deanna will personally be reaching out at the end of March/early April to get everyone who RSVP'd through Survey Monkey more details, as well as copies of the updated LHSAA Physical Forms. However, feel free to reach out beforehand with any questions. We are looking forward to making this a great event for all!

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

5th Grade is collecting used towels for local animal shelters. If you have any old towels that you would like to donate, donation buckets will be in the Old Gym by the stage.



These donations will be collected April 6 to April 13.