



# ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## **Lion's Roar: May 23, 2022**

Dear Parents,

Reflecting on this past year brings up the Michael Phelps' quote, "It's not how you start, but it's how you finish". Ending the year with more "normalcy" than we have seen in a couple of years has provided hope and excitement for the future. The Faculty and Staff have tried to squeeze as much learning and FUN into these last few months with on and off campus field trips, opportunities for parents to visit campus, collaborative learning among other classes/grade levels, assemblies, and ALL SCHOOL MASSES!

We thank you for the trust and love you showed us; we approached each day in prayer listening intently for God's grace and direction. And while we certainly made mistakes along the way, we stand in celebration for the success of the year: Our SAS children grew in their faith and in their academic pursuits! For this, we are SO GRATEFUL!

We thank Fr. Randy Cuevas for his leadership and guidance. The SAS Faculty and Staff have been ROCK STARS, as always, and the St. Aloysius Parish Facilities Manager, Mr. Ronnie Haliburton, and his team consisting of: Victoria Fisher, Terry Phillips, Pepper Whittington, Delores Williams, and Terrell Griffin played a huge role in keeping our children and faculty/staff healthy and in school. We give a special shout out to our school nurses, Michaelyn and Amy, and our two School Advisory Committee Members, Dr. Funes and Dr. Perilloux. Their knowledge and wisdom were invaluable during the pandemic.

We pray your family has a blessed summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in August! The next communication from SAS will be in mid-July. Visit the website, call, or email us if you have any questions. The office hours are 8:00a.m.- 1:00p.m. Monday-Thursday. See Important Dates below for information on staggered start days in August. -Erin Candilora

***"God is king of all the earth." Amen***

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### **Important Dates**

**May 23-25**

**Wednesday, May 25**

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**Friday, May 27**

**Monday, August 8**

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**Tuesday, August 9**

**NO BUSES**

**Last Day of school; 10:00 am Dismissal**

**NO AFTER CARE (EXTENSION)**

**Last Day to purchase 2021-2022 yearbook**

**First Day of school for Grades 5-8**

**No School for Grades 1-4**

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**Tuesday, August 9**  
**August 10-11**

**No School for Grades 5-8**  
**Staggered start for PreK and K**

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The **SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** comprises 9 individuals that serve a 3-year term. Each year, three members roll off the committee and three new members join the committee; this provides the consistency necessary for smooth transitions. The selection process is based on the diversity of knowledge and expertise from the members. The committee serves in an advisory role for the school administration and is not a “voting board”. If you are interested in being considered to serve in this role, please email Mrs. Candilora at [ecandilora@alloysius.org](mailto:ecandilora@alloysius.org) by the end of May. Please include your area of expertise and any pertinent information in order for us to know you better. Fr. Randy Cuevas and the School Administration chooses the members.

We thank the current and outgoing members of the School Advisory Committee for their leadership and guidance: **Danielle Clapinski, Ian Dallimore, Dr. Chris Funes, Nancy Keaton, Blythe Lamonica, Dr. Melanie Lemoine, Becky Maher, Alecia Mancuso, and Dr. Brannon Perilloux.**

We also send a huge thank you to **Tam Bourgeois** for being the Chairperson of the Home & School this year. She did an amazing job while working around many obstacles. Thank you, Tam!

Thanks to **Rebecca Valluzzo** for bringing back Challenge Day to our students!

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**SAS REQUIRED SUMMER READING-** Fourth through Eighth Grade Students for the 2022-2023 school year will have required summer reading. A list of all titles will be made available under Important Links on the SAS Homepage.

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**NO BUSES: EBR Buses will not run May 23-25.** Tiger and Whale will run as usual. Students who normally ride the bus will be picked up by the SCHOOL OFFICE. Please be sure to display your carpool number.

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**IXL and SUMMER PRACTICE:** Summer is a great time to take a break from the work and structure of school; however, research has shown that students can lose as much as a couple of months' worth of learning in the summer.

IXL is a great way for students to review and reinforce what they learned this school year. Students will continue to have access to their IXL accounts, and we strongly encourage them to practice grade level skills in both math and ELA throughout the summer.

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**CHILD PROTECTION UPDATES:** Child Protection certification is required to be a coach, school volunteer, field trip chaperone or retreat small group leader. If you have not yet entered the Child Protection system, you can email Edie Boudreaux ([eboudreaux@alloysius.org](mailto:eboudreaux@alloysius.org)) to get the necessary forms.

Last summer, all volunteer files were archived. **If you have not yet updated your certification to remove your files from the archives,** please email Edie Boudreaux ([eboudreaux@alloysius.org](mailto:eboudreaux@alloysius.org)) for instructions.

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**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS – SAS Home & School Volunteer Form is Now Online-** Please use the link below to sign up to serve on one of the many Home & School committees for the 2022-2023 school year. It is quick and easy! The link is also included on the school's website under Parents/ Home and School. Please complete a form even if you have completed one in the past as the accumulation of volunteers begins anew each year. As always, we thank everyone for their time and talents. Without you, these committees would not be successful. [Click here for the SAS Home & School Committee: Volunteer Form 2022-23](#)

The Home & School Committee is grateful for the numerous parent and grandparent volunteers who supported our 20+ volunteer committees, seeing us through another unique school year. All of our committees and chairpersons are looking forward to being back on campus in full force next year! Look for more information to come from H&S in a formal letter to parents next month. 2022-23 H&S Committee: Emily Beach, Lauren Walker & Rebecca Valluzzo

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**SUMMER TUTORING:** If you are looking for a tutor this summer please check out the SAS website for a list of teachers who are available for tutoring. You can find the complete list under Parents, Important Links.

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**PURCHASE A YEARBOOK:** There are only a few days left to purchase a 2021-2022 yearbook. The link to purchase can be found [here](#) (and also on the school website under Parents/ Important Links/Purchase a Yearbook). Can't remember if you already purchased one? Use [this link](#) to search for your order.

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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.***