



# ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Lion's Roar: August 5, 2022

Parents,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We look forward to welcoming your precious children next week, so we are sending the newsletter a bit early; it's normally sent each Monday. Next week will be a long one for everyone, as we set routines and get used to our new norm; it is imperative that we are patient with each other and ourselves.

Our school theme this year is ***CALLED! SAS is Called to pray, to listen, to love, to guide, to lead!*** Parallel with the mission statement of “*educating the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose*”, this theme will provide the foundation for our daily interactions and focus. We will help the children answer their ***Call!*** –Erin Candilora  
***“Lord, come to my aid!” Amen***

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### **IMPORTANT DATES (Full School Calendar can be found on the school website)**

Monday, August 8	ONLY Grades 5-8 attend; Class Pictures; Individual Pictures (Parents may walk their children onto campus. No assembly on this day.)
Tuesday, August 9	ONLY Grades 1-4 attend; Class Pictures; Individual Pictures (Parents may walk their children onto campus. No assembly on this day.)
Tuesday, August 9	8:30a.m.-10:00a.m. PreK/K Parent Orientation (Report directly to classroom; staff will assist you)
August 10-11	PreK/ K Staggered Start (refer to the schedule emailed in late July) (Parents may walk their children to the classroom.)
Friday, August 12	PreK/ K All Classes Attend (Drop at A/B carpool and school personnel will walk them to class. PreK/ K Individual Pictures
Sunday, August 14	1st-4th Parent's Afternoon (1:00-4:00 more info to come)
Thursday, August 18	5th-8th Parent's Night (more info to come)
Monday, Sept. 5	No School- Labor Day Holiday

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**MORNING ARRIVALS**- Students are not to arrive on campus before 7:15 a.m. If the duty teacher is not present, please wait for them to arrive before allowing your child to exit the vehicle. Upon arrival, students in PreK and K will report directly to their classrooms. Students in Grades 1-6 will report to their respective gym area, and students in Grades 7-8 will report to the middle school walkway. Teachers will be strategically placed around campus to assist students.

**Refer to the carpool map, and use the correct line! The family always uses the line for the youngest child! Even though there is a staggered start, use the carpool line**

**your family will use all year this coming Monday and Tuesday. Consistency is key for beginning the school year!**

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**ASSEMBLY** - We are thrilled to have assembly in the Old Gym each morning at 7:45. Below is a schedule. You are welcome to join us in prayer! Drop your children in their correct carpool line and then park in “C” lot (the third entrance on Stuart from Perkins Rd- crepe myrtle alley) if you plan to join us for assembly. For their safety, children should never walk through the parking lot.

Mondays (Fr. Nutan) – Grades 1-8

Tuesdays – Grades 1-4

Wednesdays (Fr. Randy) – Grades K-8 (K will begin after Labor Day)

Thursdays – Grades 1-4

Fridays – Grades 1-4

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**HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM** - The Parent-Student Handbook Agreement Form will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. This form must be completed for each child and returned to the homeroom teacher by August 12, 2022.

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**WATER BOTTLES** - During covid, all students had to supply their own water bottle due to the water fountains being closed. All water fountains are open, so it is not necessary to send one. If you choose to send one with your child, they need to be labeled with the child's FULL NAME! If it is left and not labeled, it will be thrown away.

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**CAFETERIA** - A reminder that the Breakfast Snack and Lunch are no longer funded. PK & K will still have an afternoon snack provided, which is funded through their tuition. You can set up your child’s SchoolBucks account by visiting <https://www.aloysius.school/cafeteria>

SAS is returning to a “nut aware” campus and not “nut free”, which means students may NOT bring nut products for a snack but they can for lunch. These students will sit in a specific area in the cafeteria so as to not affect children with nut allergies.

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**STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES** - Terra Nova Next scores from the spring 2022 testing will be sent home with students in grades 4-8 on their first day of school. Please read the information enclosed with the scores for specifics about testing and scores.

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**GOOGLE/EMAIL FYI**- Gmail is turned OFF for grades PreK-4. We only use their “email” address to log into Google Classroom. Therefore, if you try to sign into gmail, you will get an error message. If you go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com) instead, you will be able to log in to Google Classroom with your child’s email address.

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**SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - The following individuals serve in an advisory role for the school administration. They were chosen for their specific skill set and needs of the committee. The committee members include: Fr. Randy Cuevas(Pastor), Mrs. Candilora (Principal), Ian Dallimore, Dr. Chris Funes, Nancy Keaton, Dr. Melanie Lemoine, Alecia Mancuso, Dr. Brannon Perilloux, Allison Pham, Samantha Rauber, and Eric Waechter. Their leadership and expertise is appreciated. Please note that they serve in an advisory capacity, so they are not involved in the day to day workings of the school. Continue to reach out to the administration for questions about policies and procedures.

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**SCHOOL COMMUNICATION** - The handbook states that “During the work week, teachers will respond to phone messages or email within 24 hours of receiving the message. Please note that during the school day, teachers have limited access to their email.” Additionally, if you send an email on a Friday, the message will be returned by the next work day which is Monday. Teachers are not required to respond on their weekend, as that is their family time and that needs to be honored and respected.

Due to the volume of emails received by administrators, your email will be responded to within 48 hours. Remember that if your email requires more than a sentence or two of a response, we would rather you call to set up an appointment. We want to give you the time necessary to discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

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**THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!!** - A special thanks goes out to Matt Lanasa from Angel Oak Home Loans for sponsoring our student planners and Sherman And Balhoff Orthodontics for sponsoring our zipper bags. Students receive these items free of charge thanks to our generous sponsors!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - We thank Lauren Golleher, Marguerite Istre, and their committee for a smooth school supply delivery last week. It is a blessing for our parents and teachers that school supplies are ordered and delivered to the classroom before the first day of school. We also thank all of the parent and student volunteers who helped distribute the supplies to the classroom.

**HOME & SCHOOL** - The faculty/staff were welcomed back last week with a delicious lunch by Home & School; special thanks to Emily Beach (Chairperson), Lauren Walker (Co-Chair), and Rebecca Valluzzo (Co-Chair)! This committee organizes all volunteers for all ministries at the school. Reach out to them if you have any questions.

Interested in becoming a homeroom rep? Click here: <https://forms.gle/M81f2UAKSnYBxgct5>

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**FOLLOW US-** Follow us on Facebook (St. Aloysius Catholic School) and Instagram (@aloyssiusschoolbr) to see the exciting things happening at school!

**FACEBOOK** - A word of caution: St. Aloysius School has ONE Facebook account, so while some individuals have created “grade level” accounts, these are not endorsed by the school. Many times, information on these pages are inaccurate and cause much confusion. We caution you as these groups do not speak for the school.

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