



# ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Lion's Roar: April 3, 2023

### Parents,

The dreadful tragedy in Tennessee has caused concern and anxiety for every family with school-age children. Resharing the details of the St. Aloysius School Safety Plan is an effort to bring some comfort and confidence in an unsettling situation; a separate email will be sent since the website is open to the public. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Covenant Presbyterian Community.

The safest time for our campus was during covid, due to no visitors being allowed on campus (we certainly don't want to revert back to that); however, students and teachers would quickly identify anyone without a visitor's tag. Now that we are allowing visitors for lunch, pep rallies, etc., it is prudent for us to revisit these practices and how to best manage visitors on campus. The School Advisory Committee is meeting in May to discuss protocols and suggestions.

The experts agree that the number one priority in keeping a campus safe is the presence of an armed police officer. While we have had presence for many years, their hours of coverage were extended to include Aftercare beginning in November, and they have been an incredible resource for the school. An armed officer cannot prevent an attack, but he/she can significantly reduce the threat due to the response time. The campus duty police officers meet with school administrators often to offer suggestions of additional safety measures.

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In continuing to provide support for our students and families, St. Aloysius School is providing a virtual viewing of the inspirational film, My Ascension, for all 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade families. My Ascension is a documentary film and movement to spread hope and fight suicide. The film features suicide survivor, Emma Benoit, as she uses her personal experience to help others find hope and shine more light on suicide in the United States.

This film is available for viewing **Wednesday, March 29 through Wednesday, April 5** and lasts about an hour and a half. A link to access the film was emailed to all 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade families, SAS Faculty & Staff, and the Parish Staff.

For more information about the film please visit <https://www.myascension.us/>, or watch a trailer of the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYGsoZ2lW6Y>. Due to the sensitivity of the topic, it was recommended for middle school aged children and up. We have also provided several resources attached as a guide to help you speak with your children about this topic. We would like to thank **Jamie and Jennifer Bailey** for purchasing this resource. My Ascension screening guide resources: [My Ascension Screening Guide .pdf](#)

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention:

<https://afsp.org/story/what-parents-can-do-promoting-mental-wellness-in-our-children>

American Psychological Association: <https://www.apa.org/topics/suicide/prevention-teens>

**“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”**

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**Important Dates:**

<b>Monday, April 3</b>	<b>Book Fair "Last Day" 8:00am-2:30pm / 3:30-6:30pm</b>
<b>Monday, April 3</b>	<b>Last Day to buy 8th Yearbook Ads</b>
<b>Monday, April 3</b>	<b>Living Stations of the Cross; 7:00pm; Church</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>	<b>All School Mass/ Food Bank Collection</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>	<b>Rice Bowl Donations Due</b>
<b>Thursday, April 6</b>	<b>Easter Accessories may be worn</b>
<b>April 7-14</b>	<b>Easter Holidays- No School</b>
<b>April 17-18</b>	<b>8th Grade Youth Legislature</b>
<b>April 25-27</b>	<b>Terra Nova Testing</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 2</b>	<b>Tuition Due</b>
<b>May 8-10</b>	<b>8th Grade Exams/ 8th Grade Early Dismissal</b>
<b>May 15-17</b>	<b>7th Grade Exams/ 7th Grade Early Dismissal</b>
<b>Friday, May 19</b>	<b>PreK/ K Last Day</b>
<b>May 22-25</b>	<b>No Buses</b>
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>	<b>1st-6th Last Day of School</b>

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**TERRA NOVA NEXT TESTING DATE CHANGE (Grades 2-8):** Students in grades 3-8 will take **Terra Nova NEXT Summative Testing** on **April 25, 26, and 27** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. (It was previously scheduled for April 24-26. Second grade students will take a practice test during the same testing period. Please do not schedule appointments during these times. Students in these grade levels (2-8) will NOT be able to check in or out of school from 8-9:20 on these days.

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**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** The school is looking for a business to sponsor one of our school supply items. The cost of the sponsorship is \$5000. As a sponsor, your business name will be prominently displayed on the supply item which is given to students and used throughout the school year. If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Stacey Keaton at [skeaton@aloysius.org](mailto:skeaton@aloysius.org).

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**TUITION:** The Gulf Coast Tuition Website will be open March 29th. Tuition is **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 2, 2023** via **E-Check through Gulf Coast Bank**. <https://www.tuition.gulfbank.com/>. Tuition loans must be applied for by that date as well.

**Current year loans must be paid in full in order to apply for a Gulf Coast tuition loan for 2023-2024.** Tuition payments and loan applications after May 2nd will incur a \$50.00 (**per child**) late fee which must be paid directly to the school office before enrollment is complete.

Tuition information can be found under "Important Links" on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Bailey at 225-383-3871.

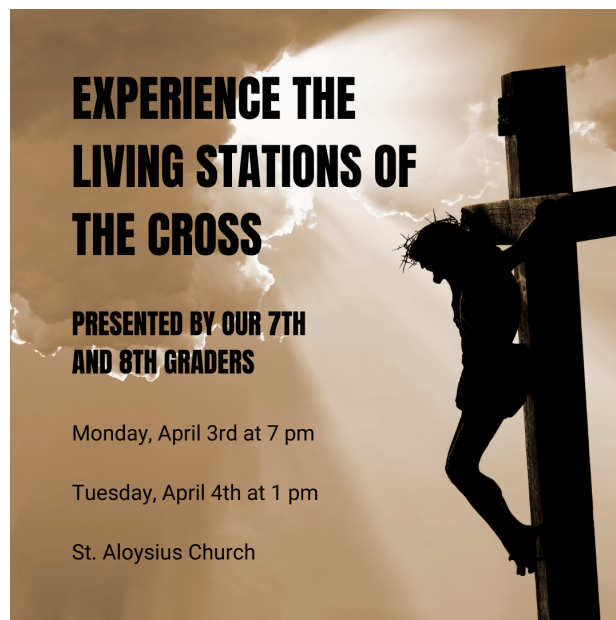
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**SAS SCOREBOARD SPONSORSHIPS:** This upcoming 2023-2024 school year, the Athletic Department is looking for 4 gym scoreboard sponsors. The cost of the yearly sponsorship is \$2500. This is a prime location as each scoreboard only has two available spots and the gym is used for multiple sports throughout the school year. The sponsorship funds will go toward expenses incurred by the Athletic Department such as floor maintenance, equipment costs and other expenses/projects as determined by the Athletic Director. If the interest is high, we will rotate sponsors on a yearly basis. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Eric Burton at [athletics@aloysius.org](mailto:athletics@aloysius.org). <https://forms.gle/S9ZCADcey7x2gVTS8>

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**RELIGION UPDATES: Begin Holy Week with the Passion of Christ/ St. Aloysius Parish and 7th and 8th grade students present ... Living Stations of the Cross**

**Monday, April 3rd 7 pm  
Tuesday, April 4th 1:00pm  
St. Aloysius Church**



**Rice Bowls due Wednesday-** Please turn in money for Catholic Relief Service by Wednesday, April 6 at noon. Our donations will help feed, clothe, house and educate people as well as providing clean water and medical assistance in nations around the world. 25% of the money collected stays in the Greater Baton Rouge area to assist our local neighbors who are in need of help.

**Shoe Collection Thanks-** Thanks to Ms. Debbie Michael and all of the sixth grade teachers and students for organizing the Phil Quarteraro "Soles for Souls" shoe drive. The collection was very successful. Thanks to all of you who donated shoes to this good cause.

**All School Mass on Wednesday-** We will be celebrating All School Mass on Wednesday. Boys should wear long dress pants. Girls should wear a skirt or jumper. Food will be collected for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Ms. Patout's 5th grade class is facilitating. The 6th grade Liturgical Choir is singing. Parents of those students may attend.

**8th Grade Closing Ceremony mass-** The Closing Ceremony mass will be held on the evening of May 18. We invite parents who are St. Aloysius Eucharistic ministers to serve at this mass. Please email Edie Boudreaux (eboudreaux@aloyusius.org) if you would like to volunteer.

**LIONS IN ACTION:**

**Track:** Sunday, April 23; Holy Family Track Meet@Port Allen High School

**Volleyball:**

\*\*HOME TEAM IS LISTED FIRST  
 \*\* WHEN THREE MATCHES ARE SCHEDULED, THEY ARE AT 5:45, 6:45, AND 7:45  
 \*\*WHEN TWO MATCHES ARE SCHEDULED,THEY ARE AT 5:45 AND 6:45 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED  
 \*\*\*INDICATED NO GAME IS SCHEDULED AT THAT TIME

Division I

<i>Wed, Apr 5th</i>			
JUDE	JUDE VS THER(W) (5)	JUDE VS THER (6)	JUDE-DII VS ALOY-DI (8)

Division II

<i>Mon, Apr 3rd</i>			
ALLOY	ALLOY(R) VS GEO(D) (7)	ALLOY(W) VS GEO(W) (7)	ALLOY(W) VS GEO (8)
<i>Tues, Apr 4th</i>			
ALLOY	ALLOY(L) VS THER (6)	ALLOY(R) VS THER (7)	ALLOY(R) VS THER (8)
GEO	GEO(W) VS ALOY(R) (6)	GEO(G) VS ALOY(W) (6)	GEO(W) VS ELIZ (7)
<i>Wed, Apr 5th</i>			
ALLOY	ALLOY(W) VS OLOM(J) (6)	ALLOY(R) VS OLOM(W) (6)	ALLOY(R) VS OLOM(W) (8)
JUDE	JUDE VS THER(W) (5)	JUDE VS THER (6) DI	JUDE-DII VS ALOY-DI (8)

5th Grade - none scheduled

**SAVE THE DATE:** SAS Challenge Day will be held this year on Monday, May 22nd and set up will be Sunday, May 21st. In order for this fun day to happen, we will need plenty of volunteers to work a shift or two. Please be on the look-out for a sign up genius. Thank you!