



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: March 21, 2022

Parents,

Please read this letter from the Catholic Schools Office:

“Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Catholic education, especially over the past two years. Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge were successful in holding in-person classes throughout the pandemic, even when challenged by necessary medical protocols that made it seem impossible to continue classes on campus. Your commitment to providing quality education for children enrolled in our schools has been a tremendous gift!

Though the rate of student infection when returning to school in August 2021 was high, the diocese was responsive since that time by updating policies during the year as situations changed. Now, as we enter the final quarter of the school year, we are happy to announce another change in policy that reflects the current low rate of infection. Beginning Monday, March 21, parochial and diocesan schools are free to resume pre-pandemic practices at school sites within administrative policies at each location.

Please understand that principals will need time to successfully organize campus protocols for an orderly change in procedures. Communication on specific updates, therefore, will come directly from the school administration. Also, students who ride public school buses will have to abide by those requirements because our schools do not have authority over bus services that state law requires public-school systems to provide.

*The diocese is grateful to parents for their vigilance in following health and safety guidance and to staff for their daily commitment in providing in-person education for young people over the past two years. Such partnership helped to provide an exceptional ministry of educational excellence for students throughout the diocese as we enjoyed being formed in learning communities that **Evangelize Hearts, Educate Minds, Encourage Talent, and Embrace the Future.**”*

Melanie B. Palmisano, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” Amen

Important Dates

Monday, March 21	Principal's Awards
Wednesday, March 23	5th/6th Grade Class Mass
March 24-25	2nd Grade Field Trip
Friday, March 25	Book Fair "Grand Opening" 3:30-7:30pm/Library
Friday, March 25	Dress as your favorite book character/spirit shirt
Friday, March 25	SACCC Fish Fry
Monday, March 28	Hats off to Reading- wear a hat day
Tuesday, March 29	Class Pictures/Club Pictures
Tuesday, March 29	8th grade Picture Retakes
Friday, April 1	8th grade yearbook ads due
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
Wednesday, May 25	Last Day of school

SAS LIBRARY BOOK FAIR "Books Bring Us Together": We're so excited to invite you Friday, March 25, from 3:30-7:30pm for our "Grand Opening" in the Library. Make your plans now to also enjoy the SACCC Fish Fry in the Cafeteria from 5:30-8:30. (See attached flier for complete Book Fair Schedule.)

Additional Book Fair Dates/ Times are as follows-

Sunday, March 27	Family Day 10:00-1:00
Monday, March 28	Open 8:00-2:30 / 3:30- 6:30/ Bookmobile (4-6pm)
Tuesday, March 29	Conclusion 8:00-2:30

All students should come home today with a Book Fair flyer. [Click here to visit our Book Fair Homepage and get started with eWallet](#) - a safe and secure alternative to cash. Volunteers are still needed to help with the book fair, please.

Alternate Dress for Students- Friday, March 25 - "Books Bring Us Unforgettable Characters!" All students are invited to wear their spirit shirts with uniform bottoms. They may accessorize to create their favorite book character. We hope to see Superheroes, Disney characters, some Bad Guys, maybe Pete the Cat or Percy Jackson, and, of course, students from Hogwarts.

Bookmobile Monday, March 28 - "Hats Off to Reading!" Students may wear hats to school (literary hats preferred.)

COVID REPORTING: FIRST AID NEWS. Please continue to use the COVID Reporting Form on the SAS website under Important Links for any exposure/positive cases. We are thrilled to continue to be healthy here on campus and want to be notified if changes are occurring. Thank you so much for all your support!

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).

CARPOOL REMINDERS: Traffic has been heavy around town, please leave early enough to arrive at school on time. Carpool ends at 7:40 AM. School begins at 7:45 AM. Your child needs time to walk to class to be on time. Teachers need to leave Carpool duty at 7:40 AM to get to their class on time. Please drive your child to the office and check them in if you arrive after 7:40 AM.

Please encourage your child to be ready to exit the vehicle quickly. Backpack, lunch box and any other items should be ready to go. Give last minute kisses and goodbyes before you are in the line at the dropoff point. Seconds quickly add up to minutes and everyone's time is valuable.

AFTERCARE PICKUP: Due to the Book Fair, Cheerleading Tryouts, and the SACCC Fish Fry, Aftercare will be in the Primary Building from Thursday, March 24th through Wednesday, March 30th. The pick-up will be outside the door between the Library and the Primary Building. Your understanding and support are appreciated.

TECH TIPS: Teen social media statistics from Smart Social

- 85% of Americans own a smartphone (Source: [Pew Research](#))
- 87% of American teens own an iPhone and 88% expect an iPhone to be their next phone (Source: [How-To Geek](#))
- Non-school related screen time among teenagers doubled from pre-pandemic estimates of 3.8 hours per day up to 7.7 hours (Source: [Journal of the American Medical Association \(JAMA\) Pediatrics](#))
- 95% of American teens have daily access to a smartphone
- 46% of teens report being online almost constantly (Source: [Pew Research](#))
- 34% of US teens picked Snapchat as their favorite social media network in the fall of 2020 and ranked TikTok 2nd at 29%. (Source: [Statista](#))
- An average of 5+ billion snaps are created every day (Source: [Snap, Inc.](#))

- 48% of U.S. internet users between the ages of 15 and 25 years use Snapchat (Source: [Statista](#))
- In 2020, TikTok overtook YouTube as the most used app by American teens and pre-teens with 105.1 daily usage minutes (Source: [APnews](#))
- TikTok had a total of 78.7 million users in the United States as of 2021
- Around 37.3 million of these were between the ages of 10-25 (Source: [Statista](#))
- Female users between the ages of 10 and 19 makeup TikTok's largest user demographic (Source: [Statista](#))
- Only 8% of Instagram users are between the ages of 13-17 (Source: [Statista](#))
- Cristiano Ronaldo has the most Instagram followers with 399 million
- Kylie Jenner comes in 2nd with 308 million followers
- 80% of 12-15-year-olds play video games online (Source: [Ofcom](#))

YEARBOOK ADS -We are pleased to announce that business ads are now available for purchase in the school yearbook. This is a wonderful way for our students to know and remember all the businesses that support students and our school. Ads (and 2021-2022 yearbooks) may be purchased on the school website (Parents/ Important Links/ Purchase a Yearbook) or at [THIS LINK](#). Thank you for your support! Please contact Mrs. Peneguy at speneguy@aloysius.org with any questions. The last day to purchase 8th grade ads or business ads is 4/01/2022.

IT'S TUITION RAFFLE TIME! Raffle tickets for the St. Aloysius Annual Tuition Raffle were sent home with your child last week, along with a form for purchasing additional tickets. Tickets are only \$20.00 each. Please return your completed ticket stubs and request for additional tickets along with one check made payable to "St. Aloysius" by Friday, March 25th. This fundraiser is a wonderful opportunity to win **FREE TUITION, FREE LUNCH OR FREE REGISTRATION FEE** for the 2022-2023 school year! All proceeds support our Art, Music and Religious Education Departments as well as our First Aid Office. Drawings will be held Wednesday, March 30, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Trotter at aestrotter1@gmail.com.

OPERATION RICE BOWL- Years of conflict along the eastern border have already displaced 1.3 million people from their homes and claimed 14,000 lives and now 2.3 million people have fled Ukraine. Almost ninety percent of the refugees are women and children. Throughout this time, Caritas Ukraine, with support from CRS, has been providing emergency relief and recovery.

CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, providing safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more.

The situation there is rapidly unfolding, and we could not do this work without your help. When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis. – Catholic Relief Services website

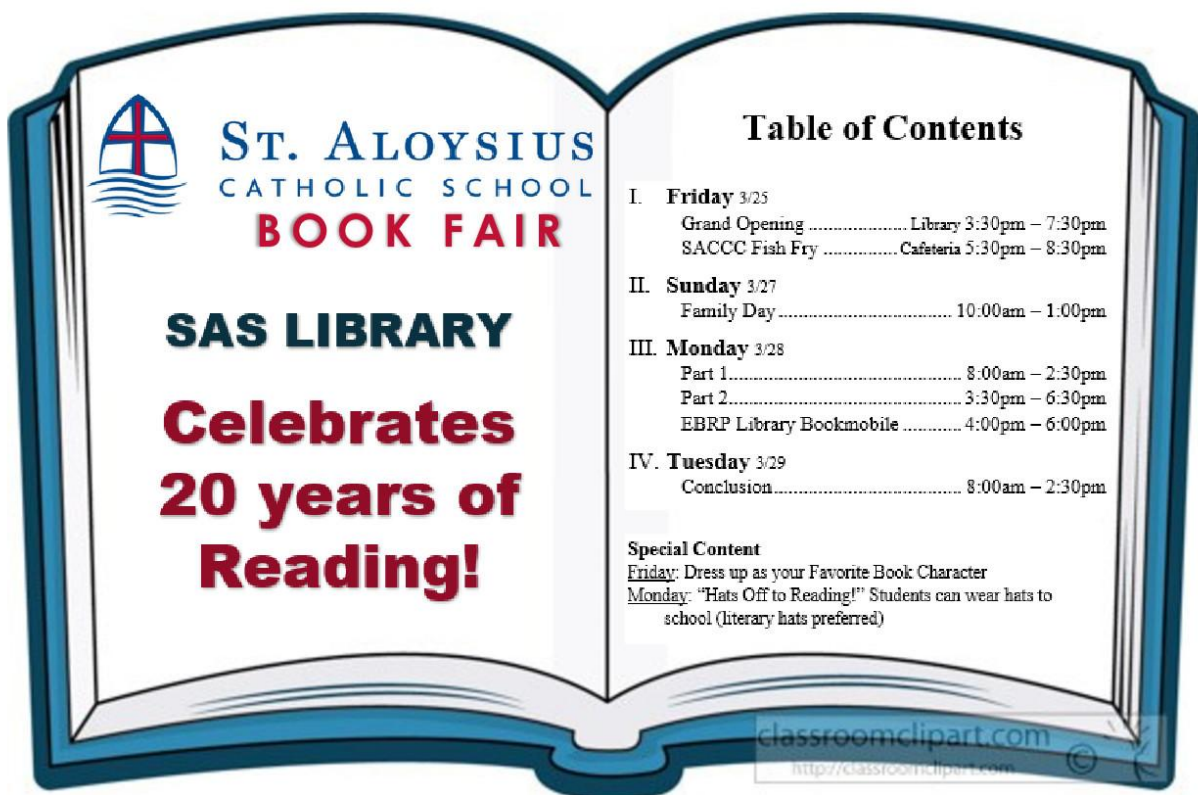
SACCC 26th ANNUAL SACCC FISH FRY: March 25th- 5:30-8:30 pm in the Cafeteria/Parish Hall. Drive-thru opens at 4:00. TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW! Dinner tickets: \$10 presale, \$12 at the door. Lunch tickets: \$10 presale only. Minimum of 10 required for lunch purchase. Lunch may be delivered or picked up at the KC Hall. Presale ends 3/18. Please contact an SACCC family or visit the website to purchase lunch and dinner tickets: www.sacccfishfry.org. 50/50 Raffle tickets: \$5 each: 50% of earnings go to the winner and 50% to the Center. GUARANTEED MINIMUM CASH PAYOUT OF \$2,500! Purchase raffle tickets from an SACCC family or the night of the Fish Fry.

Towel Drive for Animal Shelters During the week of April 6-13, the fifth graders will be collecting used towels for animal shelters in the Baton Rouge area. If you are cleaning out your linen closets, please save us any towels you plan to discard. Thanks!

Soles for Souls Collection At the end of April, the sixth graders will be collecting used shoes in any condition. Please remember us when doing your Spring Cleaning.

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

BOOKS BRING US TOGETHER



Visit our Book Fair Homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet – a safe and secure alternative to cash. <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/staloylius>

ST. ALOYSIUS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TUITION RAFFLE

Please support our Art, Music and Religious Education Departments and our First Aid Office by purchasing your Raffle Tickets!

YOU COULD WIN FREE IN-PARISH TUITION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

Anyone can purchase tickets – parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, friends, etc. – and any St. Aloysius student may be designated as the recipient of the prizes. (Including incoming Pre-K students that have been accepted for the 2022-2023 school year.)

Other prizes include ONE ANNUAL LUNCH FEE and ONE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE for the 2022-2023 school year.

THE DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022!

Tickets are only \$20.00 each. In addition to the ticket sent home with each child, additional tickets may be purchased by completing the form below. Please return all completed ticket stubs and requests for additional tickets, along with one check payable to “ST. ALOYSIUS” by Friday, March 25, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Trotter at aestrotter1@gmail.com.

Thank you!

PLEASE USE THIS FORM ONLY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TICKETS

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ **additional raffle ticket(s)**.

Purchaser's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of student(s) to whom prize will apply: _____

Current Grade and homeroom (for delivery of stubs): _____



St. Aloysius Child Care Center's
26th Annual
Fish Fry

Friday, March 25th

SAS CAFETERIA 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Entertainment and Raffle

Music, Balloon Artist, Face Painting

50/50 Raffle Drawing

Tickets

Lunch and Dinner Tickets \$10 Presale •

\$12 at the door

Available from an SACCC Family or online at

WWW.SACCCFISHFRY.ORG