

Lion's Roar: May 22, 2023

Parents,

Ever since the covid pandemic, the school focused on other priorities and inadvertently loosened some of the school rules, especially involving the dress code. As we return to "normalcy", we realize that our "uniform" is no longer "uniform". It is time to return to the "pre-covid" standards; therefore, the following will be enforced/implemented for the 2023-2024 school year.

Uniform Policies for the 2023-2024 School Year:

All uniform clothing must be clean and in good condition; clothing should have no exposed tears, cuts, rips, splits, hanging threads, or shreds.

Sweatshirts/sweatpants: St. Aloysius will phase out <u>red and white sweatshirts</u>. The 2023-2024 school year will be the last year these may be worn (on designated days only).

Only navy blue, <u>crew neck</u> St. Aloysius logo sweatshirts may be worn in grades PreK-5. These sweatshirts may be purchased at School Time. St. Aloysius CSAA team sports sweatshirts (basketball, cheerleading, football, track, swimming, or volleyball) or St. Aloysius activity/club sweatshirts (band, choir, or Advisory Board) **in which the student is a participant** may be worn in grades 3-8 **on designated days**. **Hooded school sweatshirts may be worn in grades 6-8 only.** No other sweatshirt is acceptable. Grades Pre-K – 8 may also wear St. Aloysius logo sweatpants, which can be purchased at School Time. Sweatpants may NOT be worn under uniform jumpers or skirts. Sweatpants may only be worn on specified days. The dates for sweatpants will be announced each year depending on weather.

Shoes: Traditional athletic tennis shoes must be primarily white, navy, gray, or black. Shoes may **not** include neon colors, may **not** have rollers, may **not** blink, and may **not** have sequins or shiny parts. Tennis shoes must have tied laces or Velcro straps (in grades PreK, K, and 1). Slip on tennis shoes (mule or backless) and high tops are **not** allowed. Sandals, cleats, boots, and turf type shoes are **not** allowed.

Approved St. Aloysius Logo: The only approved St. Aloysius logo to be worn on sweatshirts and sweatpants is pictured below:



Reminders:

<u>Girls</u>: Makeup/Grooming/Hair: Girls may not wear lipstick, blush, eye-shadow, eyeliner, or mascara. GIRLS IN THE 7TH AND 8TH GRADES MAY WEAR A LIGHT BASE <u>ONLY</u>. Fingernail polish is not acceptable. Hair <u>MAY NOT</u> be dyed, bleached, tinted, or highlighted.

Boys: Pants: Dress model navy <u>uniform</u> pants (with or without pleats). DOCKERS, POLO, ETC. ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. Pre-K-1 boys are encouraged to wear elastic waist uniform pants.

Shorts: Navy blue <u>uniform</u> shorts are to be appropriate length (no shorter than <u>2 inches</u> above the knee). DOCKERS, POLO, ETC. ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. Pre-K-1 boys are encouraged to wear elastic waist uniform shorts.

Grooming: Hair must be of conservative length and thickness in front, back, top, and sides. Hair must be off the collar, above the ear, and above the eyebrows. It must be clean and neat. Shaven heads, weight lines, shaving, or carving into the natural hairline, dyed, bleached, or tinted hair, and the like are not acceptable. Hair should always have a dry appearance. Face must be clean shaven. No hair accessories. When a student is issued a warning slip for a haircut, it must be cut by the following Monday or additional consequences will be issued.

*Please note: Individual and class pictures will be taken on the first day of school. If a student is not in compliance with the grooming policies stated in the handbook, he/she will not be allowed to take these pictures.

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Important Dates:

May 22-25 See bus schedule below

Thursday, May 25 1st-6th Last Day of School; 10:00am dismissal

Thursday, May 25 Last Day to Purchase Yearbook

Monday, August 7 First Day 5th-8th Grade; 1st-4th do not attend Tuesday, August 8 First Day 1st-4th Grade; 5th -8th do not attend

August 10-11 PreK/ K Staggered Start

BUS SERVICE NOTICE:

Monday, May 22nd - Morning EBR Bus Service Only....NO AFTERNOON BUSES Tuesday, May 23rd through Thursday, May 25th - No EBR Bus Service

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.

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.

SAS SUMMER READING- Fourth through Eighth Grade Students for the 2023-2024 school year will have required summer reading. A list of all titles will be made available under Important Links on the SAS Homepage.

Of course, all students are encouraged to read throughout the summer, so in addition to the required titles, links to several Summer Reading Incentive Programs are listed. Also included are links to SAS Library websites with access to over 2,000 eBooks. All this information is also attached below. Happy Summer & Happy Reading!

MEDICATION PICKUP: Parents, please remember to pick up your child's epipens, inhalers and any other medications from the first aid office before the end of school. WE CANNOT KEEP MEDICATIONS OVER THE SUMMER!

RELIGION UPDATE:

<u>Food Bank Collections</u>- St. Aloysius School has worked in partnership with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank for over 30 years. It has become a tradition to collect food on the morning of every All School Mass. In addition, the 5th and 7th graders sponsored special drives this year.

Our total for the school year is **9,800 pounds!** That is enough food to provide **8,200 meals.**

We will continue our collections next year. If you would like to donate over the summer, you may place food in the baskets inside the entrances of the church. Or you may send monetary donations to brfoodbank.org.

<u>Child Protection Information</u>- Thanks to all the volunteers and employees who have sent in their signed Code of Ethics form for the 2023-24 school year. This will keep your certification current.

If you would like to check your status or would like to become certified for the 2023-24 school year, you may email Edie Boudreaux, Child Protection Coordinator at eboudreaux@aloysius.org

PURCHASE A YEARBOOK: There are only a few days left to purchase a 2022-2023 yearbook. The link to purchase can be found <u>here</u> (and also on the school website under Parents/ Important Links/Purchase a Yearbook). Can't remember if you already purchased one? Use <u>this link</u> to search for your order.

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<u>CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:</u> Home & School Volunteer Form is Now Open Online -- The H&S Committee is grateful for the numerous parent and grandparent volunteers who supported our 20+ volunteer committees throughout the year. Without our several hundred volunteers, these committees would not be successful! Please <u>click here</u> to sign up to serve for the 2023-2024 school year. It is quick and easy! The link is also included on the <u>SAS website</u> <u>under Parents/Home and School</u>. Please complete a form even if you have completed one in the past as the accumulation of volunteers begins anew each year. The Form will remain open until Labor Day. As always, we thank everyone for the gift of their time and talents!

H&S Committee: Lauren Walker, Rebecca Valluzzo & Mollie Carby

LION TICKET DONATION: THANK YOU!: We would like to thank the following businesses that supported St. Aloysius School's Lion Ticket program. We truly appreciate the generosity of these sponsors: Izzo's, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, LaDivina, Lit Pizza, Maxwell's, McDonald's, Raising Cane's, Smoothie King, Zippy's.

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St. Aloysius 2023 Summer Reading

Required Reading (grades 4-8)

Students entering the grades below are expected to have completed the book listed by the first day of school. Students should bring the book with them to class.

Activities/projects/tests/grades on the summer reading book will be assigned by the Reading teacher during the first weeks of school.

While this is the only **required reading**, we encourage students to read all summer long.

4th grade: Robinson Crusoe (Classic Starts Version: ISBN 978-1-4027-2664-4) **5th grade**: Little Women (Classic Starts Version: ISBN 978-1-4027-1236-4)

6th grade: Percy Jackson and the Olympians:#1 The Lightning Thief (NOT the graphic

novel) by Rick Riordan

7th grade: The Call of the Wild by Jack London 8th grade: The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Summer Reading Incentive Programs

EBRP Library https://www.ebrpl.com/summerreading

Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program

https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/bnstores/kids/misc/2023/BNKidsSummer Reading85x11.pdf

https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/ /N-2m39

Scholastic Summer Reading Home Base

https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer-reading.html

Red Stick Reads https://redstickreads.com

SAS Library Links to eBooks (logins in Google Classroom)

TrueFlix https://sdm-tfx.digital.scholastic.com/?authCtx=U.600058149

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