



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: August 9, 2021

Parents,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! What an incredible two days we've had with your precious children. We understand this will be a long week 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 for 2021-2022 is **BE THE LIGHT!** Parallel with the mission statement, this theme will provide the foundation for our daily interactions and focus. –Erin Candilora

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Amen

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon-Tues, August 9-10	NO BUSES
Wednesday, August 11	PreK & K Staggered Start Dates
Sunday, August 15	1st-8th School Pictures
Thursday, August 19	1st-4th Grade Parents' Meeting
Wednesday, August 25	5th-8th Grade Parents' Night
Wednesday, August 25	PreK/ K School Pictures
Monday, September 6	All School Mass
	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday

BUS TRANSPORTATION: EBR bus transportation begins on August 11. The transportation office will send a postcard to each household with detailed bus route information in the days before bus service begins. Remember that all children riding the bus must wear a face covering.

August 5, 6, 9, and 10 bus riders will be dropped off and picked up in the administration building parking lot off Mimosa Street.

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. Students will report to their classrooms at 7:40am and assembly will be over the intercom system. There will be no all school assembly in the gym until restrictions have been lifted.

New Gym: 1st Grade – Back of Gym (seated by homeroom); 2nd Grade – Front of Gym (seated by homeroom); 3rd Grade – Bleachers (seated by homeroom)

Old Gym: 4th Grade – Floor nearest Stage (seated by homeroom); 5th Grade – Floor nearest Lobby (seated by homeroom); 6th Grade – Bleachers (seated by homeroom)

COVID INFORMATION- All safety precautions are in place: social distancing, hand sanitizing, hand washing, face coverings, and anti-microbial spraying, and fogging. We are being vigilant in all facets of the protocols.

DAILY HOME SCREENING- See the checklist of symptoms under “Parents” and “Important Links” to help you assess your child’s health each day. Sending a child to school confirms that he/she is in good health. If any of the following symptoms are present, please keep your child home and call the school office.

COVID REPORTING FORM- This form should be completed if your child or a member of your household is being tested for COVID 19, has tested positive for COVID 19, or has been in close contact with someone who is being tested for COVID 19 or has tested positive for COVID 19. Please complete a separate form for each child.

QUARANTINE- The following is the diocesan quarantine policy:

- Individuals must quarantine if they have been in close contact with a case (within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes during a 24-hour period), unless they are asymptomatic and choose to show documentation of vaccination or of a positive COVID-19 test taken through a medical facility within the last 90 days.
- Schools will have a modified 10-day quarantine for all students. For the 10-day modified quarantine, asymptomatic students may return after 10-days and only participate in classroom instruction. Participation in activities with a higher risk of spreading the virus (i.e., extra-curricular or co-curricular activities, including sports teams, PE class, music instruction, field trips, etc.) are not allowed until after the 14-day period.

COVID INFORMATION can be found on the web site: louisiana211.org or text LACOVID to number 898211

SPORTS NEWS- All students who plan on participating in Football, Girls Basketball, Swimming or Cross Country must have completed paperwork before being able to participate in any activities. This includes Athletic Physical, Sports Contract and Participation Form. Forms can be found on the SAS website under student services/ athletics.

Football practice will begin Monday, August 9. Grade level coaches will be in contact with parents with more specifics.

Girls Basketball tryouts will be the week of August 9. Specific dates and times will be announced later this week.

-If your child is interested in **Cross Country**, [click here to fill out this form](#) (if you have not already). Questions? Contact coaches Richard Chautin (richardchautin@gmail.com) or Tyler Waggenpack (twaggenpack@staloyusparish.com).

-**Swimming and Cross Country** apparel stores will be closing soon. Please place orders before the closing date.

SCHOOL PICTURES- School pictures will be taken by Barberito Photography for Grades 1-8 on Wednesday, August 11, and for Pre-K and K on Wednesday, August 25. Pre-orders will not be taken. Proofs will be sent home via email and you will have the option to purchase online at that time. All picture retakes will be taken on Thursday, September 30.

HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES: The homeroom representative application is now live. To sign up, [click here](#).

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 instead, you will be able to log in to Google Classroom with your child’s email address.

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), Mrs. Mary Dawson (Development Director), Danielle Clapinski, Ian Dallimore, Dr. Chris Funes, Nancy Keaton, Blythe Lamonica, Melanie Lemoine, Becky Maher, Alicia Mancuso, and Dr. Brannon Perilloux. 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.

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.

THANKS-

STUDENT PLANNERS- We want to give a huge thank you to Matt LaNasa and Angel Oak Home Loans for the sponsorship of our student planners. Because of this support, students in grades 2-8 receive free student planners to use throughout the school year.

STUDENT ZIPPER BAGS- Thanks to Sherman & Balhoff Specialists in Orthodontics for their generous support in providing a zipper bag to each student.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - We would like to thank school supply chairs, Leanne Foreman and Mary Katherine Torrance, for all of their time, effort, and organization! 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 Tam Bourgeois (Chairperson), Emily Beach (Co-Chair), and Lauren Walker (Co-Chair)! This committee organizes all volunteers for all ministries at the school. Reach out to them if you have any questions.

POSITIVE MESSAGES - Thanks to the parents and students for “chalking” positive welcoming messages around campus, making welcome signs, and hanging balloons for our first day of school. What a warm welcome for our students and faculty!

LUNCH ON FRIDAY - Thanks to the Nguyen Family for the delicious Vietnamese Spring Rolls for the faculty and staff on Friday. What a treat!

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 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.

***THE MISSION OF ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL IS TO EDUCATE THE WHOLE CHILD IN
THE CATHOLIC TRADITION FOR A LIFE OF MEANING AND PURPOSE***