



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: May 8, 2023

This is a great reminder for all of us parents and educators from Love and Logic:

“Do you know people who are trying to create a perfect environment for their children? Are they more concerned about getting the world to adjust to their kids than they are about helping their kids learn to cope with, and deal with the world, as it exists today?”

Despite the efforts of many to create a perfect world where no one will ever experience hardship, where bad decisions will have limited consequences, where good outcomes are guaranteed regardless of effort and sacrifice, and where kids never have less than other kids, our kids still live in a world that requires effort and resilience.

Our love for our kids tempts us to do all we can to make their childhood better than ours. It tempts us to try to eliminate disappointment, struggle, and inconvenience from their lives. Each day we need to ask ourselves: “Whose needs are being met when we attempt to guarantee that our kids are never disappointed, never get less than an A grade, never have to struggle, never take risks, never fail, and never have less than the neighbor kid?”

Is it our job to make the world adjust to our kids, or is our job to help our kids develop resilience so that they can fit into a world they're going to face? For example, should we do our best to shelter our kids from the current economic woes the world is facing?

Our current economic environment poses a challenge for most families, requiring parents to be careful with the family budget. However, many parents continue to scrape together enough cash to finance their children's expensive extracurricular activities, sports, and hobbies.

At first glance, this behavior seems heroic. In fact, we view this as an attribute of helicopter parents, who are always rescuing their kids and protecting them from the real world. They sacrifice their own wants and needs to maintain a high standard of living for their children, which might not be such a good idea. Let's consider some messages this sends to kids:

- *You are more important than other people.*
- *Your wants and needs should come before the wants and needs of others.*
- *When money is tight, there's no need to adjust one's expectations or lifestyle.*
- *The real world works the same for everybody except for you.*

Trying to create perfect environments for our children is about as successful as creating perfect children. In our eyes, these are impossible goals. Turning the current economic adversity to advantage, we can teach our kids how to respond to challenging times instead of sheltering them from the world as it exists.

It takes great courage to be a parent and let kids learn through their mistakes and adversity.”-Love and Logic

“Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.”

Important Dates:

May 8-10	8th Grade Exams/ Early Dismissal; 10:50am
Thursday, May 11	4th Grade Field Trip
May 15-17	7th Grade Exams/ Early Dismissal; 10:50am
Tuesday, May 16	8th Grade Breakfast; 7:45-10:15 am
Wednesday, May 17	8th Grade Closing Ceremony Mass; 6:00pm
Friday, May 19	PreK/ K Last Day
Monday, May 22	Challenge Day
May 22-25	No Buses
Thursday, May 25	1st-6th Last Day of School; 10:00am dismissal

CHALLENGE DAY 2023: SAS Challenge Day will be held on Monday, May 22nd. All 1st-6th graders will participate, and it will also be each grade's end of the year party. In order for this fun day to happen, we will need plenty of volunteers to work a shift or two. The schedule is as follows:

Grades 1-2: 10:00 am - 11:15 am

Grades 3-4: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

Grades 5-6: 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/93d7fd705afcf6-2023day#/>

This sign up includes volunteer slots for set up on Sunday, and times to help work the games throughout the day on Monday. It will also include other fun things to volunteer for like balloon arches, sidewalk decorating, and other fun surprises for the kids.

CAFETERIA NEWS: Please ensure that all outstanding cafeteria balances are paid in full no later than **5/19/23**. Payments made by check must be received no later than 5/5/23. After this date, payments may only be made via the myschoolbucks.com portal or cash. If you choose to send cash funds with your student, they must be in a sealed envelope with your student's name and grade.

Requests for refunds must be submitted by 5/14/23: You may elect to receive a refund of unused funds via check or request a transfer of funds to a sibling. Unallocated funds will carry over to the next school year. If you wish to receive a refund, please request a form from the cafeteria. If you require assistance regarding your student's cafeteria balance, please contact Emily Upton at eupton@alloysius.org or alloysiuscafe@cnpr.org

IMPORTANT LIBRARY REMINDER: All library books checked out by K-4th graders are due Friday, May 12. The final Due Date for 5th & 6th graders is Tuesday, May 16. All students are responsible for returning their books (or payment if lost or damaged) by these dates to avoid any disciplinary consequences.

NEED A TUTOR THIS SUMMER? A list of available teachers will be posted on the SAS website. You can find this list under Parents, Important Links.

EXAM SCHEDULES:

8th Grade Exams: May 8, 9, 10
Dismissal 10:50 a.m.

7th Grade Exams: May 15, 16, 17
Dismissal 10:50 a.m.

FOUR SQUARE COURT: The 2022-2023 8th grade graduating class chose to create a 4 square court to honor Clayton Aguillard. Students in all grade levels have been greatly enjoying this court! We want to give special thanks to Goals & Poles for generously donating this court!

HOME AND SCHOOL: May is full of activity around SAS and is particularly full for our Home & School Committee. As H&S is preparing to gather our 40+ committee leaders for their annual meeting this week, H&S is also entering their transition period. Emily Beach has served on the H&S Committee for the past 3 years. Emily stepped up to H&S at the peak of the COVID shutdown and served our school community with patience and grace through a difficult time for volunteers. Emily has been a warm, welcoming and joyful leader. Lucky for us, Emily has several more years as an SAS parent and volunteer! Thank you, Emily, for your time and dedication to our students, parents, faculty and staff.

At the same time, H&S is happy to welcome and announce Mollie Carby as its newest member! Mollie, mom to Kathryn (7) and Philip (5), has been a constant presence on various H&S committees throughout her tenure as an SAS Parent. Mollie has regularly served as a Cafeteria Volunteer and Homeroom Representative, she's served on the Parent Education and Used Uniform Committees, and most recently she has led the Teacher Appreciation Committee as Co-Chair. Mollie joins Lauren Walker and Rebecca Valluzzo to complete our H&S Committee for the 2023-24 school year. Thank you, Mollie, for your willingness to serve.

RELIGION UPDATES:

First Eucharist- Congratulations to all of our second grade students who celebrated their First Eucharist this weekend! May the blessings of the Holy Spirit fill their hearts.

Child Protection- The youngest/only child in each family has been issued a pink packet for each household. This packet contains an informational brochure about the Diocesan Child Protection program and a letter and form regarding our school program. Please return pink forms to the basket behind the front desk in the school office.

Food Bank- We have donated 640 pounds of food for the month of April, which is the

equivalent of 533 meals. Thank you to all of the parents and students who helped organize the peanut butter and jelly that was collected. The students represented our school well with their hard work and cooperation. We hope to plan more family service experiences next year.



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