



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Parents,

As we come across information that may help us in raising your children, we will share. Love and Logic articles have been shared in the past, and this is one that we struggle with as parents and teachers. Our good intentions sometimes prevent our children from learning valuable lessons. May it be a good reminder for us all. -Erin Candilora

From Love and Logic:

“Phil, a recent business school graduate, got his dream job. He did well and was eventually invited to a retreat with the top management of the company. The CEO of the company attended, and Phil had an opportunity to speak with her.

After he introduced himself, he asked her, “I was told that I could ask you a question, and would like to know what it takes to become as successful as you are?”

“Well, success like mine takes a whole series of good decisions,” she responded.

He thought a moment, then asked, “I’m sure that’s true, but what does it take to make those good decisions?”

“It takes wisdom,” she explained, “but the hard part is that it takes a whole lot of bad decisions to get that wisdom. You gain wisdom by learning from your mistakes.”

In 1977, I first started writing about Helicopter Parents. These parents carry the heavy burden of swooping in to rescue their kids from any mistake, disappointment, or struggle. Out of their love for their children, they steal their kids’ opportunities to gain wisdom and resilience.

What I am seeing now is much worse. This problem has almost reached epidemic proportions with parents trying to create a perfect life for their kids. Little do these parents know that their children won’t be able to maintain that great life if they have not been prepared for it by having to deal with their own little problems early in life.

The authors of Love and Logic meet many parents who are afraid to let their kids make the poor decisions needed to gain wisdom. I hope you are not one of those parents. But if you are, this gentle reminder comes from my heart. Bruised knees and bruised emotions are the building blocks of wisdom and personal strength. Don’t steal that from the kids you love so much.

*Our most popular audio is **Helicopters, Drill Sergeants, and Consultants**. This audio has been a great help for thousands of parents through the years—listen to it for some laughs as well as solutions to help overcome being a Helicopter parent.” **Jim Fay***

“I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.” Amen

Important Dates

April 26-28	Standardized Testing
Wednesday, April 27	1st Grade Class Mass
Wednesday, April 27	Performance Choir Spring Concert; 6:30 pm
Friday, April 29	2nd Grade Eucharist Retreat
Monday, May 2	4th Grade Field Trip
Monday, May 2	Band Spring Concert; 7:00 pm
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
Sunday, May 22	Challenge day set up 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 23	Challenge day and End of the Year Parties
Wednesday, May 25	Last Day of school

TERRA NOVA TESTING - Grades 3-8: Students in grades 3-8 will be taking Terra Nova standardized testing on April 26, 27, and 28 from 7:55 - 9:15. Students in these grades are not allowed to check-in or check-out during testing times. Please make sure your children arrive before 7:45.

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).

BAND SPRING CONCERT - The Band program will hold its Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 2, at 7:00 PM in the church. The 5th grade beginner band, 6th grade beginner band, and 7th/8th grade band will perform. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TECH TIPS: Snapchat is one of the most popular apps that kids use, but new apps are popping up all the time. That's why it's important to talk to your kids and to help them develop critical thinking skills about staying safe in their digital lives – safety is typically more about how you use an app than what particular app you use.

As parents, it's essential to keep the lines of communication open and to work together to figure out what's appropriate for your family in terms of safety, privacy, reputation and time management. It generally just works better to talk with your kids about their favorite tools – with genuine interest, not fear – because they're more likely to come to you when they need help, and you're more likely to be kept in the loop about the technology they use.

It is helpful to know more about the apps your kids are using. Want to know more about Snapchat? [Click here for a quick guide from ConnectSafely.org with more information about Snapchat.](#)

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