



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: April 24, 2023

This was shared with your children in assembly this morning. And while we cannot take credit for writing it, it speaks to exactly how we feel about your precious children!

“Tomorrow marks your first day of TerraNova testing:

We are writing you this letter to remind you all that you are BRILLIANT, CREATIVE, and DETERMINED! Most importantly, you are all KIND, TRUSTWORTHY, and RESPECTFUL human beings that will grow up and make huge differences in our world! We know this because we have seen how much you have overcome and accomplished this school year. We are SO proud of you! We know how hard you have been working to learn new things this year in school. We hope that you know that we believe in you and in your ability to show the world what an incredible kid you are! There are some things we want you to know before you begin testing.

First off, TerraNova does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique. The people who created and score these tests do not know each of you the way we do, and certainly not the way your families do. They do not know that some of you speak different languages or that you love to sing or draw. They do not see your natural talent in various sports. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they need a good laugh or that your smile can brighten someone's day. They do not know about the activities you participate in outside of school or that sometimes you help with your little siblings at home or what you wish about for your future. They do not know that you are INNOVATIVE, EXPRESSIVE, and THOUGHTFUL and that you give your best every day!

The scores you will get from these tests will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You ARE smart! You ARE enough! You are the light that brightens OUR day! So while you are preparing for these tests and in the midst of it all, remember that there is no way to “test” all of the AMAZING and AWESOME things that make you, YOU!

The most important thing to remember while you are taking these tests is for you to take your time and do your very best because in the end, that is all that matters! We are asking that you give your best effort and to show off how much you have grown and learned this year! One last thing, we are always here to support you because WE LOVE YOU!”

TERRA NOVA TESTING: Students in grades 3-8 will have Terra Nova testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. There will be NO ASSEMBLY in the gym on Tuesday

and Thursday. Testing will take place from 7:50 - 9:30 each day. Second grade will also be taking a practice test during these times. **Students in grades 2-8 will not be allowed to check-in during the testing times.** Please make sure you allow extra time to get to school. In order to help your child be at their best for testing, please make sure they get adequate sleep and eat a breakfast with protein.

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

Important Dates:

April 25-27

Wednesday, April 26

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Friday, April 28

Tuesday, May 2

Wednesday, May 3

May 8-10

May 15-17

Tuesday, May 16

Wednesday, May 17

Friday, May 19

Monday, May 22

May 22-25

Thursday, May 25

Terra Nova Testing

Art Show; 5:00-6:30 pm; Parish Hall

1st Grade Class Mass

Spirit Shirt Day

Tuition Due

All School Mass/ 8th Grade Blessing

8th Grade Exams/ 8th Grade Early Dismissal

7th Grade Exams/ 7th Grade Early Dismissal

8th Grade Breakfast

8th Grade Closing Ceremony Mass

PreK/ K Last Day

Challenge Day

No Buses

1st-6th Last Day of School

4-SQUARE IN HONOR OF CLAYTON: Each year the graduating 8th grade class traditionally gives a gift to the school. This year, the 8th grade class chose a gift in honor of **Clayton Aguillard**. One of Clayton's favorite games was 4 square, so the 8th grade class decided this would be a sentimental remembrance of Clayton which all students would be able to enjoy. The Aguillard family is extremely grateful for this special gift in Clayton's honor. A plaque will be placed on the wall near the court. The court was painted during spring break. It has 3 red squares and one blue square, which is the "King's Corner." As evident in the picture, students are already enjoying this special space.



STUDENT PLANNER SPONSOR: The school is looking for a sponsor or sponsors for student planners for the 2023-2024 school year. These planners help students stay organized at school and home. Students in grades 2-8 use the planners every day to write down assignments and reminders. A full sponsorship costs \$5000 and provides the sponsor with a full page display of the company's logo on the back cover of the planner. A split sponsorship is \$2500 which allows 2 different sponsors to display their logo on 1/2 of the back cover.

If you are interested in learning more about being a sponsor, please contact Stacey Keaton at skeaton@alloysius.org

ATHLETICS NEWS: Believe it or not it is time to start planning for the next school year (2023-2024). Please fill out **THIS FORM** if your child is interested in playing a fall sport this upcoming season. We offer Football, Swimming, Girls Basketball and Cross Country in the fall. Remember to fill out the form with your child's grade for the **next school year**. One form per child is required. More information will be sent out later concerning official sign up, practices and additional information so please list valid contact information. If you have any questions please contact Eric Burton at athletics@alloysius.org.

We are excited to announce that a middle school tennis team will be formed in Fall 2023. The team will be part of the Junior Team Tennis through the Greater Baton Rouge Community Tennis Association. The team will be open to St. Aloysius girls and boys in grades 6th-8th. If your child would like to participate, please complete **THIS FORM** by May 5 to help us gauge interest, and we will follow up with additional details as they become available. Please send any questions to stalloysiustennis@gmail.com.

TUITION: The Gulf Coast Tuition Website will be open March 29th. Tuition is NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 2, 2023 via E-Check through Gulf Coast Bank. <https://www.tuition.gulfbank.com/>. Tuition loans must be applied for by that date as well.

Current year loans must be paid in full in order to apply for a Gulf Coast tuition loan for 2023-2024. Tuition payments and loan applications after May 2nd will incur a \$50.00 (**per child**) late fee which must be paid directly to the school office before enrollment is complete. Tuition information can be found under "Important Links" on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Bailey at 225-383-3871.

RELIGION UPDATES:

Peanut Butter and Jelly collection this week- 5th grade is sponsoring a drive to collect Peanut Butter and Jelly for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. This will help to feed children who do not have access to school lunches over the summer break. We ask that all families consider donating to this special collection.

On Saturday, parents and students will go to the Food Bank to sort and store the Peanut Butter and Jelly. Children over 10 years old are eligible. If you are interested in participating, there are still places available. Contact Edie Boudreaux if interested.

Mass this week- First Grade is attending mass on Wednesday at 8:15. Lisa Moore's class is facilitating. Parents and guests of all first graders are invited to attend.

May Crowning- The school will celebrate May Crowning on Monday, May 1 during morning assembly. Mrs. Lee Goebel's fourth graders will facilitate the prayer service. Mrs. Debra Bennett and Mrs. Alcia Plaisance, who will be retiring after many years of service to St. Aloysius will crown Mary. Students in all grades are invited to bring flowers to the gym on Monday morning to honor our Holy Mother.

"Come, Lord Jesus" program- Letters were sent home to the parents of seventh graders regarding the 2023-24 "Come, Lord Jesus" weekly scripture study program. We ask that all seventh grade parents return this letter. For this program to be successful, adult volunteers are needed to facilitate these discussion sessions. You do not have to be the parent of an 8th grader to participate. Any interested adult can contact Edie Boudreaux (eboudreaux@aloyus.org) for more information.

LIONS IN ACTION:

Track: Final Meet- Sunday, April 30; 1:00pm; @Catholic High School

Volleyball:

**HOME TEAM IS LISTED FIRST			
** WHEN THREE MATCHES ARE SCHEDULED, THEY ARE AT 5:45, 6:45, AND 7:45			
**WHEN TWO MATCHES ARE SCHEDULED,THEY ARE AT 5:45 AND 6:45 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED			
***INDICATES NO GAME IS SCHEDULED AT THAT TIME			

Division I

Mon, Apr 24th			
CPC	CPC VS ALOY (6)	CPC VS ALOY (7)	CPC VS ALOY (8)
Thurs, Apr 27th			
ALLOY	ALLOY(R) VS SH (6)	ALLOY(L) VS OLOM(W) (6)	ALLOY(R)-DII VS AC(W)-DI (8)

Division II

Mon, Apr 24th				
MBS	MBS(W) VS ALOY(W) (5)	MBS(R) VS ALOY(R) (5)	MBS VS CPC (6)	
Thurs, Apr 27th				
ALLOY	ALLOY(R) VS SH (6)	ALLOY(L) VS OLOM(W) (6)	ALLOY(R)-DII VS AC(W)-DI (8)	
JOHN	JOHN VS OLOM(B) (6)	JOHN VS ALOY(R) (7)	JOHN VS ALOY(W) (8)	
Fri, Apr 28th				
THER	THER(R) VS STM (5) 5:30	THER VS ALOY(W) (6) 6:15	THER VS ALOY(W) (7) 7:00	THER VS ALOY(W) (8) 8:00

5th Grade

Mon, Apr 24th			
MBS	MBS(W) VS ALOY(W) (5)	MBS(R) VS ALOY(R) (5)	DII
Tues, Apr 25th			
GEO	GEO(G) VS MBS(R) (5)	GEO(W) VS ALOY(L) (5)	GEO(D) VS ALOY(R) (5)



Under The Sea: St. Aloysius Art Show 2023

featuring work by
the 7th & 8th grade
art students

Wednesday, April 26th
5:00pm - 6:30pm
SAS Parish Hall

design by: Ashtyn Hiebert

5th

Grade
Peanut
an Jelly Butter

drive!

April 24-28



*Collect in
Homeroom 5

