



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: September 14, 2020

Parents,

With the movement to Phase 3, I want to first recognize the faculty and staff for an amazing feat in opening in Phase 2. Their dedication in a very stressful situation, not to mention the many doubters, will always be one of our proudest moments. Their resolve for normalcy and their love of your children is a tangible display of their dedication to the mission of St. Aloysius School!

Consultation with Our Lady of the Lake Doctors, the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Diocesan Principals, and the School Advisory Committee, the following will become our “new normal” for Phase 3; as noted, we are taking it slow. Our lack of positive COVID-19 cases is a direct reflection of everyone (parents, students, faculty, and staff) being vigilant. **Thank you** for helping us keep the campus as safe as possible for the entire SAS Community!

Being in Phase 2, many area schools hesitated and even refused to accept any students from Southwest Louisiana following Hurricane Laura. Our faculty and staff overwhelmingly said “yes”; there was not a breath of hesitation. Our Lake Charles Students finished their quarantine and joined us in person. They have been a JOY, and even if they stay for a short time, they have changed us forever. What a lesson to teach our children, that we never hesitate to help a neighbor and to “live a life of meaning and purpose”.
-Erin Candilora

The following CHANGES will take place on Monday, September 14th:

- All water fountains can be used to fill water bottles; there is still NO DRINKING from a water fountain. Please send your child with a water bottle.
- Overflow Rooms are closed! All students report and remain in their classrooms all day.
- Students will begin visiting the Library; it will be open for lessons ONLY; no checking out books just yet.

What remains the SAME the week of September 14th:

- Teachers will continue to "switch classes" in order to preserve the "family unit"; students remain in homeroom class all day.
- Enrichment Teachers will continue to report to the classrooms for lessons; students will still report to P.E.
- Recess will remain with the "family unit".
- Hand washing, wearing of masks, and use of desk dividers will remain the same.
- Carpool Procedures will remain the same.

The following CHANGES will take place DURING the week of September 14th:

- Reading and Math Pullout will finalize their rosters; groups will begin meeting Monday, September 21st.
- Outside therapists will begin with protocols in place: they will be temperature checked and must provide a health screening form each day they are on campus.
- Cafeteria schedules are being finalized for grades to begin eating in the cafeteria; we plan on a mid-week start; schedule will be provided. All grades CANNOT eat in the cafeteria EVERY day due to sanitizing in between grades.
- "At-home" students will return on Wednesday, September 16th. Call or email Mrs. Candilora if you have any questions about this.

The following CHANGES will take place on Monday, September 21st:

- Students will report to enrichment classrooms.
- All technology will be available for classroom use again.
- Reading and Math Pullout begins.

What remains the SAME the week of September 21st:

- Classroom Teachers continue to switch classes; students remain in "family unit".
- Recess will remain with the "family unit".
- Hand washing, wearing of masks, and use of desk dividers will remain the same.
- Carpool Procedures will remain the same.

“The Lord is near to all who call upon him.” Amen

Important Dates-

September 16	All School Mass (https://www.aloysius.org/livestream)
September 19	KC Soccer Challenge (details below)
September 23	Picture Retakes
October 16-19	Fall Break - No School

For the full school calendar, see the SAS website.

PATRIOTIC ALTERNATE DRESS DAY A HUGE SUCCESS - Your children brought in over \$4500.00 for one day of alternate dress!! Your generous donations will be added to the Sunday extra collections from the last two weeks at St. Aloysius Church to be given to Catholic Charities for help needed in Lake Charles due to Hurricane Laura. Thank you for teaching your children to live a “life of meaning and purpose”. One precious 4th grade student held a lemonade stand and donated all \$80.00!!

HURRICANE LAURA COLLECTION TODAY FROM 4:30-6:00 BY PASTORAL SERVICES CENTER (church office) - We sent an email last Wednesday listing the items needed. Drop off from 4:30-6:00 TODAY by the Pastoral Services Center.

Here are the items most urgently needed:

Tarps, Tarp nails, Bottled water, Gift cards (National Chains), Tools, Rakes, Hammers, Crowbars, Shovels

General Cleaning Supplies:

Paper Towels, Mops, Brooms, Dustpans, Masks, 5-gallon buckets, Cloth Towels, Bleach, Disinfectant cleaners, Hand sanitizers, Packing Tape

Other Items

Heavy duty garbage bags, Heavy duty gloves, Fix-a-flat cans, Bug spray, Charcoal, Carbon Monoxide detectors, Generators, Pad locks, Gas cans, Chain saws, Pole saws, 110 v. Window A/C units

ALL SCHOOL MASS – Please have your child bring non-perishable food to put in the collection boxes for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Students will watch the mass from their classrooms.

PICTURE RETAKES: If your child was absent on picture day or would like to take retakes, Barberito Photography will return on Wednesday, September 23 for individual picture retakes.

CORRECTION TO MASS FACILITATOR SCHEDULE:

On Wednesday, March 24, the third grade mass will be facilitated by homeroom 3A, Mrs. Funes' class.

FACE MASKS: Please have an extra face mask in your backpack in case one is forgotten or the one the student is wearing becomes too dirty to wear. Also remember the mask must cover the nose and fit appropriately. The students are really doing great wearing the mask! Keep up the good work!

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge: The KC council at St. Aloysius will hold the KC Soccer Challenge in the Southdowns field adjacent to the school parking lot this **Saturday, September 19th**. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM and the competition will start promptly at 9:00 AM.

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate. The KC Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills — the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed 10 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). The goal will be divided into a series of five scoring zones, with points awarded depending on where the ball crosses the goal line.

If you have questions, please contact Sam Mistretta by email at smistretta2@cox.net or call 225-975-1501.

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

