



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: May 20, 2019

Parents,

As summer break approaches (this Friday at 10:00 a.m.), we want to take this opportunity to thank you for an incredible year! We will be super busy this summer with the new LIONS LAB renovation, many teacher camps, and upgrading/cleaning of the campus. Please note that the school office will be closed from Monday, June 10-Friday, July 5th. I look forward to seeing you on August 8th and know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers for a blessed summer!

In addition to our retirees (Charlotte Ardoin, Gina Dugas, and Mary Harris), Laurie Jennings, Tara Landry and Jill Parrino will also be leaving for quality time with their families. We thank them for their years of service to SAS!

While Mr. Jerry Guillot will not serve as Athletic Director next school year, he will still be integrally involved in the football program. Mr. Guillot has 46 years of service to Catholic Education and has served as Athletic Director at St. Aloysius School for 25 years! We want to thank him for his leadership and continued dedication to SAS.

Attached to this newsletter is information on “Screen Time” tips/suggestions for the summer. There is required reading for students in Grades 4-8 (see blurb below). –Erin Candilora

“O God, let all the nations praise you!” Amen

Important Dates

May 20-22 -	7 th Grade Exams – Dismissal at 10:50 a.m./Pick up by school office.
Tuesday, May 21 -	PreK & K Last Day – Regular Dismissal Time
May 23-24 -	No Buses!!
Friday, May 24 -	Early Dismissal at 10:00 a.m. No Buses! Wear your spirit shirts!
Sunday, July 14 -	Used Uniform Sale – Cafeteria 1:00-2:00 p.m.

SAS REQUIRED SUMMER READING- Fourth through Eighth Grade Students for the 2019-2020 school year will have required summer reading. A list of all titles can be found under [Important Links](#) on the SAS Homepage. Individual lists will be sent home later this week with 3rd -7th grade students. Copies of all titles are on display in the Library.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION – THANKS!- What a generous community in teaching our children to give to those less fortunate. The collections totaled **\$3,412.63** this year!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS – SAS Home & School Volunteer Form is Now Online- Please use the link below to sign up to serve on one of the many Home & School committees for the 2019-2020 school year. It is quick and easy! The link is also included on the school's website under important links. Please complete a form even if you have completed one in the past as the accumulation of volunteers begins anew each year. As always, we thank everyone for their time and talents. Without you, these committees would not be successful.

click link: [St. Aloysius School Volunteer Form 2019-2020](#)

If you have questions or comments, there is a space on the form where you can email the Home & School Committee.

FIRST AID ROOM NEWS - ALL medication must be picked up by an adult by Friday, May 24, 2019. (**ALL Medication including Epi-pens, inhalers, etc.**) Any remaining medication will be donated. Students are NOT allowed to carry medication at any time. The First Aid Office will be closed after May 24th. The Student Health Portal is available at all times. New medication orders are required every school calendar year. Please message in the Health Portal any questions or concerns. Thank you!!! Amy Johnson, RN, and Michaelyn Bellelo, RN.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY COOKIES AND PRAYERS- The Kairos Prison Ministry Retreat at Angola Prison begins this week. We are collecting home-baked cookies in the School Office through Thursday. (See last week's Lion's Roar for details.) We are also asking for prayers for the success of this ministry.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page at: [KAIROS ANGOLA # 66 PRAYER CHAIN SIGN UP](#)
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

OUR 34th ANNUAL APPEAL "Grateful" began in November 2018 and runs until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2019. The following donors are graciously acknowledged for their recent gifts to our 34th Annual Appeal:

Amanda Register
Lisette and Andres Prieto
Melissa and Buster Silva
Mimi and Jacob Tompkins
Korie and Randy Cangelosi
Laurie and Charles Besselman
Mimi and Jeff Plauche'
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Kelly and Troy Robertson
Carolyn and Bryan Murphy
Mary and Joseph Boneno
Patience and Carlos Moreno
Ramona and David Matassa
Melanie and Brian Lemoine

For those of you who prefer to read on your electronic devices, the **spring 2019 Issue of Aloysius Outlook** is now posted on the school website under Important Links.

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



NEIGHBORFEST

• *If your heart is right,* •
the rest will fall into place.™

**2nd Annual NeighborFest
Saturday—June 1, 2019 11am-1pm
Lot across from Owen's Deli on Balis
FREE GET TOGETHER with OUR NEIGHBORS!!!**

St. Aloysius is seeking donations of new or used bikes in good condition. These bikes will be given away at NeighborFest to the children and adults from the Valley Park neighborhood.

If you have bikes to donate, please call, Jo Schneider at 936-0032
or Edith Babin at 281-0959.

Thank you for your consideration.

St. Aloysius Counseling Department

Summer Screen Time



With summer approaching and no tests in sight, your children will want to spend more time in the digital world. According to The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) parents should limit their child's screen time to no more than two hours per day, whether that time is spent in front of a television, tablet computer, laptop, or mobile phone. You play an important role in teaching your child(ren) healthy technology habits.

1) Screen time should not replace family time:

- Summer is a great time to make memories and strengthen family relationships.
- Media should support family values, not replace treasured activities.
- Outdoor play, exercise, face to face interactions, board games, and unplugged down time promote learning and healthy development.

2) Set limits and restrictions on online interactions:

- Get to know your children's friends both online and offline.
- Know what apps, programs, and social media sites they are using.
- Have a conversation about what your limits and expectations are on these platforms.
- Know their password and log-in information for all apps.
- Have a designated time and place for technology usage.

3) Monitor online interactions, but also take an active role:

- Co-engage with your children when they are using screens, it encourages social interactions and learning opportunities about your perspective.
- You can demonstrate good sportsmanship and gaming etiquette.
- Watching a show with them creates opportunities to share family values.
- Remember you are their role model as a digital citizen.

4) Resist the temptation to use technology as a babysitter:

- Although media can assist kids to remain calm and quiet, children need to know how to identify and handle strong emotions.
- Decide on activities to manage boredom and discuss problem solving.
- Creativity is stimulated through unstructured play.

5) Public and permanent:

- Explain that once content is shared, it cannot ever be completely removed.
- Educate your child on privacy settings and limitations.
- Remind your child that their device is a privilege and should be treated as such.
- These devices are ultimately owned by you the parents.

6) Media mistakes:

- Online activity is part of adolescent development.
- Be aware of your child's actions in both the real and online worlds.
- Kids will make mistakes using media, use these as teachable moments.
- Some indiscretions need to be carefully monitored, and if needed pursue professional help.

Digital devices offer many social and educational benefits. They are a necessary part of society today. However, research shows that face-to-face interactions with family and friends, serves as an even more important role in children's learning and growth.

Resources:
www.AAP.org
www.HealthyChildren.org
www.iRoc2.org