



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

July 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year at St. Aloysius Catholic School! We are looking forward to a year of spiritual formation for your child as well as continuous academic growth. As an SAS parent, you are not simply enrolling your child in our school, you are pledging your family to actively join a community rich in Catholic tradition, strong in Catholic education, and committed to serving one another as living examples of the Catholic faith.

Fr. Randy, Fr. Eddie, faculty, staff, and I look forward to working with all of you and your children this year. As the new school year quickly approaches, I would like to share with you a number of notable events and important information:

School Hours/Dates

The first day of school for students in grades 1-8 is Thursday, August 9. School hours are from 7:45 a.m. to **2:50** p.m. Students should not arrive at school before 7:15 a.m. unless they are enrolled in the morning extension program. *Preschool and Kindergarten students will attend school based on the schedule already received.

Class Lists

For your convenience, the Class Lists will be EMAILED to you on Thursday, July 26th at 1:00p.m. In addition, the Parent Plus Portal will also be OPENED at this time, so you can view either way. The lists will NOT be posted on the office windows.

Home & School Pre-Purchased School Supplies

School Supplies were included in your tuition cost and will be waiting for your child in his/her classroom the first day of school. Additional supplies needed should be sent on the first day of school. Click [here](#) for a list of additional supplies.

P.E. Uniform for Grades 4-8

P.E. Uniforms are available at School Time on Jefferson Hwy. We will no longer order them through school.

Child Protection Certification

If you are planning to attend field trips with your child, you **MUST** be Child Protection Certified through the school. The process to complete your certification can sometimes take anywhere between 2-3 weeks, so the sooner you take care of it, the better! To check on the status of your certification or to begin the process, please get in contact with Tere Hyfield at thyfield@aloysius.org or 383-3871.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Preschool and Kindergarten Parent Orientation**
Preschool and Kindergarten teachers will conduct a “Parent Only” Orientation Friday, August 10th from 8:30-10:00 a.m. We request at least one parent per family attends. The presentation will begin in your child’s classroom in the Daughters of Jesus Building promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- **“Back to School”**
Grades 1-5 is scheduled for Sunday, August 12th from 1:30p.m.-3:00p.m.
Grades 6-8 is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th in the evening. More information will be provided.
- **Fall Sports Meetings**
On Sunday, August 5th, Athletic Director Jerry Guillot will hold the fall sports meetings for parents in the Old Gym:
5:00 Swim Team (grades 5-8)
5:30 Cross Country (grades 5-8)
6:00 Girls' Basketball (grades 3-8)
6:30 Boys' Football (grades 3-8)
If you have any questions regarding fall sports or would like to volunteer to assist in these activities, please call A.D. Jerry Guillot (H-769-9415).
- **Mindsets for Parents:** Mark your calendars for the Parent Education Committee’s fall speaker-nationally acclaimed educator, speaker, consultant and NY Times best selling author Mary Cay Ricci-*Mindsets for Parents: Strategies to Encourage Growth Mindsets in Kids*. We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Ricci will spend three days with us at SAS, working with various faculty, parent and student groups on viewing all students through a lens of potential and possibilities. Please save the date of **Tuesday, September 25th at 6:00 PM** for a special evening for all parents with Ms. Ricci. More information about her visit and a book study to come.

Website Items to Note:

- **[Parent/Student Handbook](#)**
The Handbook for 2018-2019 has undergone major revisions approved by the St. Aloysius School Advisory Committee, the SAS School Administration, and the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Major changes are highlighted in yellow for your quick reference; changes will also be reminded in the Lion’s Roar, our weekly newsletter.
- **Carpool Procedures**
Please note the handbook as new procedures will be implemented for the utmost safety and security of your children. This section is highlighted in the online handbook for quick reference. We ask that you please not report to afternoon carpool any earlier than 2:40 p.m. Also, it would be advantageous to you, if you waited until 3:05 p.m. to arrive at carpool. Please assist us in keeping Stuart Ave. as congestion-free as possible.

Anyone picking up a student in a carpool line must have the St. Aloysius issued carpool sign. Each family will be given one sign and may request additional signs during the first week of school. After the first week of school, additional carpool signs may be purchased for \$1.00 each. Anyone who does not have a St. Aloysius issued carpool sign will be directed to the office and must show their driver's license to obtain a single day use sign. Signs must be hung on the passenger side visor and displayed while in the carpool line. Again, your children's safety is of utmost importance to us, so this rule will be strictly enforced.

- **Uniform Dress Code**

School Time is our exclusive provider; however, the other providers may still have stock to liquidate. The major changes include dri-fit shirts for the boys and Peter Pan collared dresses for PreK & K girls. Students may wear solid black or white **crew or ankle** socks. Socks must be visible; "no shows" are not acceptable.

- **SAS Home & School Volunteer Ministry Form**

If you have not already done so, please [click here](#) to sign up to serve on one of the many Home & School committees for the 2018-2019 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 prior years 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!

- **First Aid News**

Check out the Health Portal for new forms! ALL medications and completed forms are **DUE Thursday, July 26, 2018**. The Health Portal is your one location to see all your child's contact information, conditions, alerts, and medications on file from the First Aid Office. Downloading forms into the portal allows everyone access to the documents 24 hours a day. Delay in receiving medication and/or signed forms may interfere with medication being administered when school starts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to message us in the Health Portal. The nurse will be in the office July 23-26 for medication drop off and any questions. Please follow SAS Medication Policy. Immunizations are also due for all rising Kindergartens and 6th graders (or if your child has received updated immunizations). Please scan the official immunization record under forms in the Health Portal. We are required by federal law to have an updated record. Please click on the Health Portal link below. The link can also be found by going to: www.studentehr.com or the SAS web site.

Parent/Student Database Updates

If you have any changes to phone or address, please e-mail the school at info@aloysius.org with these changes by July 28. This information must be accurate as we use it in our database throughout the school year and for our student phone directory.

Bus Schedules

Bus schedules and assignments will not be available from EBRP School System until the first week of August. Your bus driver will contact you a week before school starts. Use the link below to access information about your bus stop and bus number.

<http://tsdweb.ebrpss.k12.la.us/public/default.aspx?load=addressInput>

If you do not hear from a driver by August 6th, please call Mrs. Gillio at the school office.

Asbestos Update

Along with all other Catholic secondary and elementary schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, SAS has an updated management plan for the removal, repair, or encapsulation of any asbestos material found in any area of our school facility. While objectives of our plan will be completed in a timely manner, it will also be evaluated and updated to keep it current with ongoing operations, maintenance programs, and response actions, as well as with periodic surveillance, re-inspections, and training. For any of you who may be interested, a copy of the SAS management plan is in our Main Office and available for reading during normal office hours of 7:45 a.m. until 2:55 p.m.

Integrated Pest Management Plan

The Integrated Pest Management Plan states that the structural and landscape pests (animals, plants, or microorganisms) and the pesticides used to control them have the potential to pose significant problems to people, property and the environment. It is therefore the policy of SAS to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control these pests. A copy of our IPM plan is on file with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and a copy is also available in our Main Office. In compliance with Section 3389 of Act 237, SAS maintains a registry of students who are hypersensitive to pesticides. If your child has this sensitivity, send a written verification by a licensed physician and your written statement regarding his/her condition so we may attend to his/her needs.

Please feel free to contact me if there is any way we can assist you during the school year. I am looking forward to a great year working with you, our children, and our faculty and staff. Enjoy the remaining summer days!

Sincerely,
Erin Candilora, Principal