

Saint Alphonsus Catholic School



FAMILY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 16, 2011



URGENT DISMISSAL REQUEST



For the safety of all our children, **PLEASE do not park your car anywhere in the bus pick up area or parking lots and then walk over to get your children out of car line or a bus line!** Children are not expecting cars to be over by the buses and cars are pulling out between the buses while our children are walking to their buses. ***This is a very dangerous situation and the safety of your children is our most important concern!*** **PLEASE follow proper protocol and remain in your car in car line and pick up your children at the main doors. And, please do not “pull” children from a bus line!** ***Unfortunately this is happening daily and it must stop now to protect the safety of your children.***

Thank you for your cooperation in this very serious matter!

Calendar:



Feb 17 – Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences for PreK-3 (No Classes for PreK-3)
Feb 18 – Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences for Gr 4-8 (No Classes for Gr 4-8)

Feb 21 – No School / President's Day

Feb 23 – Open House 9-11 am

Feb 28 – First Penance for Second Grade 7:00pm

Feb 28 – Mar 4 Terra Nova Testing Gr K-7

Mar 4 – School Mass 9am

Father/Daughter Event 7-9:30pm

Mar 9 – Ash Wednesday School Mass 9am

Mar 11 – Second Trimester Ends

Grade 7 & 8 Dance 7:30-10pm

Mar 14 – Third Trimester Begins

Mar 16 – Report Cards Gr 5-8

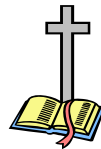
Mar 17 – Report Cards Gr K-4

Confirmation Practice 3:30-5:15pm

Mar 18 – School Holiday / No School

Mar 20 – Confirmation Practice for Students & Sponsors 1:15-2:15

Mar 25 – School Today!



Changes to School Calendar

Due to the 2 snow days, we will now have school on:

Friday, March 25th and Friday, May 13th

FAMILY SURVEY 2011: Please complete the Family Survey in last week's Family Envelope and return to school TOMORROW! Thank you for your prompt response; this information is requested by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and is being requested by numerous school districts!! It is extremely important to have this data in order to receive government money for books, etc. Please return the survey to school by TOMORROW! Thank you!!

Yard Duty Schedule for Next Week February 21-25

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Shift	No School	Birnie Gallagher Hyer Yoast	Barton Dianno Mele Perri	Loftus Marzullo Pedicone Selgrath	Calhoun Greene SM McLaughlin Tavolaro
Second Shift	President's Day	Devlin Felix Phillips Rizzuto	Petrucci S Rietzke DeAngelis Kuczborski	Cooper Larivee Rittenhouse Quinn	Fresno Hook Morrissey Signoretta

Please find a substitute if you are unable to keep your assigned time!

St Alphonsus Celebrates Catholic Schools Week with Service:

Click on the link to read the article from the Ambler Gazette about St. A's celebrating Catholic Schools Week:
http://www.montgomerynews.com/articles/2011/02/04/ambler_gazette/news/doc4d4c2dc9d796d101184169.txt



The **Scholastic Book Fair** is being held at St. Alphonsus School this week!

Check out the St. Alphonsus homepage at Scholastic. An Ice Cream Social hosted by Home & School will be tonight from 6:30 to 8:00. Click on this link to our school fair: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stas>.

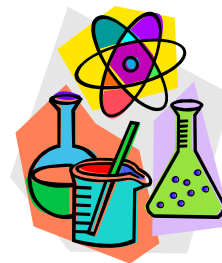
Please consider donating your loose change to support One-for-Books. The proceeds will purchase books for the Global Leadership Academy - the charter school in Philadelphia that lost all of their books and supplies in a fire. A container for your loose change is in the library now and will be there throughout the book fair. A fun way to donate change could be: pennies on Mondays, nickels on Tuesdays, dimes on Thursdays, and quarters on Fridays.

First Friday Mass Collections: On each First Friday of the month we are asking for donations for the Face to Face Program. For Friday, March 4th, we are asking the children to bring in the following items:

- Men's shaving cream
- Hand and body lotion
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Hand and body soap



Science Fair: This year's Science Fair is being held in the cafeteria on April 7th from 7:00-8:30pm. Information and Entry forms are available on the school website along with the Student Information Booklets. **ALL students in Grades K to 6** interested in participating in the Science Fair need to fill out the application form and submit to Mrs. Gribb by March 11th. Students should bring their displays to the cafeteria by 8:00am on April 7th to be set up. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Gribb at ssgribb@gmail.com



News from the St. A's Tech Lab: Do you have a digital camera that is just lying around your house collecting dust? Ms. Lebieczinski would love to take it off your hands!! She is looking for working, user-friendly digital cameras to use with the children in all grade levels. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The eighth graders are in the initial phases of making videos (using Windows Movie maker) highlighting the various facets of our school. The students would benefit tremendously from brainstorming with a professional videographer. Contact Ms. Lebieczinski at mslebieczinski@gmail.com if you have experience making videos or know someone who would be willing to talk with the students (live or via skype).

Safe Environment Workshop: Thank you for all your help with our children ... your presence and support are greatly appreciated. If you work with children on a weekly basis (lunchroom, library, classrooms, etc.) you are required to attend the "Protecting God's Children for Adults" workshop." Visit www.virtusonline.org for sessions and to register on line. Please be sure to give the office a copy of your certificate after completing the workshop.



Box Tops for Education: Thanks for Kathleen McGettigan for running this very worthwhile program! We received a check for \$511 for all the Box Tops that have been turned into the office. Please keep clipping "Box Tops!" **The next mailing of Box Tops will be February 28th so be sure to get all those Box Tops you've been collecting into school soon!** This is a great way for the school to obtain money for just a little effort on everyone's part!

Archdiocese of Philadelphia OCE Blue Ribbon Commission Information: In order to keep you updated on the movement and progress of the Blue Ribbon Commission, please visit the website: <http://www.catholicschools-phl.org/blue-ribbon-commission/video-of-press-conference>.

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



When to Keep Your Child Home from School

Many children are sick and should be kept home even though they do not have a temperature. We count on parents to use their best judgment. If your child's temperature is 100 degrees or higher, your child should not attend school. While at home, encourage your child to drink plenty of liquids. Your child must be fever-free for 24 hours (without medicine) before returning to school.

Mild Cough/Runny Nose - If there is no fever, and the child feels well enough, he/she may attend school.

Lice - Please do your part to prevent the spread of this communicable condition. Treat your child with a pharmacist recommended OTC product following the directions on the bottle **EXACTLY** as written by the manufacturer. Report lice activity to the school nurse. Your child's confidentiality will be maintained. Your child may return to school after treatment is complete. He/she will be checked by the school nurse.

Bad Cough/Cold Symptoms - Children with bad coughs should stay home, and possibly see a doctor. A severe cold could be flu, bronchitis or pneumonia. When the cough improves, and your child is feeling better, then it's back to school.

Diarrhea or Vomiting - Keep your child home when they are experiencing diarrhea or vomiting and for 24 hours after the last episode (without medicine) at which time your child may return to school.

Sore Throat - A minor sore throat is usually not a problem, but a severe sore throat could be a symptom of strep throat - even if there is no fever. Other symptoms of strep throat are headache and stomach upset. Keep your child home from school and contact a doctor. Your child needs a special test to determine if it is strep throat. If prescribed, he/she can return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins.

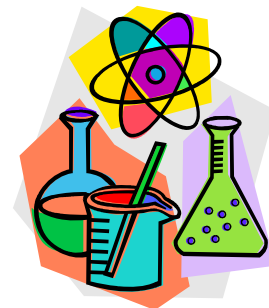
Earache - The child needs to see a doctor to rule out infection.

Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis) - Keep the child home until a doctor has cleared an OK to return to school. Pink eye is highly contagious and most cases are caused by a virus, which will not respond to an antibiotic. Bacterial conjunctivitis will require an antibiotic; your doctor will be able to determine if this is the case.

Rash - Children with a skin rash should see a doctor, as this could be one of several infectious diseases requiring medical treatment.

Remember when in doubt; always call your doctor for advice.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION
January 25, 2011



Dear St. Alphonsus Parents,

On Thursday, April 7th and Friday, April 8th, St. Alphonsus School will be hosting the annual Science Fair. The purpose of an elementary school science fair is to encourage the students to have an interest in science, provide them with a learning experience related to science, and to have fun at the same time. On the school website, you will find information regarding the types of entries and guidelines.

Every child is encouraged to participate in the Science Fair. Entries should be simple, age appropriate and within the child's scope of ability and interest. Participation for Pre-K to Grade 6 is voluntary. Individual or group projects are allowed. Participation for Grades 7 and 8 is required and will be assessed as a major third trimester project grade. The seventh grade students may collaborate (two in a group); eighth grade students will work on their own ideas and **all** students in seventh and eighth grade must submit a final report.

Parents should provide guidance, direction and support for your child. Children may need help in organizing their ideas, and assistance with finding information and materials and sometimes supervision. The Science Fair is not a competitive event. All students' efforts will be recognized.

During the school days on Thursday, April 7th and Friday, April 8th, all students of St. Alphonsus will be given the opportunity to view the Science Fair entries. Parents are invited on Thursday, April 7th to visit from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. During this hour, students are expected to stay with their projects and provide additional information and answer questions.

If your child is interested in participating, please print and return the entry form by Friday, March 11th in order to plan appropriate space and print a certificate for each student. **All project requirements for Grades K through 6th are on the St. Alphonsus school web page.** Grades 7 and 8 have received a booklet with more detailed information. This guide is also on the internet.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Sharon Gribb at 215-646-0150 extension 208 or ssgribb@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the Science Fair!

Science Fair Coordinators,

Sharon Gribb and Diane DiNenno

Saint Alphonsus Annual Science Fair Entry Form

*****Due by Friday, March 11th *****

Student _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Working with:

Student _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Please Note: Guidelines for Science Fair displays and procedures are on the St. A's webpage. **If you decide not to participate in Science Fair, please email me at ssgribb@gmail.com**

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Hula on over to this year's
Father Daughter Dance
and celebrate Luau style



Friday, March 4th 7:00- 9:30 PM
St. Alphonsus Parish Center

DJ 🌴 GAMES 🌴 PRIZES 🌴 FOOD 🌴 FUN!!!

Please return this form to the office or email Colleen Araco
(naraco@comcast.net) by February 25th

Father's (or Special Person's)

Name _____

Daughter(s) Name(s) and
grade(s) _____

I would like to help with:

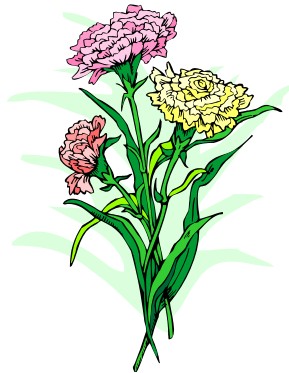
Set-Up _____ Volunteer during the dance _____

I would like to bring a snack or dessert ** _____

**We will contact you by email

E-mail: _____

**Ambler Flower Shop
Is offering
Father Daughter Dance Flowers
Special Package Price \$15**



Package Includes

- 1 Wrist Corsage (single carnation w/ accent flowers)
- 1 Boutonniere (single carnation w/ accent flowers)

Additional corsages \$5 each

Orders can be phoned in to 215-646-6500

Or Emailed to Gene@ShopAmbler.com

Just specify The Desired Colors

Orders are delivered to the dance

Every Day Our Truck Delivers to Philadelphia, Lansdale, New Hope, West Chester and all points in between.

Birthday Parties & Floral Design Classes for kids and adults

St. Alphonsus Book Fair

February 13th – February 18th, 2011

Books can be purchased on Sunday, February 13th, after 10:15 Mass, and also on Wednesday evening, February 16th, 6 – 7:30 PM.

The students will have an opportunity to browse with Mrs. Brady earlier that week and will have their wish lists ready for Wednesday evening.

Family Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, February 16th, 6 – 7:30 PM

Book Fair is in the Library and Make-Your-Own Sundae is in the Cafeteria,
Courtesy of Home and School.

Mrs. Brady will need VOLUNTEERS for the following:

Set-Up: Friday, February 11th, 2:30 PM

Wish List Help: Pre K through 1st Grade – helping children with their book selections for their wish lists in the library.

Monday, February 14th, 9:00 am – 10:00 am (K)

Tuesday, February 15th, 10:00 am – 11:30 am (Pre K and 1st grade)

Social Night: Assist children with selections and purchases at the Book Fair,
Wednesday, February 16th, 6 – 7:30 PM

***If you are able to help, please send an email to Michele Hand at mh77@comcast.net. Please specify the day and time you are interested in volunteering.

THANK YOU!!!

ST. ALPHONSUS CYO NEWS

Spring Sports registration is open at
www.wagdogs.com

**Cadet, Minor and Novice Track and Field -
4th thru 8th grade boys and girls - \$40.00**

Novice - Born January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2001

Minor - Born January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1999

Cadet - Born Sept. 1, 1995 - December 31, 1997

Bantam Track and Field - K thru 3rd grade boys and girls - \$30.00

Track Coaching Volunteers please contact - Michele Hand (MH77@comcast.net)

Varsity Baseball - 7th and 8th grade boys - \$75.00

Varsity Softball - 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls - \$75.00

JV Baseball - 5th and 6th grade boys - \$75.00

JV Softball - 4th and 5th grade girls - \$75.00

Seasons begin on March 1st thru June 15th

Jr. CYO Baseball - K thru 3rd grade boys - \$25.00

Clinics are planned for Saturday mornings in Feb. and March

Jr. CYO Softball - K thru 3rd grade girls - \$25.00

Jr. CYO T-Ball games are played Friday and Sunday evenings
from mid April to late May on the St. Alphonsus Parish Fields

Children are divided into K-1st grade and 2nd-3rd grade teams and play a schedule of games. The 2nd and 3rd graders move on to Coach Pitch games by the end of the season. Two to three parent coaches are needed for each team.



Trivia Night Fundraiser
Date To Be Announced Soon
6:30 – Cocktails 7:00 - Dinner
8:00 - Trivia begins
St. Alphonsus Parish Center



If you have any questions, please contact us at CYOSports@stalphonsus.com or
George Tenzinger – President - gtenzinger@comcast.net

**Saint Alphonsus School
Presents**

Candlelight 2010



Wednesday, December 22, 2010 7:00 PM

DVD \$20 (includes shipping to your home)

**Enclose exact cash or check payable to:
Wein Video
(Drop form and payment off at St. A's Office)**

Please mail "Candlelight 2010" DVD to:

Name _____

Street _____

City, State & ZIP _____

Phone # _____

St. Alphonus Scrip Program

In stock items will be returned within 2 days. Special orders can take up to 1 week. Checks should be made out to St. Alphonus

For questions or additional information call Mary Finley at 215-646-0421 or marfin29@aol.com.

Office Use: check # _____ cash _____

Name		Total Order \$
Room Number	Order Date	Phone Number

Grocery	Qty	Total
A&P/Super Fresh \$25 or \$100		\$
Acme \$50		\$
Giant \$50		\$
Pathmark \$25		\$
Shop N Bag \$50		\$
Genuardi \$25 or \$100		\$
ShopRite \$25 or \$100		\$

Department Store	Qty	Total
Bloomingdale's \$25		\$
Boscov's \$25 or Bon Ton \$25		\$
JCPenney \$25 or \$100		\$
Lord & Taylor \$25		\$
Kohl's Dept. Store \$25 or \$100		\$
Macy's/Federated \$25 or \$100		\$
Neiman Marcus \$50		\$
Sears or K-Mart \$25 or \$100		\$
Ross' \$25		\$

Travel	Qty	Total
Marriott Hotels \$50/100/500		\$

Electronics & Office	Qty	Total
Staples \$25		\$
Office Max \$25 or \$100		
Office Depot \$25 or \$100		

Entertainment	Qty	Total
AMC Theaters \$25 or 1 tkt (9.50)		\$
Barnes & Noble/B.Dalton \$10 or \$25		\$
Barnes & Noble "Teacher" Gift \$20		\$
Blockbuster \$6, \$10 or \$12		\$
Dave & Busters \$25		\$
Borders / Waldenbooks \$10 or \$25		\$
Regal Ent (UA Theaters) \$25 or 1 tkt \$9.50		\$

Home Decor	Qty	Total
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25		\$
Crate & Barrel \$25		\$
Restoration Hardware \$25 or \$100		\$
Pottery Barn / Williams Sonoma \$25		\$
Pier 1 Imports \$25		\$

Home Improvement	Qty	Total
Lowe's \$25 or \$100		\$
Home Depot \$25 or \$100 Gift		\$

Sporting Goods	Qty	Total
Sports Authority \$25		\$
Champs Sports \$25		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25		\$

Apparel & Accessories	Qty	Total
American Eagle or Aeropostale \$25		\$
Claire's \$10 (No fee card)		\$
The Childrens Place \$25		\$
Gap / Banana / Old Navy \$25		\$
J. Crew \$25		\$
Gymboree \$25		\$
Limited \$25 or Dress Barn \$25		\$
Talbots \$25		\$
TJ Maxx/Marshall's/Home Gds \$25;100		\$
Eddie Bauer \$25		\$
Express \$25		\$

Dining - Casual	Qty	Total
Bertucci's \$25 or \$100		\$
Applebee's \$25		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$10		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25		\$
P.F Changs \$25		\$
Outback Stk/Carrabbas \$25		\$
Red Lobster/Olive Grdn/Longhorn Stk \$25		\$
Ruby Tues \$25 or TX Roadhouse \$25		\$
Chile's Bar & Grill \$25		\$
TGI Fridays \$25		\$

Dining - On The Go	Qty	Total
Cold Stone Creamery \$10		\$
Domino's \$14 Pizza & 2-liter		\$
Dunkin Donuts \$10		\$
Panera Bread \$10 or \$25		\$
Pizza Hut \$10		\$
Starbucks \$10 or \$25		\$
Burger King or Wendy's \$10		\$
Chuck E Cheese \$10		\$
Baskin Robbins \$2		\$

Online & Mail Order	Qty	Total
iTunes \$15 or \$25		\$
LL Bean \$25 or Lands End \$25		\$
Shutterfly \$25		\$

Specialty Retailer	Qty	Total
Bath & Body Works \$10 or \$25		\$
Ulta Salon \$25		\$
CVS \$25 or Rite Aid \$25 or Walgreen \$25		\$
Payless Shoes \$20		\$
Michaels or JoAnn Fabrics \$25		\$
Hallmark \$25		\$
Super Cuts \$25 or Master Cuts \$25		\$
Great Clips \$25		\$
Foot Locker \$25		\$
Omaha Steaks \$25		\$