

# Saint Alphonsus Catholic School



## FAMILY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 27, 2010

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

### Catholic Schools Week January 31<sup>st</sup> – Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

This is a great opportunity to celebrate WHO we are and WHAT we are about! The week is full of activities. Please see the current Catholic Schools Week Agenda at the end of this newsletter.

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#### Calendar:

- Jan 29 – Faculty Professional Day / No School
- Jan 31 – Opening of Catholic Schools Week 10:15 mass
- Feb 1 – Tribute to our Wounded Military Overseas 9:30am in Parish Center
- Feb 2 – Dress Down Day and School Talent Show
- Feb 3 – Open House 9-11 am
- Feb 4 – School Service Project
- Feb 5 – First Friday School Mass 9:00am  
Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels Assemblies
- Feb 6 – Family Bingo Night 6pm in Parish Hall
- Feb 11 – Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences for PreK-3 (No Classes for PreK-3)
- Feb 12 – Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences for Gr 4-8 (No Classes for Gr 4-8)
- Feb 15 – No School / President's Day
- Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday School Mass 9:00am
- Feb 19 – CYO 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 7:30-10pm
- Feb 22 – First Penance for Second Grade 7:00pm
- Feb 26 – Home & School Father/Daughter Dance



#### Yard Duty Schedule for Next Week February 1-5 \* Please arrive at 11:50am for yard duty \*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dierkes	Gallagher	McNutt	Hook	Fitzpatrick
Cardosi	Drummond	Klammer	Sullivan	Ireardi
Maiolino	Devlin	Tyrrell	Franklin	Hand
Felix	Yoast	Gentile	Marzullo	Shegogue

### 2010-2011 School Registration

Tuition Information and Registration Forms for next school year were sent home last week.

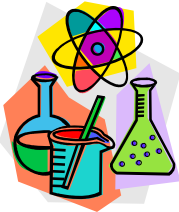
Registration Fees and Forms are due back to school by Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

This February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline must be met to insure a spot for your child(ren) for next year!



Student Council would like to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting Catholic Relief Services for the purpose of aiding the victims of the Haiti earthquake. The Dress Down Day raised \$1361. Thank you very much!

**Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for:**  
**Thursday, 2/11 for PreK to Grades 3 (NO classes for PreK-3 / Classes for Grades 4-8 only)**  
**Friday, 2/12 for Grades 4 to 8 (NO classes for Gr 4-8 / Classes for PreK-3 only)**  
**Conferences this time are optional.**  
**If you would like a conference for your child(ren) please contact their teacher(s) .**



**Science Fair:** Hard to believe...it's Science Fair time! This year's event will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> with evening participation on the 25<sup>th</sup>. All entries are due on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Seventh and eighth graders **DO NOT** need to fill out entry forms as they are already entered and have a booklet. See Science Fair Information letter and entry form at the end of this newsletter.

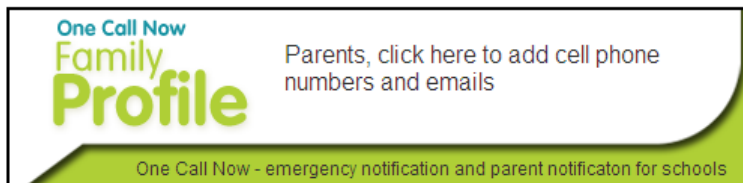


The need for increased emphasis on school safety, along with quick response to inclement weather conditions and other in-school emergencies are top priorities for St. Alphonsus School. We must be able to communicate quickly with school families when situations at school or in our community arise that affect the welfare and safety of our students.

**One Call Now is our School-to-Parent Broadcast Service**

**This service has been programmed with only your primary (home) phone number and one email address. School broadcast announcements will be sent only to your primary (home) phone number, until you add additional phone numbers yourself. Every school family, both New and Returning Families, must add additional phone numbers. It is up to you to add work and cell phone numbers and any additional phone numbers and emails.**

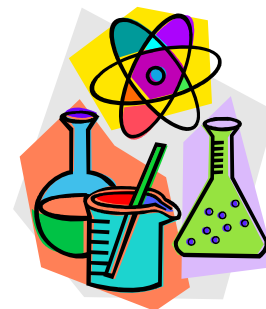
Families wishing to include additional phone numbers and emails should go to the St. Alphonsus School website, click on the Family Envelope tab, and then click on the One Call Now Family Profile web banner



**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](http://www.virtusonline.org) for to register on line. Upcoming workshops: Corpus Christi (Lansdale) on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10am. Please be sure to give the office a copy of your certificate after completing the workshop.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION

### January 13, 2010



Dear St. Alphonsus Parents,

On Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, all students of St. Alphonsus will be given the opportunity to view the Science Fair entries. Parents are invited on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> in order to plan appropriate space and print a certificate for each student. **All project requirements for Grades K through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 [sgribb@verizon.net](mailto:sgribb@verizon.net). 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 5<sup>th</sup> \*\*\***

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Working with:

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Rules for Science Fair Entry displays.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

# **SUPPORT OUR WOUNDED HEROES**

We are collecting supplies to send to Combat Support Hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan. All items will be used to fill "First Response Backpacks" that will be distributed to our service men and women injured overseas.

**Items will be collected during Catholic Schools Week  
February 1<sup>st</sup> - February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Please select an item from the list if you are able to help.**

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Toothbrush/toothpaste/dental floss  
First Grade: Bar soap/body wash/chap stick  
Second Grade: Shampoo/body powder/body lotion  
Third Grade: Shaving cream/razors/nail clippers

Chaplains have established a ministry outreach for the soldiers serving overseas. They have created a refuge to maintain and improve morale and spiritual fitness of the troops. Soldiers can enjoy hot beverages and simple snacks. These comfort items help ease the stress of combat life.

Fourth Grade: Hot Cocoa packets/tea/coffee  
Fifth Grade: Sugar/sweeteners/powdered creamer  
Sixth Grade: Instant oatmeal/granola bars/cookies  
Seventh Grade: Gum/mints/life savers  
Eighth Grade: pretzels/crackers/beef jerky

**Thank you,  
The Catholic Schools Week Committee**

2009 St. Alphonsus Auction and Casino Night  
**FEELING GROOVY!**  
Sharing The Peace and Love

Thanks to your generous support and dedication, **Feeling Groovy 2009** was a great success! We are proud to report a net profit of approximately \$70,000.

These proceeds will be used to fund our fixed Home and School expenses such as the following:

- \* Classroom Enhancements
- \* After-School Programs
- \* Science Lab Material Replenishments
- \* School Library
- \* School Nurse
- \* Student Assemblies,
- \* Family Social Events
- \* Catholic Schools Week Events
- \* and Much More

In addition, we will continue to sponsor major enhancements to our educational environment here at St. A's. Some past projects include:

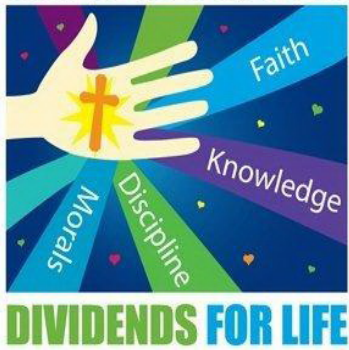
- \* Our State-of-the-Art Science Lab
- \* A Networked Computer Lab
- \* New Math Program Materials
- \* School Security System,
- \* Classroom Phone and Voicemail Systems
- \* Parent Broadcast System
- \* Playground Equipment

This year, the school has applied for the Connelly Foundation Grant to fund the purchase of a **Net Book Cart**. We now hope to further support that with the auction proceeds.

Again, we extend our sincerest thanks to all those who generously contributed their time, talent, and effort to this event and for your momentous support of our school. You have already made St. A's a better place!

Same time next year??? Plans are already underway for the 2010 fundraiser. Please contact Deb DeAngelis, [dtdeangelis@gmail.com](mailto:dtdeangelis@gmail.com) to share your ideas and get involved as we continue to unfold the *Peace and Love*....





## Catholic Schools Week 2010

St. Alphonsus School

January 31<sup>st</sup> - February 6<sup>th</sup>

# Agenda

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

11:15 AM

### ***Continental Breakfast Reception***

*Selected students will read their essays at the 10:15 Mass, sharing why they are thankful for a Catholic education. Reception to follow in the Narthex.*

**Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:30 AM

Parish Center

### ***Tribute to our Wounded Military Overseas***

*The Color Guard from a local VFW Post, State Representative Murt, and Veteran Amanda Po will help kick off our service project for wounded soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.*

***“Champion of Character” Award to selected students in Gr. 1-8 .***

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30-11:00 AM

### ***Talent Show and Dress Down Day!***

*Students show off their talents in the Parish Center with special performances by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Parents welcome!*

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00-11:00 AM

1:00 PM

### ***School Open House and Registration***

*Guided tours for prospective students. Students recognize our bus drivers with a special treat.*

***This is Your Life Game Show!*** *Students try to see how well they know their teachers...*

**Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

***Service Project:*** *Students and their grade partners will make Fleece “Blankets of Hope”, rosaries, First Response Backpacks, and get well cards for our wounded Troops.*

***Faculty Luncheon in the Parish Center***

**Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

***School Mass : 9:00 AM***

***School Assembly:*** *Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels*

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM

***Family Bingo Night in the Parish Hall***

*Grandparents too! Must pre-register through school.*

**Parishioners Welcome to Join Us!**

# ST. ALPHONSUS CYO NEWS

**General Meeting - Sunday Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria - all current basketball coaches and interested T-Ball, Baseball and Softball coaches are encouraged to attend**

**Baseball, Softball and Jr. CYO T-Ball registration is open at [www.wagdogs.com](http://www.wagdogs.com)**

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

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

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

**JV Softball - 5th and 6th grade girls - \$75.00**

**Intercommunity League Baseball - 4th boys - \$75.00**

**Intercommunity League Softball - 4th girls - \$75.00**

**Seasons begin on March 1st thru June 15th**

**Jr. CYO T-Ball - K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys and 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-1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams and play of schedule of games. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders move on to Coach Pitch games by the end of the season. Two to three parent coaches are required for each team.

## **Trivia Night Fundraiser**

**Saturday, March 27th, 2010**

**6:30 – Cocktails 7:00 - Dinner**

**8:00 - Trivia begins**

**St. Alphonsus Parish Center**

***RSVP by Monday, March 22nd, 2010***



***If you have any questions, please contact us at [CYOSports@stalphonsus.com](mailto:CYOSports@stalphonsus.com) or George Tenzinger – President - [gtenzinger@comcast.net](mailto:gtenzinger@comcast.net)***

# ST. ALPHONSUS TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 27th, 2010

6:30 – Cocktails 7:00 - Dinner

8:00 - Trivia begins

St. Alphonsus Parish Center

RSVP by Monday, March 22nd, 2010



Beef, Beer, Wine, Mixers

7 Rounds of Trivia

Basket of Cheer Raffles



RESERVE A TABLE FOR \$350

(Must be paid by March 22nd -- maximum of 10 people per table)

Table Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Members: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS @ \$40/PERSON

No. of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Send your reservation/check through school: Attn: CYO Trivia Night  
or

Mail to Fritz Concannon; 309 Harner Drive; Maple Glen, PA 19002

*If you have any questions, please contact us at  
[CYOSports@stalphonsus.com](mailto:CYOSports@stalphonsus.com) or one of our board members:  
George Tenzinger – President - [gtenzinger@comcast.net](mailto:gtenzinger@comcast.net)  
Ray Hyer - Vice President – [rhyer3@aol.com](mailto:rhyer3@aol.com)  
Mimi McCloskey – Athletic Director – [mimimc@comcast.net](mailto:mimimc@comcast.net)  
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Kathy Rietzke – Secretary – [rietzke5@verizon.net](mailto:rietzke5@verizon.net)*

# Wawa Hoagie Fundraiser



When there's no time for

Make sure you have



Get your **WaWa Shortie** Hoagie coupons and support our **Eighth Grade Class!**

A single coupon costs \$3.50 or you can purchase 6 coupons for \$20.00 (each coupon is valued at \$3.99). To get your coupons complete the information below and place it in an envelope marked "Wawa Hoagie Fundraiser", Attention Shannon Robins Rm 207. Checks should be made payable to St. Alphonsus School. Your coupons will be returned to you in the family envelope. If you have questions please call Linda Robins or Carol Lawlor. The Eighth grade class thanks you for your support.

**\*\*\*MAKEITAWAWADINNERNIGHTMAKEITAWAWADINNERNIGHT\*\*\***

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

6 coupons for \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (best deal)

# of Wawa Hoagie coupons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Alphonsus Scrip Program 2009-2010 School Year

*In stock items will be sent within 2 days. Special orders can take up to 1 week. Checks should be made out to St. Alphonsus  
For additional information call Mary Finley at 215-646-0421 or marfin29@aol.com.*

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Total Order \$</b>
<b>Room Number</b>	<b>Order Date</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>

Grocery	Qty	Total
A&P Food Stores \$25		\$
Acme \$50		\$
Giant \$50		\$
Pathmark \$25		\$
Shop N Bag \$50		\$
Genuardi \$25		\$
Genuardi \$100		\$
ShopRite \$25		\$

Department Store	Qty	Total
Bloomingdale's \$25		\$
Boscov's \$25		\$
JCPenney \$25 or \$100		\$
Lord & Taylor \$25		\$
Kohl's Dept. Store \$25 or \$100		\$
Macy's \$25 or \$100		\$
Sears \$25 or \$100		\$

Discount Store	Qty	Total
Kmart \$25		\$

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

Entertainment	Qty	Total
AMC Theaters \$25 or 1 Movie Ticket \$9.50		\$
Regal Ent. \$25 or 1 Movie Ticket \$9.50		\$
Barnes & Noble/B.Dalton \$10/\$25		\$
Barnes & Noble "Teacher" Gift \$20		\$
Blockbuster \$6, \$10 or \$12		\$
Borders / Waldenbooks \$10 or \$25		\$

Home Decor	Qty	Total
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25		\$
Crate & Barrel \$25		\$
Linens 'N Things \$25		\$
Pottery Barn / Williams Sonoma \$25		\$
Restoration Hardware \$25 or \$100		\$

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

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

Apparel & Accessories	Qty	Total
American Eagle Outfitters \$25		\$
Claire's \$10		\$
Eddie Bauer \$25		\$
Gap / Banana / Old Navy \$25		\$
J. Crew \$25		\$
Lands' End \$25		\$
Limited \$25		\$
Talbots \$25		\$
TJ Maxx/Marshall's/Home Gds \$25 or \$100		\$
Aeropostale \$25		\$

Dining - Casual	Qty	Total
P.F. Chang's \$25		\$
Applebee's \$25		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$10		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25		\$
Longhorn Steakhouse \$25		\$
Outback / Carrabbas \$25 Card		\$
Red Lobster/Olive Garden \$25		\$
Ruby Tuesday's \$25		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25		\$
TGI Fridays \$25		\$
Uno Chicago Grill \$25		\$

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

Online & Mail Order	Qty	Total
iTunes \$15		\$
LL Bean \$25		\$
Shutterfly \$25 card		\$

Specialty Retailer	Qty	Total
Bath & Body Works \$10 or \$25		\$
Ulta Salon \$25		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$25		\$
Rite Aid \$25		\$
Jo Ann Fabrics \$20		\$
Michaels \$25		\$
Omaha Steaks \$25		\$
Walgreens \$25		\$

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