

# Saint Alphonsus Catholic School



## FAMILY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 7, 2009

### Calendar:



- Oct 9 – No School / Faculty Professional Day  
Grades 7&8 Dance in Parish Center 7:30-10pm
- Oct 12– No School / Faculty Inservice Day
- Oct 13– Students Begin Wearing Winter Uniforms
- Oct 14– PreK & K Open House 9 -11am
- Oct 15– Parent Sacrament Meeting for Grades 2, 3, 6 (7-8:15pm in cafeteria)
- Oct 17– Sacrament Sunday at 5pm Mass
- Oct 18– Sacrament Sunday at 10:15am Mass  
H & S Family Fun Day 2 - 5 pm
- Oct 20– Home & School Curriculum Night 7pm Postponed until February 2, 2010

### Yard Duty Schedule for Next Week October 12-16 \* Please arrive at 11:50am for yard duty \*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School	Gallagher Drummond Devlin Yoast	McNutt Klammer Morrissey Gentile	Hook Sullivan Franklin Marzullo	Fitzpatrick Ierardi Hand Shegogue

We cannot do enough for our children's safety and enjoyment! If you cannot make your day, please find a substitute!



**Peace Garden:** The St. Alphonsus Peace Garden Dedication was a wonderful event. A big thank you goes to our anonymous donors for making it so special. The garden has already been used by students who just want to sit and, as they say, "Chill".

**Absences:** If your child will be absent from school, please call 215-646-0150 then press "1" **before 9:00 am.** Please leave name of student, grade, teacher and reason for absence. If you would like class work and homework, please indicate the name and teacher of the student you want to have the work sent home with or at what time you will be picking up the work (from the table outside the office). Kindly request a time after dismissal since it is often not possible for the teachers to 'stop' class to prepare materials during the school day. The center door to school is the after-school CARES program and there is a doorbell if you cannot get into the building. If you are planning a vacation, work will need to be made up upon your return!

**Shelter In Place Items:** Every student is asked to have in school non-perishable food/drink items to be stored in a bin for the academic year. Please place these items in a zip-lock bag with the student's name noted. Items are stored in a bin at the designated shelter in place area.

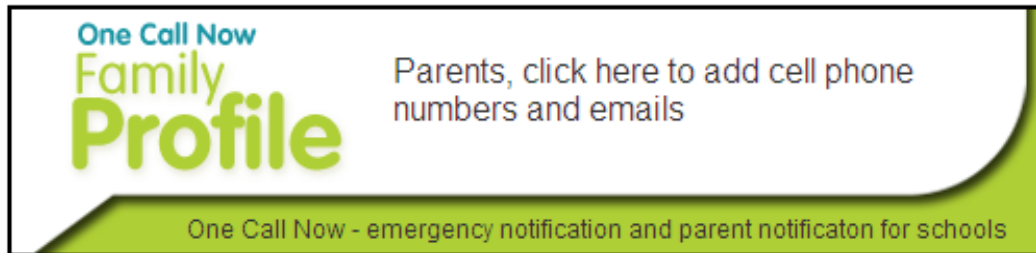


The need for increased emphasis on school safety, along with quick response to inclement weather conditions and other in-school emergencies are top priorities for St. Alphonsus School. We must be able to communicate quickly with school families when situations at school or in our community arise that 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. Last year's phone numbers are no longer in the system. 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



Each family can add up to five more phone numbers and four more email addresses. **If you choose not to add more emergency contacts, messages will go to your primary (home) phone number only.**

**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." Upcoming workshops include: St. Anthony of Padua on October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Doylestown) on October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, and St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Jamison) on October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm. Visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) for more sessions and to register on line. Please be sure to give the office a copy of your certificate after completing the workshop.



**Eighth Grade Car Wash:** Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Dairy Queen in Maple Glen from 3:30 – 5:30pm ... ONLY \$5 per car! See flyer at end of this newsletter. Please come support St. A's 8<sup>th</sup> grade and help them defray their graduation expenses.

**Eighth Grade Sally Foster Fundraiser:** Don't forget the Sally Foster Gift Wrap sale! Half of every sale goes directly to our eighth grade to assist with graduation expense. **Orders are due back to school by October 14th.** Wrapping paper will arrive at St. A's on November 23rd so that all orders will be received in time for Christmas.





**Family Fun Day:** Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm.  
Come celebrate Fall at St. A's all new Family Fun Day with music, food and games. See registration form at end of this newsletter and in this week's Family Envelope. Also, see separate flyer at end of this newsletter for information on the Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

**Escrip:** Attention Genuardi's Shoppers: By registering your Genuardi's club card with escrip, Genuardi's will donate a percent of your total bill to our school. Please go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to register your Genuardi's club card and select St. Alphonsus (Group ID 6567787) as the beneficiary. If you do not know your club card number, please call 1-877-723-3929 to obtain it. Please see the attached information flyer at the end of this newsletter for additional information.

Genuardi's is running a special Back to School promotion of 10% back until October 13, 2009. If you choose to not register electronically please send in your Genuardi receipts and we will enter the redemption code for you.

Renew now: If you have registered in the past, you need to do so each year. Visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on the renewal icon. In order for St. Alphonsus to continue receiving a portion of bill, please do so by November 1, 2009.

Five minutes of your time can mean hundreds of dollars for our school each month!!! Any questions please contact Tricia Loftus 215-646-9417. Thank you for your support.



See this week's flyer at end of this newsletter and  
Invitations in this week's Family Envelope!

## A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



### When to Keep Your Child Home from School

**Fever** - If your child's temperature is 100 degrees or higher, your child should not attend school. On the other hand, 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. 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 Office/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.**

2009 St. Alphonsus Auction and Casino Night

**FEELING GROOVY!**

Sharing The Peace and Love 

[www.stalphonsus.com](http://www.stalphonsus.com) (Auction)

You'll find a donor form at: [stalphonsus.maestroweb.com](http://stalphonsus.maestroweb.com)

Auction phone: (215)646-5695 · Email: [auction@stalphonsus.com](mailto:auction@stalphonsus.com)



**Yeah, yeah, yeah!**

***I'm a Believer!***

Yes, I saw your donation

Now I'm a believer

There's not a tra-a-a-ace

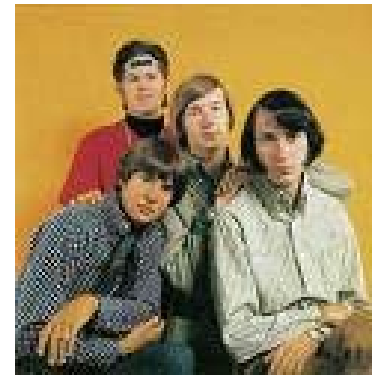
Of doubt in my mind

**Our event will be a success**

The excitement is mounting for the on-line auctions.

**Great stuff is arriving daily.**

Please, Please, Please consider doing a donor form **RIGHT NOW!**



*Yeah, yeah, yeah,*

yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

ah-uh-uh



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HOME & SCHOOL  
FUND RAISER

You'll find a donor form at: [stalphonsus.maestroweb.com](http://stalphonsus.maestroweb.com)

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# DONATIONS NEEDED!

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H  M E R   M  
P I Z Z A P R I Z E C  N T E S T

When your family makes a donation, every child in your family gets 1 point added to their homeroom tally.  
Highest homeroom participation wins a pizza party!

**Cash and gift certificates make great donations!**

Go to the auction tab on the school website for information and forms.

**[www.stalphonsus.com](http://www.stalphonsus.com) (Auction)**

You'll find a donor form at:

**[stalphonsus.maestroweb.com](http://stalphonsus.maestroweb.com)**

Auction phone: (215)646-5695

Email: [auction@stalphonsus.com](mailto:auction@stalphonsus.com)

Contest ends  
October 16th

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CAR WASH @ MAPLE GLEN  
DAIRY QUEEN**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**3:30-5:30 PM**

**\$5.00 PER CAR**



**PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THE  
ST. ALPHONSUS 8TH GRADE!!!**



# Support our Group

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*with eScrip!*

Genuardi's is proud to partner with eScrip to support the education of youth.

## **Sign Up Today!**

Your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for our group.

- Have your Genuardi's Club Card number available
- Visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
- Click on "1- Sign Up"
- Present your Club Card every time you shop and our group earns!

## **It's Easy to Renew**

If you participated last year, don't forget to renew to continue earning Genuardi's contributions.

- Have your Genuardi's Club Card number available
- Visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
- Click on "YES RENEW!"

*For uninterrupted contributions, renew annually by November 1.*

Shop Genuardi's and earn valuable money for our school or group.

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

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

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

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

<b>Department Store</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bloomingdale's \$25		\$
Boscov's \$25		\$
JCPenney \$25		\$
JCPenney \$100		\$
Kohl's Dept. Store \$25		\$
Kohl's Dept. Store \$100		\$
Macy's/Federated \$25		\$
Macy's/Federated \$100		\$
Sears \$25 Gift Card		\$
Sears \$100 GIFT Card		\$

<b>Discount Store</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Kmart \$25		\$

<b>Electronics &amp; Office</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Staples \$25 Gift Card		\$

<b>Entertainment</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
AMC Theaters / Loew's Cineplex \$25		\$
Barnes & Noble/B.Dalton \$10		\$
Barnes & Noble/B.Dalton \$25		\$
Blockbuster \$10		\$
Blockbuster Night Card \$12.00		\$
Blockbuster Single Game \$6		\$
Borders / Waldenbooks \$10		\$
Borders / Waldenbooks \$25		\$
Regal Ent (UA Theaters) \$25		\$

<b>Home Decor</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25		\$
Crate & Barrel \$25		\$
Linens 'N Things \$25		\$
Pottery Barn / Williams Sonoma \$25		\$

<b>Home Improvement</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lowe's \$25 Gift Card		\$
Lowe's \$100 Gift Card		\$
Home Depot \$25 or \$100 Gift Card		\$

<b>Sporting Goods</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cabela's \$25 Card		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25		\$

<b>Apparel &amp; Accessories</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
American Eagle Outfitters \$25		\$
Claire's \$10 (No fee card)		\$
Eddie Bauer \$25		\$
Gap / Banana / Old Navy \$25		\$
J. Crew \$25		\$
Lands' End \$25		\$
Limited \$25		\$
Talbots \$25		\$
TJ Maxx/Marshall's \$25		\$
TJ Maxx/Marshall's \$100		\$

<b>Dining - Casual</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
99 Restaurants \$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		\$

<b>Dining - Fine</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Legal Sea Foods \$25		\$
P.F. Chang's \$25		\$

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

<b>Online &amp; Mail Order</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
iTunes \$15		\$
LL Bean \$25		\$
Shutterfly \$25 card		\$
Shutterfly \$25 card		\$

<b>Specialty Retailer</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bath & Body Works \$10		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$25		\$
Honey Baked Ham \$10		\$
Jo Ann Fabrics \$20		\$
Michaels \$25		\$
Walgreens \$25		\$

Celebrate Fall at St. Alphonsus' all new

**'Family Fun Day'**  
With Music, Food and Games

October 18<sup>th</sup> 2 – 5 PM



**Featuring:** DJ, Moon Bounce, Professional Face Painting and Spray Tattoos, Pumpkin Decorating Contest\*, arts and crafts, Candy Scramble (*in lieu of Trunk or Treat*)  
Carnival Games and Fall-Themed Field Contests & Events for the entire family

Your **Home and School** has so many fun activities planned; all that is needed is you!

Please return form and payment to Terry Zajac c/o Stephanie Room 111 by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

\*Look for a separate flyer announcing the Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Prizes

\*This event will be held indoors if the weather does not co-operate

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

#of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of Kids \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: (5\$ per child or max of \$10 per family) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cash or checks made payable to St. Alphonsus Home and School)

I can help : \_\_\_\_\_ Set Up \_\_\_\_\_ Clean Up \_\_\_\_\_ Work a booth (for 1 hour)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

Some pumpkins will be SCARY. Some pumpkins will be SILLY, and some pumpkins will be very ORIGINAL.



Which pumpkin will you make for the Family Fun Day Pumpkin Decorating Contest?



This years Family Fun Day will include a pumpkin-decorating contest! Pumpkins will be judged in different categories including scariest, silliest, and most original. The pumpkins can be decorated, painted or carved.

What a great family project!



All entries must be submitted to the pumpkin-decorating table on Family Fun Day.

**PLEASE DROP OFF ENTRIES BY 1:45 PM  
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH  
CATEGORY!**

**Family Fun Day - October 18, 2009**