

Saint Alphonsus Catholic School



FAMILY NEWSLETTER MARCH 3, 2010

The St. Helena's Jazz Festival this Saturday, March 6th has been CANCELLED!

Calendar:



- Mar 2–5 Book Fair in Library
- Mar 5 – First Friday School Mass 9am
- Mar 6 – Family Bingo Night 6pm
- Mar 8–12 Terra Nova Testing for Gr K-7
- Mar 12 – End of Second Trimester
- Mar 13 – Father-Daughter Dance
- Mar 15 – Third Trimester Begins
- Mar 16 – School Today!



Terra Nova Testing: All students in Grades K-7 will be participating in Terra Nova Testing next week. ***All students are to wear their school uniform unless it is a gym day.***

Yard Duty Schedule for Next Week March 8-12 * *Please arrive at 11:50am for yard duty* *

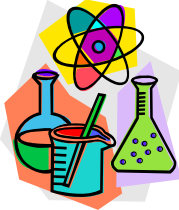
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Zakrzewski	Phillips	Perri	Tilson	Peyton
Mook	Birnie	Clark	Cooper	Signoretta
Weglos	DeMairobus	Anninos	Quinn	McLaughlin
Barton	Rizzuto	Dianno	Larivee	Morrissey

FAMILY SURVEY 2010: Please complete the Family Survey that was sent home in last week's Family Envelope and return to school **by tomorrow!** Thank you to those who have already sent in their surveys. 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. **Thank You!!**



Attention Eighth Grade Parents: The last day to buy scrip to credit money towards the New York class trip will be March 5th. Scrip will still be available the rest of the school year but purchases after March 5th will not count towards the trip. Thanks for ordering scrip to support our class trip...Doreen McNutt

Yearbook Orders: The 2009–2010 St. Alphonsus School yearbook is under construction! Reserve your copy now by completing the order form at the end of this newsletter. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00 (**checks only payable to St. Alphonsus School**) and payment is due when the order is placed. Enclose a check with the order form and send back to school by **Friday, March 12th**.



LAST CALL for Science Fair Entries: It's almost Science Fair time! This year's event will be held on March 25th & 26th with evening participation on the 25th. **All entries are due this Friday, March 5th**. 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.

We are Proud of our Band Members

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Archdiocesan Festival Band Concert:
Tyler Hook • Anthony Giuliani • Peter Wright

Archdiocesan All-Star Jazz Band:
Joseph Dallas • Michael Zajac

Archdiocesan Honor Band:
Julie Hutchison • Jake McKibbin • Colin McNutt • Kellie Flanagan • Joseph Dallas •
Anna Signoretta • Michael Zajac • Patrick Clark

Reminder to Altar Servers: Sneakers should not be worn while serving mass. If you are scheduled to serve daily mass on a day that you have gym, please bring your school shoes to wear while serving mass. You can wear your gym uniform under your alb but no sneakers please. Thank you for your cooperation.



Lent: *The Sacrament of Penance:* Once again the Archdiocese is asking every Church to offer the opportunity for the sacrament every Wednesday of Lent from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. A written guide is available in the chapel on how to go to confession as well as an Examination of Conscience.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:30 PM. Walk the path to Calvary with Jesus and experience the grace of knowing the depth of His love in His willingness to suffer and so to transform our own suffering.

Simple Lenten Meal: Friday, March 19th from 6:30-7:30pm. See flyer at end of this Family Newsletter.

Roll Away the Stones: Monday, March 22nd from 7:30-9pm in the Narthex. See invitation at end of this Family Newsletter.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT is this Saturday, March 6th at 6 PM. If you previously made reservations and still plan to attend, then you do not need to do anything. However, if you want to change or cancel your orders, please contact Terry Zajac as soon as possible with your changes. terryzajac@msn.com or 215-646-3236



**Show your St. Alphonsus School spirit and school pride
with our new apparel for sale now.
Check out the pictures on the brochure
at the end of this newsletter and
send in your order form c/o of Gator Gear.
Quantities are limited so order early!!!**

Father-Daughter Dance is Rescheduled for Saturday, March 13th from 7 – 9:30 PM

- If you registered for the dance and are still attending, you do not need to do anything.
- If you registered for the dance and can no longer attend, please email Colleen Araco at naraco@comcast.net
- If you would like to register for the new date, please send in the form attached to the family envelope or email Colleen Araco at naraco@comcast.net.
- If you were asked to bring in an item, please bring that item on the new date.
- Flower orders from the Ambler Flower Shop have been rescheduled and will be delivered to the dance on the new date. It is not too late to order flowers.

Ambler Flower Shop is offering the following deal for St. Alphonsus Fathers and Daughters attending the dance on March 13th.



**Dance Flowers
Special Price \$10**

Package Includes

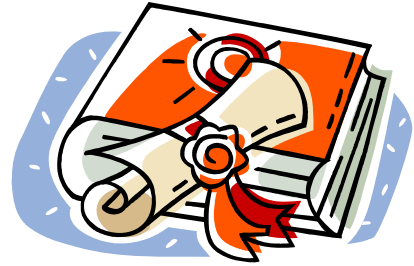
- 1 Wrist Corsage (single carnation w/ accent flowers)
- 1 Boutonniere (single carnation w/ accent flowers)
- 1 Chocolate Covered Pretzel
- Additional corsages \$5 each

Orders can be phoned in 24 hours a day to 215-646-6500
Or Emailed to gene@AmblerFlowerShop.com
Just specify The Desired Colors

The flowers will be delivered to the dance.

Mother-Son Event: The Mother-Son event is planned for May 2nd at 1:00pm - Camden Riversharks Game. More details will be sent home in the next few weeks.

2009-2010 YEARBOOK ORDER



Reserve your copy NOW!

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FAMILY NAME _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ COPIES OF THE YEARBOOK AT \$20.00 EACH

STUDENT'S NAME (just the children getting a copy of the yearbook)

1. _____ GRADE ____ ROOM ____
(First) (Last)

2. _____ GRADE ____ ROOM ____

3. _____ GRADE ____ ROOM ____

4. _____ GRADE ____ ROOM ____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ ***checks only payable to St. Alphonsus School***

PARENT / GUARDIAN _____
(Signature)

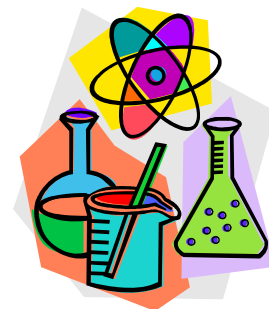
For Office Use:

Check # _____

Amt Paid \$ _____

Date Paid _____

ST. ALPHONSUS SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION
January 13, 2010



Dear St. Alphonsus Parents,

On Thursday, March 25th and Friday, March 26th, 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 25th and Friday, March 26th, all students of St. Alphonsus will be given the opportunity to view the Science Fair entries. Parents are invited on Thursday, March 25th 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 5th 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 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 5th *****

Student _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Working with:

Student _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

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

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Fame The Musical!

Come see Fame the musical with many St. A students such as Maddie Lawn, Tara DeAngelis, Alexis Modzelewski, Hannah Mischler, Claire Kennedy, Mikey Robins, Annina D'Andrea, Cassidy Horniak and Joe Mele. This show is a great family appropriate show done by Young Starrs Theater Company! Tickets are \$11 and are sold by reservation only. The show is at Temple University Ambler; 1 block away from St. Alphonsus. To purchase tickets fill out sheet below and send to Linda Robins c/o Mikey Robins, Mrs. Speese Room 218, by March 19th. The performances are on Friday April 16th at 7:00pm, Saturday April 17th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm and Sunday April 18th at 2:00pm. We hope to see you there!

Name-

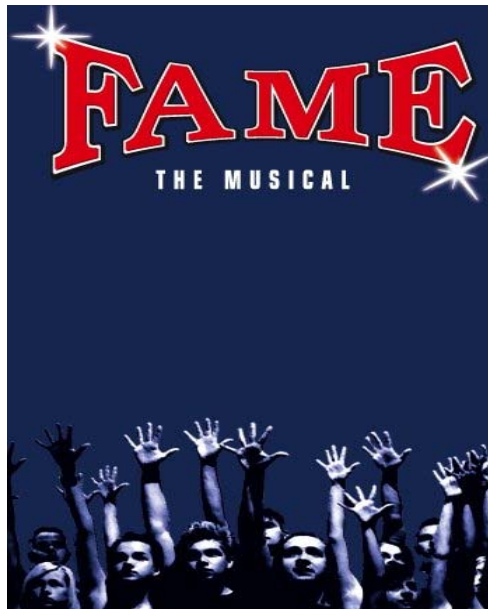
Date of performance you would like to attend (circle).

<u>April 16th</u>	<u>April 17th</u>	<u>April 18th</u>
7:00	2:00 7:00	2:00

#of tickets- _____ x \$11.00 = \$ _____.00

Please pay with cash, or checks made out to Young Starrs Theater Company

Return Tickets to- _____ Room- _____ Grade- _____ Teacher- _____



ST. ALPHONSUS CYO NEWS

Track and Field, Baseball, Softball
and Jr. CYO T-Ball registration is open at
www.wagdogs.com

Track and Field - K thru 3rd grade boys and girls - \$30.00
Track and Field - 4th thru 8th grade boys and girls - \$40.00

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

Many teams are still without coaches - please volunteer today!

Jr. CYO T-Ball - K thru 3rd 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-1st grade and 2nd-3rd grade teams and play of 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 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 or
George Tenzinger – President - 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 or one of our board members:
George Tenzinger – President - gtenzinger@comcast.net
Ray Hyer - Vice President – rhyer3@aol.com
Mimi McCloskey – Athletic Director – mimimc@comcast.net
Fritz Concannon – Treasurer – fconcann@comcast.net
Kathy Rietzke – Secretary – rietzke5@verizon.net*

GATOR GEAR

ORDER FORM

Item	Size	Price	Quantity	Total Cost
T-shirt		\$15		
Flannel Pant		\$20		
Youth sweatshirt – pink letters		\$25		
Youth sweatshirt – green letters		\$25		
Adult sweatshirt – pink letters		\$35		
Adult sweatshirt – green letters		\$35		

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$ _____

Checks made payable to St. Alphonsus Home and School.

Name: _____

Child's Homeroom: _____

Telephone Number/ E-mail: _____

All items will be sent home with your child unless otherwise specified:

GATOR GEAR

Show your Saint Alphonsus School pride with great new apparel. Youth and adult sizes available. Just fill out the order form and return to school with your check made payable to Saint Alphonsus Home and School.



The Saint Alphonsus School Sweatshirt is destined to become your favorite. The heavyweight cotton sweatshirt is built with style, comfort and durability in mind. Available in embroidered Pink Madras Plaid or Forest Green letters with gold outline.

Sizes:

Youth (S, M, L) for \$25

Adult (XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL) for \$35



A white long sleeve t-shirt with forest green print on sleeve and chest. This 100% cotton pre-shrunk tee is comfortable to wear day or night.

Sizes:

Youth (S, M, L) Adult (S, M, L, XL)

All sizes \$15

Perfect pants for that next St. A's sleepover! This 100% cotton flannel pant is Forest Green with Black and White Plaid with SAS gold screen print down leg.

Sizes:

Youth (S, M, L)

Adult (S, M, L)

All sizes \$20



Sizes and Quantities are limited so order early!

St. Alphonsus Parish invites you to attend



Roll Away the Stones

At the end of Lent we celebrate Jesus rolling away the stone of death; but what about the stones we carry around: stones of sorrow, resentment, fear, confusion, loss, anxiety, etc. - how can Jesus roll those stones away?

Take time this Lent for this one night presentation and allow God to touch you so that on Easter, not only Jesus' stone, but your stones will be rolled away as well.

Date: Monday, March 22, 2010

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Place: Narthex

Presenter: Sr. Louise Alff, OSF

(Coordinator of Parish Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia)

Registration not required. Just email us at rectory@stalphonsus.com or call the rectory to help give us a count for refreshments.

Come and bring a friend!

Jesus said:
Roll away the stone
(John 11:38-39)

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
SIMPLE LENTEN MEAL



Friday, March 19th
6:30 to 7:30 pm



Menu: Soup, Bread, Coffee, Tea, Water

A Simple Lenten Meal is an opportunity for parishioners to come together for a very simple, no frills meal with other parishioners as a way to identify with and pray for the poor, the homeless, and the less fortunate people of the world. This is a great Lenten activity for the family.



Free Will Offerings will be accepted and given to
Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County

***Afterwards, everyone is invited to join us for
the Stations of the Cross in Church.***

Please detach this bottom part and return by Monday, March 15th.

Either drop in basket on the Lenten table in the Narthex, the collection basket or at the Rectory. Please contact Kathy Morris at the Rectory if you have any questions.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Number Attending: _____

I/We would like to make soup for the Simple Lenten Meal.
The kind of soup being made: _____

(Because of Feast of St Joseph meat is allowed)

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.

Name:		Total Order \$
Room Number	Order Date	Phone Number

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		\$

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 _____