

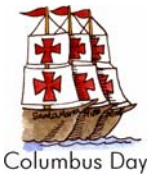
Saint Alphonsus Catholic School



FAMILY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Calendar:

- Oct 1 – First Friday School Mass 9:00 am
- Oct 5 – School Pictures – Students to wear their school uniforms
- Oct 6 – Fire Prevention Assembly (Gr PreK-2 9-9:45am, Gr 3-5 10-10:45am)
- Oct 7 – General H&S Meeting/Technology Night 7pm in Parish Center
- Oct 8 – Auction Donation Homeroom Pizza Party Contest Deadline
- Oct 10 – Faith Formation for parents on the Sacrament of Penance in Church 7pm
- Oct 11 – No School / Faculty Inservice Day
- Oct 12 – Students Begin Wearing Winter Uniforms
- Oct 16/17 – Sacrament Weekend for children receiving the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation 5pm or 10:15am Mass
- Oct 17 – H & S Family Fun Festival 1 - 4pm
Faith Formation for parents on the Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm in Church
- Oct 20 – Confirmation Service Meeting for Parents 9:30am in Narthex
Online Auction #1 Starts (ends 10/27 @ 10pm)
- Oct 21 – PreK & K Open House 9 -11am
- Oct 28 – Online Auction #2 Starts (ends 11/3 @ 10pm)
- Oct 29 – Parent Teacher Conferences for Gr 7-8 only. No School for Gr 7-8 only
- Nov 1 – All Saints Holy Day No School
- Nov 5 – First Friday School Mass 9:00 am
- Nov 7 – Faith Formation for parents on the Sacrament of Eucharist



Columbus Day



Yard Duty Schedule for Next Week October 4-8

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Shift	T Barrett Cardosi Gentile Sadorf	Birnie Gallagher Hyer Yoast	Barton Dianno Mele Perri	Loftus Marzullo Pedicone Selgrath	Calhoun Greene SM McLaughlin Tavolaro
Second Shift	Dierkes Hand Maiolino Weglos	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!

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.



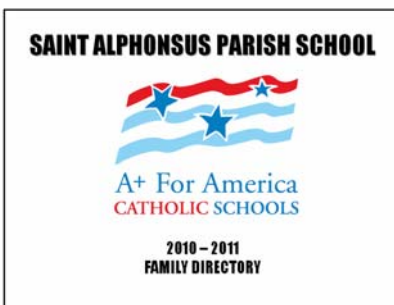
MEDICATIONS: If your child requires any administration of medication (daily or as needed) we **MUST** have the medication form completed **with the physician's signature**. Legally we cannot administer even an aspirin unless the form is completed by a physician. This form is available under 'Forms' on the website. Thank you!

Thank you very much to Maura Jennings, Steve Shegogue and all the parents who prepared such a wonderful luncheon for the faculty and staff on Mercy Day! We all enjoyed a very delicious and relaxing lunch thanks to all of the fabulous chefs, bakers, and helpers. There are many dishes, bowls, platters, etc. ready to be picked up from the table outside the main office.

Thank you again from all the teachers and staff!!!



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 and classroom. Items are stored in a bin at the designated shelter in place area.



2010-2011 Family Directory: This year's Family Directory is in two parts.

The first part containing all the general school information with regards to faculty/staff phone extensions, MCIU information, Home & School Board contact information, Homeroom Parents, and the other general school information is online only. The second part of the Family Directory consisting of individual student information and class lists is printed and enclosed in this week's Family Envelope. The online version of the Family Directory is on the school website under the Family Envelope tab.

Family Directory Correction: The email for Grace Havard was printed incorrectly; the correct email is havafam@verizon.net



School Pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, October 5th**. **Students in Grades 1-8 are to wear their school uniforms for pictures. Kindergarten can wear "special dress clothing" for their pictures.** If you have gym that day, bring your gym clothes to change into. Tipping School Picture envelopes are in this week's family envelope. Please make checks payable to Tipping School Pictures and bring your envelope and payment with you on picture day next Tuesday.

Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to check the web terminal for the dates they are scheduled. Please call Kathy Morris at the rectory if you still need your username and password.

Safe Environment Lesson #1: On October 25th each homeroom teacher will teach a grade appropriate lesson on "Safe Environment" to their class. Information for parents/guardians can be found at www.catholicschools-phl.org under Safe Environment. **IF you do not wish your child to participate in this lesson,** please complete and sign the Parent/Guardian Request to Excuse Student form attached and return to school.

St. Alphonsus School
29 Conwell Drive
Maple Glen, PA 19002
(215) 646-0150

SAFE ENVIRONMENT LESSONS

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST TO EXCUSE STUDENT

I request that _____ Grade _____.
Name of Student

be excused from participating in the yearly Safe Environment lesson offered at St. Alphonsus Parish School on October 25, 2010. I realize information for parents/guardians and be found at www.catholicschools-phl.org under Safe Environment. The points of interest for secondary parents/guardians include:

- Brochure for Parents
- Practical Advice for Parents
- Teaching Touching Safety Guide
- Reporting Suspected Child Abuse
- Grade level instruction PK through Grade 8

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



One Call Now is our School-to-Parent Broadcast Service: 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.

This service has been programmed with only your primary (home) phone number. School broadcast announcements will be sent only to your primary (home) phone number, until you add additional phone numbers yourself. It is up to you to add work and cell phone numbers and any additional phone numbers and emails.

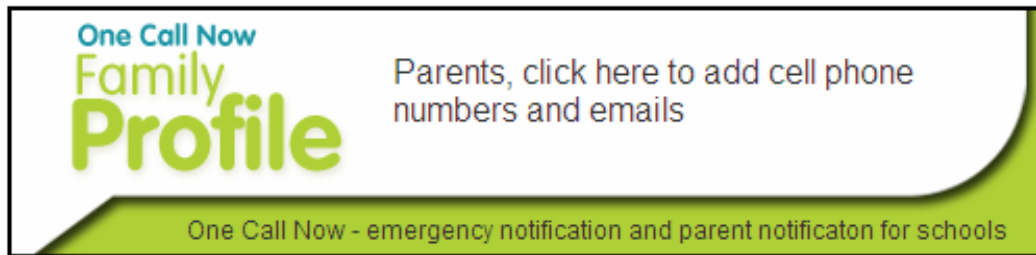
Families wishing to include additional phone numbers and emails may do so by one of the following two ways.

1. Click the following link

<https://www.onecallnow.com/Access/FamilyProfile/FamilyProfile.aspx?G=bo7CSe9fKbNNNe7Qsg2VeA%3d%3d>

or

2. 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.**

Family Newsletter & Envelope: The weekly Family Newsletter from the office will be posted on the school website every Wednesday. To save paper, we do not send home a hard copy of the newsletter in the family envelope. Please visit www.stalphonsus.com/school.htm on Wednesdays -- click on the 'Family Envelope' tab at the top and then 'Weekly Newsletter'. The Family Envelope itself will be sent home on occasional Wednesdays throughout the year. Parents are asked to return the 'empty' envelope and any needed responses on Thursdays! We do limit items in the family envelope to those that pertain only to school. Often various flyers, etc. are sent from local community organizations and these are placed on the table outside the office.

Family Newsletter 'Blurbs': All blurbs to be included in the Family Newsletter each week must be approved by Mr. Steck. **Please email blurbs** to Barbara at bwaschenko@stalphonsus.com by Monday morning for that week's newsletter. All flyers need to be approved as well. Please email flyers (in a pdf file) to Barbara for inclusion at the end of the newsletter.

CARES Program: Saint Alphonsus School has an after school program (CARES) available for our school children. CARES runs from dismissal time until 6:00 pm. Mrs. DiNenno is the moderator of this program. If you would like information please contact the office or call Mrs. DiNenno (ext 218). The CARES program will be in Room 113. Please ring the doorbell at the center door when you need to pick up your child(ren) from the CARES Program. This bell can be heard in Room 113.

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: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Hilltown) on October 4th @ 6:30pm and St. Anthony of Padua on October 7th @ 7:00pm. Visit 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.



"Box Tops for Education": Clean out your cabinets and drawers for the October mailing of the "Box Tops for Education" Program. Send Box Tops to the office by October 20th. This is a great way to obtain money for just a little effort!! Please keep clipping those "Box Tops!". Contact Kathleen McGettigan at 215-542-9338 with any questions.

Scrip Program: Special thanks to those of you that are using our Scrip program sold at school by Mary Finley in the office. Please take a look at the updated Scrip form inserted in this newsletter for newly added restaurants, stores, and entertainment options. Scrip may be purchased by anyone in or outside the Parish or School and rebates may be applied to any designated child's tuition, registration fee, or lunch program.



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: Please join us for the first General Home and School Meeting/Technology Night on Thursday, October 7th at 7pm in the Parish Center. Please see flyer at end of this newsletter.

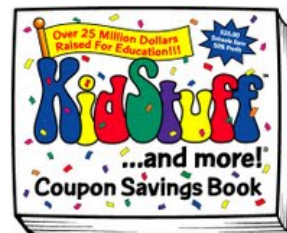
Family Fun Day: Mark your calendars for this fun family event which is being held on Sunday, October 17th from 1-4 pm.



Attention Bakers – This fall's Family Fun Day will include an Apple Pie Contest. Bake your most delicious apple pie and bring it to the event for your chance to win a prize. Everyone attending the event will have a chance to enter a raffle to judge the contest. There is no need to pre-register. Entries should be at the event by 1:30 to be included in judging.

Kidstuff Coupon Books:

LAST CALL for the Kidstuff Coupon Books: please send in payment of \$25 by cash or check to St. Alphonsus immediately. If you are not keeping the book, return it in today's family envelope. Thank you to all the families who have supported this 8th Grade Fundraiser! There will not be a Sally Foster wrapping paper sale this year.





PORT OF CALL

Set Sail to the Mediterranean
St. Alphonsus Auction and Casino Night - November 13, 2010

Auction News:

The decorating committee invites you to a working meeting Wednesday night, September 29th from 7-9:30 PM. Be sure to wear old clothes and get ready to roll up your sleeves. We have some exciting hands-on projects you are going to love! Anyone interested in helping with the class projects for the auction should contact Maura Zimmermann at mmurphz@yahoo.com

Please see the attached flyers about our annual pizza party contest and suggestions for how you can help with this important fundraiser!



Don't forget to make a donation to the auction **before October 8th!** A credit towards the pizza party contest will be given to each child's class in your family. Donor forms are available at: www.stalphonsus.com/school.htm (Auction) stalphonsus.maestroweb.com. For questions, please email Michele Gallagher: tpgall@msn.com or Carolyn Schumann: cschum123@aol.com



Help St. Alphonsus School by registering as a KYW1060 Insider.

You could win a brand new Dell Inspiron 14R laptop. All you need to do is register at: <http://kyw.listenernetwork.com/asp3/ContestDetail.aspx?aid=107216> and listen for your name to be called. KYW Newsradio 1060 will announce two names – one at 7:48 AM and one at 3:18 PM – and a special telephone number each weekday, starting Monday, Sept. 13th and ending Friday, Oct. 22nd. Chosen listeners will have 30 minutes to call in and confirm their very own . At that time, you can nominate St. Alphonsus Parish School to be eligible to win a ten-piece computer lab. The computer-lab-winning school will be announced on Thursday, Oct. 28th.



St. Alphonsus Home and School Association and Staff
invite you to

Technology Night

Featuring

Paul SanFrancesco

Director of Technology, Garnett Valley School District
Discussing internet safety, cyberbullying and the importance of
technology in the classroom

Thursday
October 7, 2010
7 pm
The Parish
Center

Did you know??

58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online. More than 4 out of 10 say it has happened more

Did you know??

No longer can parents count on seeing the tell-tale physical signs of bullying—a black eye, bloody lip, torn clothes. But the damage done by cyber bullies is no less real, and can be infinitely more painful.

Did you know??

8% have not told their parents or an adult about something mean or hurtful that happened to them online

Did you know??

53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful to another person online. More than 1 in 3 have done it more than once.

and

The PLP team

Providing an overview of what was accomplished the first year and their goals for the second year.



Special Incentive

The class with the highest percentage of parent attendance will win a: **DRESS DOWN DAY**

**Extended AM RECESS
AND ICE CREAM TREAT!**

THREE WINNERS

One class from each grade cluster:

PreK-3rd

4th-6th

7th-8th

**Come Celebrate Fall at St. Alphonsus'
'Family Fun Day'
With Music, Food and Games
October 17th 1-4 PM**



Featuring: DJ, Moon Bounce, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Arts and Crafts, Candy Scramble, Baked Goods, and Minute to Win It games, Fall-Themed Field Contests. This year we will also be featuring an *Apple Pie Contest*. Bring your best talents forward to win a prize.

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

Please return form and payment in an envelope marked Family Fun Day to
the Front Office by October 10th.

Look for a separate flyer announcing the Pumpkin Decorating Contest
* This event will be held indoors if the weather does not co-operate *

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)

I can help with Baked Goods: Cookies: _____ Cupcakes: _____ Brownies: _____

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?

Back by popular demand! This year's Family Fun Day will again 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 12:30 PM
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH
CATEGORY!**

Family Fun Day – October 17, 2010



Donations Needed!

- **Sponsors Needed for our Casino Tables**

For a donation of \$300.00, your employer or another local business will have their name atop one of our gaming tables, receive a full-page ad in our program book, and receive a one month web ad in our weekly family newsletter which is viewed by hundreds of families.

- **Silent and Live Action Items**

Sports, concert, and show tickets. Vacation homes, services, unique experiences...the possibilities are endless! Please return your donation form as soon as possible to ensure you receive the proper recognition in the program.

- **Raffle and Live Auction Sponsors Needed**

Please consider making a cash donation to sponsor our technology raffle or provide funds for the bar. We need great live auction items – one or more families can team up to provide a super item for the live auction. To make a targeted donation, contact Michele Gallagher or Carolyn Schumann

All donations are welcome. There is no minimum – every little bit helps. All proceeds are used to help the children of St. Alphonsus School.

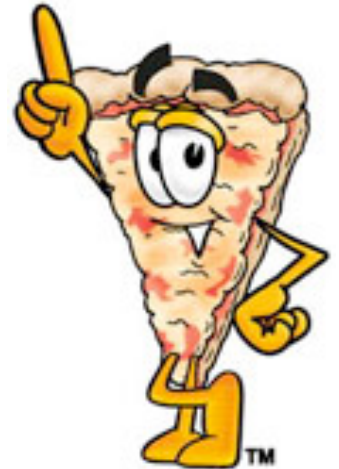
Every donation will be credited to your child's class pizza party contest!

Donor forms: www.stalphonsus.com (Auction) stalphonsus.maestroweb.com
Questions? Please contact Michele Gallagher: tpgall@msn.com or Carolyn Schumann: cschum123@aol.com



Homeroom Pizza Party Contest

When your family makes a donation to the auction, **EVERY** child in your family gets 1 point added to their homeroom tally. The homeroom with the highest participation wins a pizza party!



Contest Ends October 8th!

To make a donation, please go to the auction tab on the school web site: <http://www.stalphonsus.com/school.htm> (Auction)



You'll also find donor forms at:
stalphonsus.maestroweb.com

If you have any question, please email Michele Gallagher :
tpgall@msn.com or Carolyn Schumann: cschum123@aol.com

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		\$