

Saint Alphonsus Catholic School



FAMILY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 21, 2011

2011-2012 School Registration

Tuition Information and Registration Forms for next school year are in today's Family Envelope.
Registration Fees and Forms are due back to school by Monday, January 31st
This January 31st deadline must be met to insure a spot for your child(ren) for next year!

Calendar:



- Jan 22 – March for Life / Washington DC
- Jan 24 – March for Life Prayer Service 8am in Church
- Jan 24 – Confirmation Retreat (4-8pm)
- Jan 30 – 10:15am Mass / Opening of Catholic Schools Week (CSW Agenda attached)
- Feb 2 – Open House 9-11am
- Feb 4 – First Friday School Mass 9am
- Feb 7 – Inservice Day / No School for Students

Yard Duty Schedule for Next Week January 24-28

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Shift	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!

WE ARE SO PROUD

of our 8th graders
who have been awarded scholarships to high school!

Jimmy Galasso (Presidential Scholarship – La Salle)
Michael Reynolds (Trustee Scholarship – Roman Catholic)
Anna Signoretta (Music Scholarship - Mount St. Joseph Academy)

CONGRATULATIONS!



The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be at St. Alphonus School the week of February 13th! Check out the St. Alphonus homepage at Scholastic. An Ice Cream Social hosted by Home & School will be Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00. Click on this link to our school fair: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stas>

First Friday Mass Collections: On each First Friday of the month we are asking for donations for the Face to Face Program and for February, we are also in need of donations for Project Home. For Friday, February 4th, we are asking the children in grades Pre-K to Grade 4 to bring in the following items for Face to Face:

- PreK & Kindergarten - toothbrushes
- Grades 1 & 2 – toothpaste
- Grades 3 & 4 – hand and body soap

For students in Grades 5 to 8, we are asking for donations for Project Home as follows:

- Grade 5 – hot chocolate (individual servings) and tea bags
- Grade 6 – hot cereal, oatmeal, and cold cereal (all individual servings)
- Grade 7 – soup and small cans of tuna
- Grade 8 – sugar packets and peanut butter & jelly



Altar Servers

On Sunday, February 13th at 2pm, Cardinal Justin Rigali will be celebrating a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the altar servers in our Montgomery County Vicariate at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul. Please see flyer at end of this newsletter for more details and to sign up to attend.

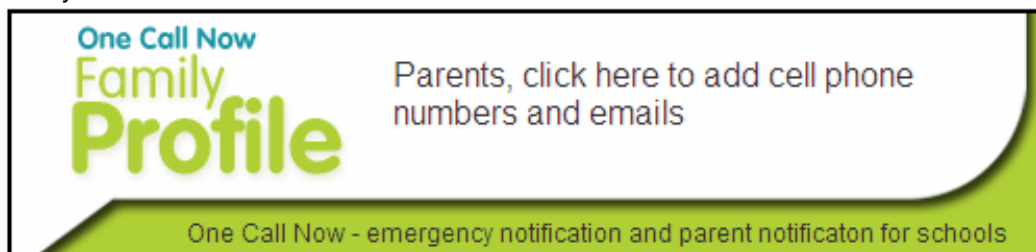


School Closings

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. Alphonus 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 going to the St. Alphonus 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: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Doylestown) on Tuesday, February 1 @ 6:30pm. 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.

Forget Your Camera?

Pictures are taken and most school events and are shared through a picture website. If you are looking for candid shots, or would like to view pictures taken at Candlelight simply go to <http://saintalphonsus.shutterfly.com>. All pictures in the site are available for printing and sharing.



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!" This is a great way for the school to obtain money for just a little effort on everyone's part!

eBoxTops, like physical Box Tops, are worth 10¢ each for our school. However, instead of clipping these Box Tops and sending them into your school, eBoxTops are awarded electronically to our school earnings at btf.com and will be included in our next Box Tops check amount. See flyer at end of this newsletter for more details.



Blue Ribbon Commission

Charting the Future Course of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

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>.



Auction News

The auction committee would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who made this year's fundraiser such a wonderful success. Thanks to our wonderful parents, faculty and staff for their countless volunteer hours and very generous financial contributions. As a result of your support, this year's auction raised over \$72,000 to enhance and enrich the education of our schoolchildren. Special thanks to Joe Carmean who donated a great deal of time to ensure our event ran smoothly. Also, thanks to Adam Mele and Sam's Italian Market for providing a delicious dinner buffet for the enjoyment of our guests. Receipts for donations and purchases are being sent home in today's family envelope. Please call Michele Gallagher with any questions or concerns.

Fundraiser 2010

Port Of Call Recap

On behalf of the Home & School Board, it is my pleasure to release a detailed summary of this year's Auction/Casino Night benefitting our school. Without the countless hours of time and effort donated to this evening, such generous profits would not be realized. Our sincerest gratitude is given to Michele Gallagher, Carolyn Schumann and Kathy Tavolaro for serving as Co-Captains of this Ocean Liner! We would be remiss if we did not also thank the many volunteers that supported this endeavor in every way. Most especially, we would like to thank our Parish school community of Faculty, Parents and Students that donated and attended this year's fundraiser.

Your generosity this year will be used to fund the many Home & School programs that we budget for each year to enhance the education of your children. Some of the enhancements we fund include the Science Lab and Art Room Materials, Student Assemblies, the full-time School Nurse, a yearly School Library grant, all Family Social Events and all Catholic Schools Week programs. We are particularly proud to support the ever changing technology needs of our school. Each year \$25,000 is dedicated from the proceeds to Technology for this purpose. A special focus for this year's Auction includes the Middle States Evaluation process beginning now and ending in the spring of 2012.

Summary

Income:		Expenses:	
On Line Auction	7,443	Catering	6,118
Silent Auction	24,315	Bar	1,504
Live Auction	24,250	Casino Rental	4,166
Tickets	14,110	Decorating	1,344
Casino	4,860	Auction Software	1,393
Casino Table Sponsors	3,025	Invitations/Raffles	455
Advertising	3,855	Class Projects	1,000
Cash Donations	9,430	Program (printing)	717
Promotional Sales:		Cash Raffle Prize	3,000
Ornaments	4,025	Linens	567
8th Grade DVD	750	Live Auction Expenses	650
Sher Photography	715	Solicitation	870
Raffles:		Credit Card Proc. Fees	881
Cash Raffle	4,655	Ornaments	7,454
Apple Raffle	<u>2,845</u>	Teacher Sponsored Parties (Est)	1,500
		Misc. Expenses	<u>309</u>
Total Income	\$ 104,278	Total Expenses	\$ 31,928
		Net Proceeds	\$ 72,350

Submitted by Judy Morrissey, H & S Treasurer



Altar Servers

Altar Server Mass Sunday February 13, 2011

On Sunday, February 13th, Cardinal Justin Rigali will be celebrating a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the altar servers in our Montgomery County Vicariate at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts Peter and Paul. The mass will be at 2pm. Father Moerman (before he left) reserved a section for St. Alphonsus. Father Quan will be taking any interested students down to the mass. If we get enough students we can reserve a bus. We could also use some parents as chaperones. We plan to leave St. Alphonsus at noon.

As in prior years, the Archdiocese asks that there be no CYO games scheduled that day so that the students can attend this mass. This is a very nice event. You will have the opportunity to meet the Cardinal and have a group picture taken with him. Father Quan will also host a pizza party back in the narthex when you return.

Please complete the information below if you are interested in attending or email Mrs. Morris at Kmorris1000@comcast.net.

Yes I can attend:

Name: _____

Parent's Name (if attending) _____

If parent is not attending, can you help with pizza party? _____



Catholic Schools Week 2011

St. Alphonsus School

January 30th – February 5th

Agenda

Sunday, January 30th

A+ for America: In Our Parish

Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass at 10:15 AM.
Continental breakfast reception to follow in the Narthex.

Monday, January 31st

A+ for America: In Our Volunteers

Each homeroom will design a poster to thank our volunteers who support our school by donating their time and talents. Posters will be displayed throughout the school during Catholic Schools Week.

Tuesday, February 1st

A+ for America: In Our Students

Dress Down Day and Talent Show. Students show off their talents in the Parish Center beginning at 9:00 AM with a special performance by the 8th grade. Parents welcome!

Wednesday, February 2nd

A+ for America: In Our Community

School Open House and Registration 9:00-11:00 AM.
Guided tours for prospective students.
Student Service Projects in the Afternoon: "Tissues for Tots" for Children's Hospital; Valentines for Veterans for VA Hospital; and "Sneezes for Seniors" for Gwynedd Estates.

Thursday, February 3rd

A+ for America: In Our Faculty & Staff

Faculty & Staff Luncheon in the Parish Center

Friday, February 4th

A+ for America: In Our School

School Mass 9:00 AM
School Assembly: Clyde Evans / Hip Hop Assembly in the afternoon

Saturday, February 5th

A+ for America: In Our Family

Family Night Magic Show 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

Parishioners Welcome to Join Us!

Please join us for

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

to celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, February 5, 2011

6:00 pm in the School Cafeteria

FEATURING:

**THE TOM McDONNELL MAGIC SHOW,
FAMILY GAMES AND DINNER**

Please return this form to school to the attention of Bridget Barton c/o Kylie Barton 4-216.

Family Name: _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

I can help: _____ set up _____ clean up _____ at the event

All orders include chips, cookie and bottle of water. All hoagies will be ordered dry and plain with "fixings" available on the side.

Italian Hoagie # _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Turkey Hoagie # _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Ham/Cheese Hoagie # _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Hot Dog # _____ x \$4.00 = \$ _____

Add'l Hot Dog # _____ x \$1.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to St. Alphonsus Home and School

St. Jerome's?

ARCHBISHOP RYAN?

Our Lady of Good Counsel?

Northeast Catholic????

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, we want to know where you or any of your family members went to grade school/high school / CCD .

We would love to have a picture or any old school paraphernalia to display on the walls too!

Please email Nancy Emma @ emma_family@hotmail.com **by Mon. Jan. 24th** with:

1. Name/names of St. A's Students
2. Parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, sister or brother's name.
3. Where they went to school and what years they attended.

If you have any pictures please send **by Mon. Jan. 24th** to :

Nancy Emma
C/O Anna Emma
Ms. Duncan
Room 108

They will be scanned and copied and sent back the next day. They can also be emailed to emma_family@hotmail.com.

We will displaying all the names and pictures for Catholic Schools Week.

We are looking for as many names and schools as we can!!!

Thank you for your help!!!!

Nancy Emma
Jamie Cardosi
Tom Cardosi

Catholic Schools Week Luncheon

To honor our talented and dedicated St. A's Faculty and Staff, the Home and School Association will be hosting the annual Catholic Schools Week Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon:

Thursday February 3, 2011
St. Alphonsus Parish Center
11:30 – 1:00

Please let us know what you would like to donate by filling out the form below and returning it to school or by emailing us. We need soups, and more soups, sandwiches, salads, fruit, breads and desserts.

Thank you for your help,

Maura Jennings
maurajennings@comcast.net

Steve Shegogue
shegogue@verizon.net

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Food item: _____

Can you help clean up at 1 pm the day of the luncheon? _____

Saint Alphonsus School

1st to 8th Grade 2011-2012

Re-Registration Form

**RE-REGISTRATION
GRADES 1-8**

**Please complete and return this form to school by *January 31, 2011*
with Registration Fee and Yard Duty Fee**

Family Last NameHome Phone Number

Street AddressCityZip

Returning Students Names

Grade in Sept 2011

Office Use:
Check # _____
Amount _____
Date Recv'd _____

Number of Children _____ @ **\$160.00 *each*** = _____
 Yard Duty Fee **\$50.00 *per family*** **+ 50.00**

New sibling (Grades 1-8 only) not currently in St. Alphonsus School

		\$160.00	
Name	Grade 11-12	Registration	

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Parish Membership Status: (Please Check One)

- _____ Sustaining Member of Parish (families that meet the Sunday offering requirement)
- _____ Non-Parishioner and/or Non-Sustaining Member

Tuition Payment Options for 2011-2012 School Year: (Check One)

- _____ Option One (Full Payment before July 1, 2011)
- _____ Option Two (Two Payments through FACTS program)
- _____ Option Three (Ten Monthly Payments through FACTS program)

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Saint Alphonsus School

*****For families that already have a child attending St. A's*****

**Kindergarten 2011-2012
Registration Form**

**Please complete and return this form to school by January 31, 2011
with Registration Fee and Yard Duty Fee.**

Please register your children in a timely way. The first 26 registrations are guaranteed a spot in one of the two Kindergarten homerooms. The 27th to 39th child will be accepted conditionally – the condition being a registration count that reaches 39. This positions us to have a properly sized First Grade for the 2012-1013 school year.

Family Last Name _____

Home Phone Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Child(ren) enrolling in Kindergarten for 2011-2012:

Office Use:

Check # _____

Amount _____

Date Recv'd _____

Number of Children _____ @ **\$250.00 each** = _____
Yard Duty Fee **\$50.00 per family** _____

TOTAL DUE

Parish Membership Status: (Please Check One)

_____ Sustaining Member of Parish (families that meet the Sunday offering requirement)

_____ Non-Parishioner and/or Non-Sustaining Member

Tuition Payment Options for 2011-2012 School Year: (Check One)

_____ Option One (Full Payment before July 1, 2011)

_____ Option Two (Two Payments through FACTS program)

_____ Option Three (Ten Monthly Payments through FACTS program)

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

St. Alphonsus Parish Membership Status: (please check one)

_____ Sustaining Member of Parish (families that meet the Sunday offering requirement)

_____ Non-Parishioner and Non-Sustaining Members (please complete below):

Parish Where Registered _____

Non-Catholic _____

Date Applicant's Parents met with Msgr. Owens: _____

Signature/Comments of Msgr. Owens: _____

Baptism

Date of Baptism _____ Church _____

Church Address _____
Street City State Zip

Copy of Baptismal Certificate _____ YES _____ NO

Copy of Birth Certificate _____ YES _____ NO

Copy of Immunization Records _____ YES _____ NO

2011-2012 Tuition Schedule St. Alphonsus School

Grades 1-8 Tuition for Sustaining Members of Parish

Sustaining Members of the Parish	Option One*	Option Two**	Option Three***
Number of Students In Family	Full Payment by July 1, 2011	Two Payments via FACTS July & Dec 2011	10 Monthly Payments via FACTS
One	\$3,535.00●	\$1,777.50	\$358.50
Two	\$6,650.00●	\$3,335.00	\$670.00
Three	\$9,355.00●	\$4,687.50	\$940.50
Four	\$9,355.00●	\$4,687.50	\$940.50

Kindergarten Tuition for Sustaining Members of Parish

Sustaining Members of the Parish	Option One*	Option Two**	Option Three***
Full Day Kindergarten	Full Payment by July 1, 2011	Two Payments via FACTS July & Dec 2011	10 Monthly Payments via FACTS
K only	\$4,135.00●	\$2,077.50	\$418.50
K + 1 child in 1 st to 8 th	\$7,250.00●	\$3,635.00	\$730.00
K + 2 children in 1 st to 8 th	\$9,955.00●	\$4,987.50	\$1,000.50
K + 3 children in 1 st to 8 th	\$11,195.00●	\$5,607.50	\$1,124.50

- *The tuition rate is based on a family that shows an average of \$20.00 weekly or \$1,040.00 in Sunday Offerings as of December 31, 2010*

Non-Parishioners / Non-Sustaining Members Tuition

Non-Parishioners Or Non-Sustaining Members	Option One*	Option Two**	Option Three***
	Full Payment by July 1, 2011	Two Payments via FACTS July & Dec 2011	10 Monthly Payments via FACTS
Price per Child	\$4,535.00	\$2,277.50	\$458.50

Pre-Kindergarten Cost

Full Day Pre-Kindergarten	Option One*	Option Two**	Option Three***
	Full Payment by July 1, 2010	Two Payments via FACTS July & Dec 2010	10 Monthly Payments via FACTS
Price per Child	\$4,300.00	\$2,160.00	\$435.00

Contact school about Half Day Pre-Kindergarten cost

The tuition rate established as of the beginning of the year must remain the same throughout the school year. No refunds will be given for changes in registration status.

* A Late Fee of \$60 will be assessed for full payments made after July 31, 2011

** A FACTS Fee of \$20.00 is included in the 2 Payment Plan

*** A FACTS Fee of \$50.00 is included in the 10 Payment Plan



earn for your school every time you shop online with:



Over **100 popular retailers** give eBoxTops to your school when you start your online shopping trip at btfe.com/marketplace. Just click on your favorite retailer and eBoxTops will be donated directly to your school with your qualifying purchase. You can earn up to 15 eBoxTops per \$10 you spend. Don't miss out on this easy way to earn even more for your school!

earn eBoxTops when you shop at quality stores such as:



2 eBoxTops per \$10 spent



1.5 eBoxTops per \$10 spent



3 eBoxTops per \$10 spent



1 eBoxTops per \$10 spent



4 eBoxTops per \$10 spent



0.5 eBoxTops per \$10 spent



7.5 eBoxTops per \$10 spent



2 eBoxTops per \$10 spent

Go to btfe.com/marketplace to shop and earn today!



become an online power earner!

Once you earn 100 eBoxTops, we'll give you **10 Bonus Box Tops!** Start shopping and watch your school's earnings add up.

Not a Box Tops site member? Go to btfe.com to start earning for your school!

note: it may take up to 6-8 weeks for eBoxTops to be displayed on your earnings page.

St. Alphonsus 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. Alphonsus

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		\$