

Saint Alphonsus Catholic School

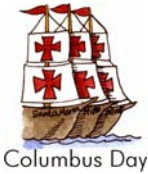


FAMILY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 6, 2010

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



Calendar:



- 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

Yard Duty Schedule for Next Week October 11-15

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Shift	Faculty Inservice	DeMaioribus M Jennings Locati Nagle	Boles Harry Kuczborski Franklin	Campbell Leonard C Johnston Hannon	Horniak Lapa Peyton Shegogue
Second Shift	No School	M. Dolaway Drummond Rufo Yoast	Grasela Fresno Wydan Shegogue	MB Wall Thompson Felix Loftus	Faust Fitzpatrick Ierardi SM McLaughlin

Please find a substitute if you are unable to keep your assigned time!

KINDERGARTEN & PreK OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, October 21st from 9-11am

Meet our faculty, staff, students and parents while checking out our fabulous Kindergarten and Pre K programs here at St. A's. We are investigating the possibility of offering a full day program in addition to a half day program. Spread the word! Refreshments will be served!





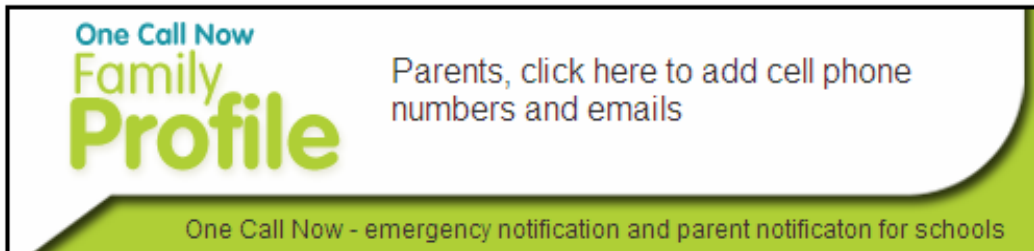
Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to check the web terminal for the dates they are scheduled. Please call Kathy Morris at the rectory if you still need your username and password.



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 going 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 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

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 (Ambler) on October 7th @ 7:00pm; Assumption B.V.M. (Feasterville) Saturday, October 9th @ 9:00 AM; St. Genevieve (Flourtown) Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:00 pm; Epiphany of Our Lord (Plymouth Meeting) on Tuesday, October 26 @ 7:00 pm. 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.

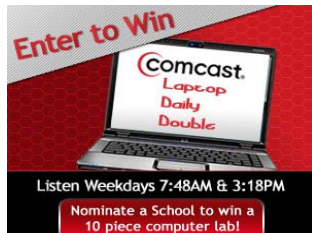


"Box Tops for Education": Clean out your cabinets and drawers for the October mailing of the "Box Tops for Education" Program. Send Box Tops to the office by October 20th. This is a great way to obtain money for just a little effort!! Please keep clipping those "Box Tops!". Contact Kathleen McGettigan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



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.



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.



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.

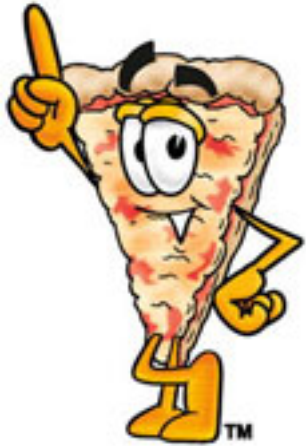
St. Alphonsus Auction and Casino Night - November 13, 2010

PORT OF CALL

Set Sail to the Mediterranean

See this week's flyer at the end of this newsletter!

Homeroom Pizza Party Contest



The contest ends **Friday, October 8th**. Please submit your donations so we can credit your child's classroom.

When your family makes a donation, EVERY child in your family gets 1 point added to their homeroom tally.

The homeroom with the highest participation WINS!

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 years 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

St. Alphonsus Auction and Casino Night - November 13, 2010



2010 Home & School Fundraiser

You'll find a donor form at: stalphonsus.maestroweb.com

Donations Needed!

We are in need of donations. Currently, we are at 9% of our goal. Some suggestions that have worked well in the past include:

- **Tickets** to Theaters, Concerts or Sporting Events
- **Vacation Home** for a Week or a Weekend
- **Class parties** – donuts, happy meals, and birthday celebrations
- **Trips to New York and Baltimore**
- **Electronic Equipment** such as a Palm Pilot, CD Player, DVD Player
- **Themed Baskets** - Sports, Kid's Toys, Home Decor
- **Sports Equipment** - Soccer Balls, Skis, Roller Blades
- **Tools** - Snow Blower, Cordless Drill, Gas Grill or Table Saw
- **Cash Donation**
- **Gourmet Dinner / Group Party**
- **Sponsor a Casino Table** - A \$300 donation will put your family or company name on a Black Jack, Roulette or Craps table.
- **Purchase an Ad** in the Auction Program – full page \$100; half page - \$75

HOMEROOM PIZZA PARTY CONTEST!

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!

Contest Ends October 8th

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		\$

St. Alphonsus CYO NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in the CYO Mass and for your donations to Cradles to Crayons

HS, Grade School and Jr. CYO Basketball registration is open at www.wagdogs.com

HS Basketball - 9th thru 12th grade boys and girls - \$75.00

Grade School Varsity Basketball - 7th and 8th grade boys and girls - \$90.00

Grade School JV Basketball - 5th and 6th grade boys and girls - \$90.00

Jr. CYO Basketball - K thru 4th grade boys and girls - \$25.00

Volunteer Coaches are needed for all teams at all levels - please register in the Volunteer section on your wagdogs account and contact AD Mimi McCloskey at mimimcc@comcast.net for a Coaches Information Form

If you have any questions, please contact us at CYOSports@stalphonsus.com or George Tenzinger – President - gtenzinger@comcast.net

Last month a six-year old boy was killed in Glenside when the family car rolled over him in the driveway. Kevin Flach was a first grader at St. Luke's and an avid Phillies fan. His family, including 6 siblings, needs your prayers. You can also help by purchasing a red "Keep the Phaith" t-shirt. All proceeds will go directly to the Kevin from Heaven foundation.



Adult Long Sleeve



Adult Short Sleeve



Kids Short Sleeve



Orders will be submitted to the foundation on Oct 15 and Oct 22. Shirts will be sent home with students the following week. Checks should be made out to the **Kevin from Heaven Foundation**.

Name: _____

Total \$: _____

Shirt	Size	Quantity	Price

Please send your orders in c/o Jake Dianno (Mrs. Girondo's 6th grade).