

Saint Alphonsus Catholic School



FAMILY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 17, 2010


Calendar:

- Nov 18 – High School Visitation Day for Grade 8 / No Classes for Gr 8 only
- Nov 22 – Parent/Teacher Conferences for Grades PreK-3 (No Classes for Gr PreK-3)
There are classes for Grades 4-8
- Nov 23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences for Grades 4-6 (No Classes for Gr 4-6)
There are classes for Grades PreK-3, 7 and 8
- Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Prayer Service / 11:00am Dismissal
- Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday / No School
- Nov 28 – First Sunday of Advent
- Nov 29 Classes Resume
- Dec 3 – First Friday School Mass 9am
First Trimester Ends
- Dec 6 – School Picture Retake / Makeup Day
Second Trimester Begins
- Dec 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception / No School



Family Vacations: The planning of family vacations is strongly discouraged during the school year. It is school policy that if a student misses school due to a family vacation, a journal must be kept while on vacation and ***all work to be made up will be given to students when they return to school.***

Yard Duty Schedule for Next Week November 22-24

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------|---|--|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| First Shift | DiNicola Fisher Sobolewski Tyrrell | DeMaioribus M Jennings Locati Nagle | 11:00 am Dismissal |  | No School |
| Second Shift | Hunter Cardosi Maiolino Wills | M Dolaway Drummond Rufo Yoast | Happy Thanksgiving | | |

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

First Friday Mass Collections: On each First Friday of the month we are asking for donations for the Face to Face Program. For December 3rd, we are asking the children to bring in any kind of women and men's toiletries, preferably travel size.



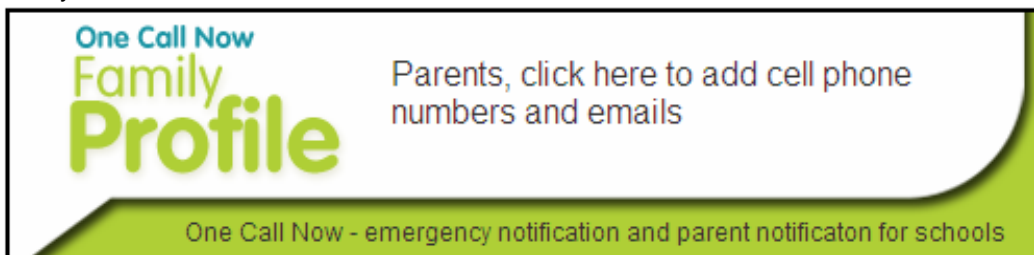
School Pictures and Retakes: Tippings will be here Monday, December 6th for those students who were absent for picture day and for those who want to have their pictures retaken. If you are having your picture retaken, please bring your current packet of pictures with you to return to Tippings.



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 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. Hilary (Rydal) on Monday, December 6th. 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.



Secret Santa Holiday Gift Shop 11/30-12/2

Home and School is once again sponsoring a Holiday Gift Shop so that the children can buy Christmas gifts for their families. The shop will be open from 11/30-12/2. Each class will have an assigned time. Please look for more details in today's Family Envelope. In the spirit of giving, we ask that you remind the children that they will not be permitted to buy for themselves.

eBoxTops, like physical Box Tops, are worth 10¢ each of clipping these Box Tops and sending them into your electronically to our school earnings at bfe.com and Tops check amount. See flyer at end of this newsletter



for our school. However, instead school, eBoxTops are awarded will be included in our next Box for more details.



Mileage Club: Mileage Club has officially begun! Mileage Club is a program for students K-8 to get walking and be motivated doing it! We walk every Friday in the school gym during lunch recess to fun music to keep them pumping. Each session is moderated by one teacher and several parent volunteers. Mileage Club encourages individual performances and is not a competition. Your child can set personal goals and work on ways to achieve those goals. Support

your children for Mileage Club & they'll thank you for it!! Children participating in Mileage Club may wear their sneakers to school on Fridays. Only children wearing sneakers will be permitted to participate. LET'S GET WALKING!! If you have any questions, please contact Bridget Barton at bridget.barton@verizon.net.



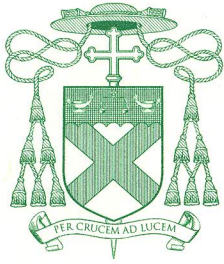
SPONSOR A MILITARY CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS



The Willow Grove Naval Air Base will hold a Christmas Party for military children and their families on December 5th. Among those invited will be the members of the 111th Fighter Wing who recently returned from serving in Afghanistan. These airmen were the recipients of care packages stuffed with toiletries and treats you collected during Catholic Schools Week. Most of the children have experienced holidays without a parent due to deployment at least once.

SASO would like every student to "answer the call of duty" by sponsoring a military child for this special event. All money collected will be donated to help the FRG (Family Readiness Group) purchase gifts and treats to throw the best party ever! If you are able to "enlist", send \$2.00 in an envelope marked with your name and grade. Your name will be printed on "dog tags" which will be displayed in the hall to show your support.

Send all donations to your homeroom "enlistment officer" by November 22nd. Sergeants are asked to record names on the attached drill roster before sending envelopes to the office each day. SASO members will announce troop totals on Gatorcast.



Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

November 8, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On October 19, 2010, Cardinal Rigali issued a Pastoral Letter entitled, "*Called to Conversion and Holiness*". I wish to draw your attention to one of the components of that letter that will be of particular interest to you as parents/guardians of school-aged children.

In this letter, Cardinal Rigali reminds us that "We must review all of our schools and religious education programs to ensure that they are effective in their mission and that the religious education of our youth remains the priority in their operation and maintenance." In order to look more carefully at this ministry to Catholic Education, the Cardinal will appoint a Blue Ribbon Commission. The work of the Blue Ribbon Commission will be to review, analyze and propose a plan to the Cardinal outlining ways to strengthen Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The legacy of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia spans more than 200 years. Among its most vibrant and vital works has been the Catholic Education of its youth across many parishes and schools. As we celebrate this rich heritage and thank God for the blessing that our schools and parish religious education programs have been, we accept the responsibility to ensure their vitality and vibrancy for the future.

The Blue Ribbon Commission will be composed of various national and local experts in the field of Catholic Education both at the school and religious education levels, corporate and financial experts, as well as members of religious communities. The names of the commission members will be announced later in the fall with their work beginning in January, 2011.

As this work unfolds, we ask for your continued prayer and support as the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia responds to the outpouring of God's grace and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Catholic education of our youth is of primary concern to Cardinal Rigali as well as to the life of the Church throughout the five county Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

Keepsake Ornament



Don't miss this unique custom made ornament commemorating our parish community. This dimensional multi-colored gold plated ornament includes a revolving reflection of both our beautiful church on one side and school on the other.

It comes packaged in a clear two-piece gift box.

This terrific keepsake will be treasured by you and your family for years to come...

These ornaments are available in limited quantities for only **\$25!** Cash or checks made payable to Saint Alphonsus Home and School.

To order please fill out the form below and return in envelope marked **Ornament.**

Name: _____

Quantity: _____

Sent home with
student/class: _____



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!

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per \$10 spent



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per \$10 spent



1 eBoxTops
per \$10 spent



4 eBoxTops
per \$10 spent



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per \$10 spent



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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.

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 | | |
| Tie Dye Shorts | | \$16 | | |
| Warrior mesh shorts | | \$18 | | |
| Sweatpants | | \$20 | | |

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:

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

St. Alphonsus



Jr. CYO

All K - 4th grade students interested in participating in Jr. CYO Basketball
Are invited to register at www.wagdogs.com
Cost - \$25.00

Due to last year's overwhelming turn-out please register ASAP!!

Jr. CYO Basketball is a fun and instructional skills based program held once a week in the St. Alphonsus Parish Center

Boys - Sat. morning 8:00-9:00am
Girls - Sat. morning 9:00-10:00am

Sessions will begin December 4th 2010 and run until mid-February

St. Alphonsus CYO Sports Mission Statement

CYO Sports is one component of a parish's comprehensive youth ministry program which enables the partnership of parents, coaches, priests, religious, teachers, and adult leaders to manage and support a sports program that allows youth to grow in their relationship with God and come to better understand themselves and the Catholic Faith. Such a program:

- Employs healthy and enjoyable competition to promote the sharing of gospel values among athletes, parents, and coaches.
- Assists parish leadership in nourishing the emotional, spiritual, social, and physical needs of young people.
- Encourages young people to appreciate the gifts that they possess, and challenges them to share these gifts with their community.
- Allows youth to witness the life of Christian discipleship in their coaches and adult leaders.
- Encourages youth to become responsible members of their faith community.

May God be glorified! Sports should always lead you to Christ, not take you away! Learn what it means to do all things for the greater glory of God!

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

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 _____

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 | | \$ |