



Saint Alphonsus Catholic School



FAMILY NEWSLETTER MARCH 9, 2011

MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION



To our school parents – we need your help!

Please complete our parent survey that is an important step in our re-accreditation. This survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. We value your input as we begin to develop our strategic plan for the future of Saint Alphonsus School. Simply go to our school website where you will find a link to the survey [Parent Middle States Survey](#). **DEADLINE is MARCH 25th!**

Thank you from the Steering Committee
Carol Opdyke
Jane Girondo
Linda Reilly
Anita Fleming
John Steck

Calendar:

- Mar 11 – Second Trimester Ends
Grade 7 & 8 Dance 7:30-10pm
- Mar 14 – Third Trimester Begins
- Mar 16 – Report Cards Gr 5-8
7th Grade Math & Science Bowl @ Lansdale Catholic HS
- Mar 17 – Report Cards Gr K-4
Confirmation Practice 3:30-5:15pm
- Mar 18 – School Holiday / No School
- Mar 20 – Confirmation Practice for Students & Sponsors 1:15-2:15pm
- Mar 25 – School Today!
- Mar 30 – Technology Night 6:30-8pm



Daylight Savings
starts this
Sunday

GRADELINK: The second trimester ends this Friday, March 11th and report cards will be sent home the following week. Parents will not be able to access Gradelink during this time as report cards are being prepared. Gradelink will be accessible again on Monday, March 21st.

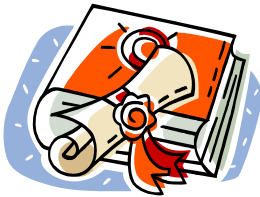
FAMILY SURVEY 2011: Please complete the Family Survey and return to school TOMORROW! Thank you for your response; this information is requested by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and is being requested by numerous school districts!! It is extremely important to have this data in order to receive government money for books, etc. Please return the survey to school by TOMORROW! Thank you!!

Yard Duty Schedule for Next Week February 14-18

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Shift	Di Nicola Fisher Sobolewski Tyrrell	DeMaioribus M Jennings Locati Nagle	Boles Harry Kuczborski Franklin	Campbell Leonard Coleman Hannon	School Holiday
Second Shift	Hunter Cardosi Maiolino Wills	M Dolaway Drummond Rufo Yoast	Grasela Fresno Wydan Shegogue	MB Wall Thompson Felix Loftus	No School

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

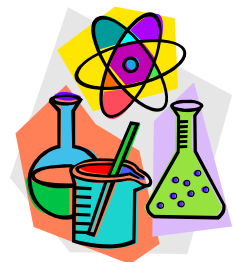
First Friday Mass Collections: On each First Friday of the month we are asking for donations. For Friday, April 4th, we are asking the children to bring in a "one-can meal" for Nutritional Development Services. The following items are some possible suggestions: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Beef Stew, Chili, Pork & Beans, Beef Ravioli, Tuna, Soup, Spam.



Yearbook Orders: The 2010–2011 St. Alphonsus School yearbook is under construction! Reserve your copy now by completing the order form at the end of this newsletter. ***There will not be any extra yearbooks available for purchase in June. You must reserve your copy now!*** 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 11th**.

***LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOK ORDERS AND SCIENCE FAIR ENTRIES!!
BOTH DUE THIS FRIDAY!!***

Science Fair: This year's Science Fair is being held in the cafeteria on April 7th from 7:00-8:30pm. Information and Entry forms are available on the school website along with the Student Information Booklets. **ALL students in Grades K to 6** interested in participating in the Science Fair need to fill out the application form and submit to Mrs. Gribb **by this Friday, March 11th**. Students should bring their displays to the cafeteria by 8:00am on April 7th to be set up. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Gribb at ssgribb@gmail.com





Archdiocesan Art Festival: We are proud of our students who competed with their grade winners from 85 other Archdiocesan schools and placed in the Archdiocesan Art Contest. Congratulations to...

Margaux Barrett, Finalist Grade 1
Audrey Bryce, First Place Grade 3
Bridget Peyton, Third Place Grade 8

Second Grade Speech Screenings: All second grade students will be screened on March 30th by Barbara Maples, the Speech-Language Pathologist from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. Parents will be contacted by Mrs. Maples only in the event additional testing is warranted. If you prefer that your child not be screened, please contact your child's homeroom teacher prior to March 30th. Some weekly speech sessions will be cancelled that day to accommodate for these screenings.

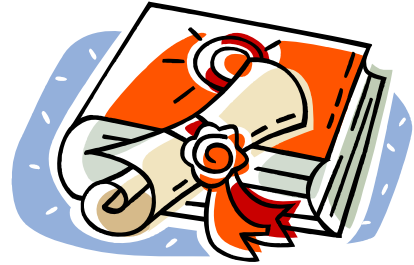
St. A's Talent Show during Catholic Schools Week: Attention Parents: Anyone wishing to view a CD of our 2011 Talent Show may borrow the one created by Mrs. Speese. Please email Mrs. Speese at mrsspeese@verizon.net for more details.

Recycling Pays: A special thank you to Melissa Locati for introducing our school to the Teracycle Program. Your kids have been recycling their foil juice pouches at lunch. We recently received a check for \$70.88. This is such a great way to go "green" and get "Cash for Trash"!

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." 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.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia OCE 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>.

LAST CALL!



2010-2011 YEARBOOK ORDER

Reserve your copy NOW!

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The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00 (***checks only payable to St. Alphonsus School***) when the order is placed. Enclose the check with this order form and send back to school by ***this Friday, March 11th.***

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 _____

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



When to Keep Your Child Home from School

Many children are sick and should be kept home even though they do not have a temperature. We count on parents to use their best judgment. If your child's temperature is 100 degrees or higher, your child should not attend school. While at home, encourage your child to drink plenty of liquids. Your child must be fever-free for 24 hours (without medicine) before returning to school.

Mild Cough/Runny Nose - If there is no fever, and the child feels well enough, he/she may attend school.

Lice - Please do your part to prevent the spread of this communicable condition. Treat your child with a pharmacist recommended OTC product following the directions on the bottle **EXACTLY** as written by the manufacturer. Report lice activity to the school nurse. Your child's confidentiality will be maintained. Your child may return to school after treatment is complete. He/she will be checked by the school nurse.

Bad Cough/Cold Symptoms - Children with bad coughs should stay home, and possibly see a doctor. A severe cold could be flu, bronchitis or pneumonia. When the cough improves, and your child is feeling better, then it's back to school.

Diarrhea or Vomiting - Keep your child home when they are experiencing diarrhea or vomiting and for 24 hours after the last episode (without medicine) at which time your child may return to school.

Sore Throat - A minor sore throat is usually not a problem, but a severe sore throat could be a symptom of strep throat - even if there is no fever. Other symptoms of strep throat are headache and stomach upset. Keep your child home from school and contact a doctor. Your child needs a special test to determine if it is strep throat. If prescribed, he/she can return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins.

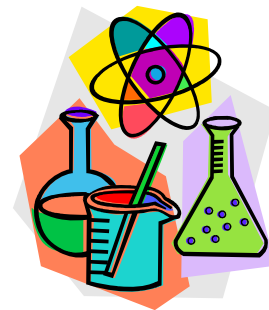
Earache - The child needs to see a doctor to rule out infection.

Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis) - Keep the child home until a doctor has cleared an OK to return to school. Pink eye is highly contagious and most cases are caused by a virus, which will not respond to an antibiotic. Bacterial conjunctivitis will require an antibiotic; your doctor will be able to determine if this is the case.

Rash - Children with a skin rash should see a doctor, as this could be one of several infectious diseases requiring medical treatment.

Remember when in doubt; always call your doctor for advice.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION
January 25, 2011



Dear St. Alphonsus Parents,

On Thursday, April 7th and Friday, April 8th, 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, April 7th and Friday, April 8th, all students of St. Alphonsus will be given the opportunity to view the Science Fair entries. Parents are invited on Thursday, April 7th 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 11th 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 ssgribb@gmail.com.

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 11th *****

Student _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Working with:

Student _____

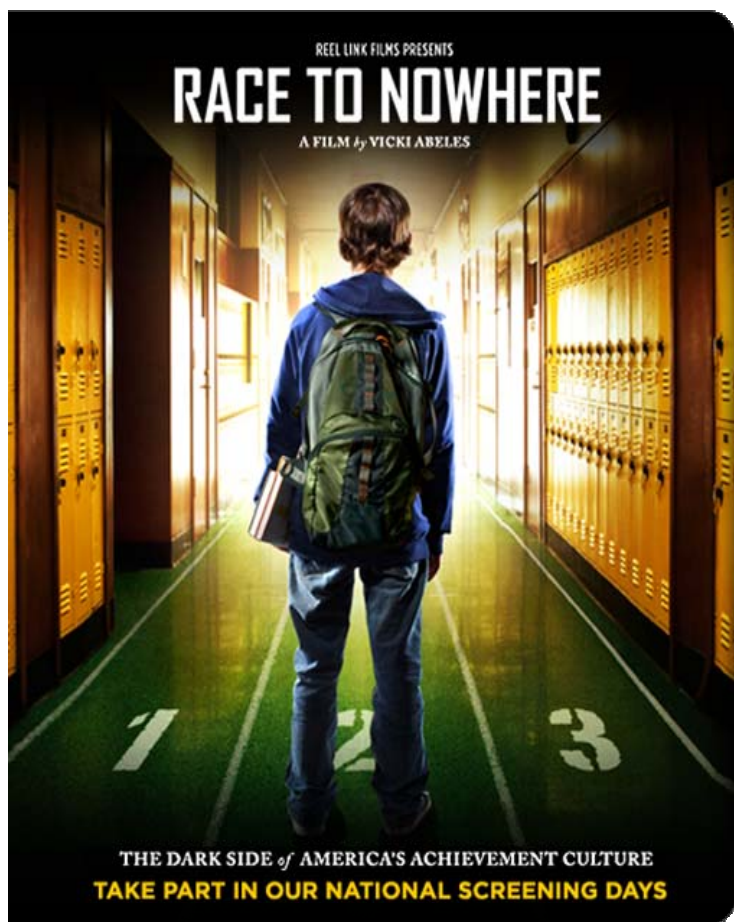
Grade _____ Teacher _____

Please Note: Guidelines for Science Fair displays and procedures are on the St. A's webpage. **If you decide not to participate in Science Fair, please email me at ssgribb@gmail.com**

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School Fathers' and Mothers' Clubs
Present



The critically acclaimed movie,
Race to Nowhere
is a call to action for families, educators,
and policy makers
to challenge current assumptions on how
to best prepare the youth of America
to become healthy, bright, contributing
and leading citizens.

"**Compelling**" Diane Ravich, author *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*

"**Culture changing**" Rachel Simmons, Author, *The Curse of the Good Girl*

"**A growing grass-roots phenomenon.**"
Washington Post

"**Must See Movie**" NY Times

RACE TO NOWHERE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2011

7:00 TO 9:00 PM

Gwynedd Mercy High School Academy Auditorium
1345 Sumneytown Pike in Lower Gwynedd, PA

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door for parents

Tickets can be purchased online at: <http://rtngwyneddmercy.eventbrite.com/>
or www.racetonowhere.com/screenings

For more information and reviews on the movie go to:
www.racetonowhere.com

ST. ALPHONSUS CYO NEWS



Trivia Night Fundraiser
Saturday April 9th
6:30 – Cocktails 7:00 - Dinner
8:00 - Trivia begins
St. Alphonsus Parish Center



Spring Sports registration is open at www.wagdogs.com

**Cadet, Minor and Novice Track and Field -
4th thru 8th grade boys and girls - \$40.00**

Novice - Born January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2001

Minor - Born January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1999

Cadet - Born Sept. 1, 1995 - December 31, 1997

Bantam Track and Field - K thru 3rd grade boys and girls - \$30.00

Track Coaching Volunteers please contact - Michele Hand (MH77@comcast.net)

Varsity Baseball - 7th and 8th grade boys - \$75.00

Varsity Softball - 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls - \$75.00

JV Baseball - 5th and 6th grade boys - \$75.00

JV Softball - 4th and 5th grade girls - \$75.00

Seasons begin on March 1st thru June 15th

Jr. CYO Baseball - K thru 3rd grade boys - \$25.00

Clinics Begin Saturday mornings March 12th, 19th, 26th - 8:30-9:45am

Jr. CYO Softball - K thru 3rd grade 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 a schedule of games. The 2nd and 3rd graders move on to Coach Pitch games by the end of the season. **Still in need of Two to three parent coaches for each team.**

Please volunteer by contacting us at CYOSports@stalphonsus.com or
George Tenzinger – President - gtenzinger@comcast.net

ST. ALPHONSUS TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 9th, 2011

6:30 – Cocktails 7:00 - Dinner

8:00 - Trivia begins

St. Alphonsus Parish Center

RSVP by Saturday, April 2nd, 2011



Beef, Beer, Wine, Mixers

7 Rounds of Trivia

Basket of Cheer Raffles



RESERVE A TABLE FOR \$350

(Must be paid by April 2nd -- ***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 – fconcannon309@verizon.net
Harold Earley – Secretary – earleyhj@yahoo.com*

ST. ALPHONSUS



Jr. CYO

Calling all K – 3rd grade boys interested in participating in a Jr. CYO Baseball Clinic

The Jr. CYO Baseball clinic will be a fun and instructional program held once a week in the St. Alphonsus Parish Center

No Charge - just bring your glove - athletic shoes only - NO CLEATS

**Saturday's 8:30am-9:45am
March 12th, March 19th and March 26th**

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

**Our St. Alphonsus
Gator Mascot
Needs a Name!**



Help Us!

**Please submit a name on this form and
return to Mrs. Opdyke Gr7 - Rm210
by Friday, March 18th**

Name for Gator Mascot _____

Student's Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH

GARAGE SALE #8

Saturday, May 14th: 8-2

Sunday, May 18th: 1-3 (clearance \$5/bag)

RAIN or SHINE in the PARISH CENTER

We invite all Parish members ages 13 and older to get involved and encourage our Parish organizations to join the fun! Volunteers are always needed to sort and price donations during the week prior to the sale and to work the day of the sale. Your valuable time is most appreciated. There are few rules and plenty of time to get acquainted and meet new people. Lots of our helpers are "veterans" and love when we offer relief, so please sign-up!

The back of this flyer indicates dates and times we are open for donation drop-offs. In addition, there is a list of items we can/cannot accept. Most donations in clean, unbroken condition are welcome. Unsold items are donated to St. Vincent De Paul Society.

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Good Eats: The Knights of Columbus offer burgers, hot dogs, pretzels, beverages & snacks throughout the day at reasonable prices. Also, Gina Fabrizio (283-0268) sells the tastiest baked goods fresh from the kitchens of our Parish bakers! We encourage all to participate - no baked good is wasted! Please contact Gina regarding baked goods donations.

OVER»

Donation Drop-off Location & Dates: There are signs leading to the drop-off area at the back door of the Parish Center/Gym. Please proceed very slowly as cars may be driving in both directions & school is in session. We are only open the following dates:

Date to be determined: One Weekend morning in March.

Saturday, May 7th from 10-3.

Monday, May 8th thru Thursday, May 12th from 9-12 and 3-7.

Friday, May 13th from 8-3.

Donations in clean, reasonable condition are accepted with few exceptions. If you are unsure your item is acceptable, please call ahead. If an item is listed as "do not accept" and you bring it, we cannot accept it. These are items that do not sell well and are left for our disposal.

ACCEPT:

Furniture
Bric-a-brac, household goods
Jewelry - fine and costume
Frames, lamps, decorative items
Bed linens, curtains, tablecloths
Sterling/china/glassware
Artwork, pictures, mirrors
Garden items/tools
Snow Blower/Lawn Mower
Holiday/pool/beach stuff
Games, toys, bikes, scooters
Sports equipment (golf, ski, fish, etc)
Books, CDs, DVDs, videos
Overstocks & samples

DO NOT ACCEPT:

Computers & old electronics
mattresses, metal bed frames
large appliances, tires
upholstered furniture
outdated sports equipment
leftover garage sale items
stuffed animals, children's car seats
mismatched mugs/glasses, metal cans
large TVs
exercise equipment, text books
crutches/medical apparatus
old, artificial flower arrangements
metal desks/old office equipment

Clothing: We accept infant & children's clothing in clean, saleable condition. *We will only accept teen/adult clothing that is current (< 5 years old), in good condition & on a hanger.* Please do not donate undergarments, soiled, ripped or out-of-date clothing. Accessories are accepted including purses, shoes, belts, ties, scarves, etc.

OUTDOOR GARAGE SALE SPACES AVAILABLE FOR \$20:

Parish center parking lot *spaces* assigned between 6:30AM to 7:30AM only. The \$20 fee is payable on the day of the sale. Bring your own tables, chairs & change. Remove all unsold items. No flea market vendors.

Call Ellen Lee 641-9887 or Mollie Menapace 653-0270 for details.

Thank you and Happy Spring Cleaning!

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		\$

**Saint Alphonsus School
Presents**

Candlelight 2010



Wednesday, December 22, 2010 7:00 PM

DVD \$20 (includes shipping to your home)

**Enclose exact cash or check payable to:
Wein Video
(Drop form and payment off at St. A's Office)**

Please mail "Candlelight 2010" DVD to:

Name _____

Street _____

City, State & ZIP _____

Phone # _____