



ST. ALOYSIUS

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: August 31, 2020

Parents,

Our neighbors from Southwest Louisiana are devastated, especially those with school-aged children. We have spoken with several families looking to enroll their children in our care. All, so far, have connections with family/friends already attending SAS and are coming from Catholic Schools. With no electricity, no running water, no gasoline, no stores opened, they cannot stay to begin rebuilding. It will be late October/early November before they can reopen their schools and begin rebuilding their lives. Listening to the devastating stories has been heartbreakingly. Continue to pray for them as they find beacons of hope and light; having their children safe and in school is that hope realized.

The safety of our current students is of utmost importance; we will continue to follow COVID-19 Phase 2 guidelines. If we can accept a family with the safety measures as indicated by Phase 2, we will. Know that upon acceptance, the family will be required to quarantine before attending in-person school at SAS. "Vetting" a family for inclusion will require a series of questions to be answered to our standard; some may begin virtually until their quarantine is complete. The Diocese and OLOL Consultants are assisting with individual family's situations.

WOW!! On Saturday, I received a message requesting that we share information about needed supplies, and hours later it became a full operation of volunteers and the BEST CARPOOL LINE EVER!! Several full vehicles and 3 planes later, an enormous amount of supplies reached our neighbors in Southwest Louisiana! What an amazing day, literally ONE DAY. Thanks to the following families for volunteering so selflessly: Ashley and Ryan Temple, Emily and Adam Grezaffi, Ashley Saucier and Jack Koban, Lauren and Scott Hensgens, Tami and Mike Moran, Erin Irby, Sacha Tessier, Claire Cashio, & Adrian Bergeron.

We are so very proud of the students that helped accept, sort, and load supplies. What an example of "living a life of meaning and purpose"! See pictures below.

-Erin Candilora

"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." Amen

IMPORTANT DATES

September 7	Labor Day- No School
September 9	Rescheduled PreK/K Picture Day

For a full school calendar, see the school website.

ABSENCES - We thank you for choosing the option of keeping your children home on their “overflow” day. Now that we have settled in, the teachers are finding creative solutions to including the “overflow” students into the day with outside activities. The “overflow” students are able to join their class for recess, lunch (if it is outside), P.E. class, and for some classroom activities. With this in mind, we prefer you sending your child to school, even if it is their “overflow” day, as we feel the education received on campus is a more inclusive experience. The teachers are also able to help your child with work if he/she is on campus.

IF YOUR CHILD IS HOME SICK OR TAKING A “VACATION DAY” - We will not allow streaming into the class if your child is home sick or away on vacation, as in most situations the child does not have the needed materials. This is causing many disruptions for the classroom. Teachers are teaching students in person, virtually in the “overflow” room, and those virtually at home. This is a lot to keep up with, so if your child is home sick, then they need to rest in order to regain their health to return. We will treat it as we always have with an absence; your child will have time to make up the work upon their return.

LANYARDS - The lanyards holding a child’s mask is an effective tool for keeping the mask clean. Many students are using the lanyard with success, so we encourage you to add this effective tool. Additionally, many middle school students are wearing adult size masks, which does not fit their face properly. The mask should fit snugly over the nose and mouth; please experiment to find the one that fits your child best.

CAFETERIA NEWS- Because of the school closures due to weather, our menu has been pushed forward by one week. The updated menu is posted [HERE](#) on the cafeteria website.

The mission of St. Aloysius School is to educate the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION



