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...a Parent Guide to the Week Ahead at St. Alphonsus Catholic School

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info and our Virtual Talent
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Coming Up...



Teacher Ap- preciation Week — Monday— Friday	MAY 3-7
Free Dress Day — Wednesday	MAY 5
Diocesan Track Meet — Saturday, SPHS	MAY 8
Early Child- hood Grades Awards (see page 2)	MAY 17-19

A Partnership ABOVE and BEYOND...

It's teacher appreciation week, and there's no better time than now to let them know you love them! Also, we appreciate YOU for your support of your child's classroom during this historic year, and we look forward to the last three+ weeks of school and a continued partnership that is FAR surpassing the nation's collective track record in education during this time. Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!



Remember, this **Wednesday (May 5th)** is a **FREE DRESS DAY** for ALL students! This is in appreciation for the wonderful participation in this past Friday's Soirée. Thank you ALL for a SUPER event, and enjoy the free dress day Wednesday!

Liturgy Lookout: This Week in Mass...

Sharing the Love...

As we move closer to the Feast of Pentecost (May 23rd), we begin to see the tone of continued hope established in our liturgy readings. The Easter season is in "full swing," and we have been enjoying a sense of security with the assurance of the Lord's resurrection with us day by day, which is why we continually sing, "Alleluia!" This week's first readings continue to take us through the apostles' mission throughout the known world, and we even see in those readings the "setting up" of Church tradition taking place.

On Monday (the Feast of Saints Philip and James), we gain insight into the importance of our apostolic church by hearing Jesus instruct His apostles on their upcoming mission to evangelize the world. He tells Philip, "whoever has seen me has seen the Father." He goes on to teach that by performing works in His name, they will not only do the works they witnessed by Christ while He was on earth but go on to do even greater works as well... why? Because He will soon ascend back to the Father. This shows God's "master plan" from the beginning to establish an apostolic

church on earth that is to last throughout all of time to spread the good news!

The real beauty in this week's readings, though, is found throughout our gospel readings as Jesus takes us through the Last Supper Discourses. Our Lord wants His disciples not just to understand their duties and obligations but to know just how much they are *loved* by Him and the Father (and the Holy Spirit, who Jesus alludes to this week). Jesus uses the concept of this deep, unfathomable love to inspire his followers to take this love and spread it to all the corners of the earth, regardless of the cost. They are warned about the push-back they will face but also given the assurance of the help that they will have from above, as well. Jesus tells us so beautifully next Sunday, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." He goes on to let them know that keeping His commandments will anchor them in this deep love relationship, but even more importantly, we are commanded to "go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father...he may give you." Love is a great thing, but if we don't share it with the world, what good is it??

How have we done as his faithful disciples in spreading Christ's message throughout our world this week? Do we consider ourselves active evangelists who spread the love of Christ as far and wide as we can? I've seen *abundant* evidence of our school community doing this the past several weeks. Our field day events last week were true labors of love for students, teachers, and parents alike; the virtual "Run for the Roses" (Spring soirée) this weekend showed the power of accomplishment made by intentional disciples coming together to build support with each other in love... and the list goes on! I'm truly blessed to be a part of this community of believers and know you are as well. Are you ready to "up your game," though?? Let's start by inviting just *one* family to join our faith community next school year ... think what would happen if each current family got *just ONE* child to join our school next year. Now, *that* is intentional discipleship in action! Continue to work hard, stay safe, and let's finish strong ... and as always, we'll see you at mass!

Blessings and Peace,

Deacon David

Forming Intentional Disciples for CHRIST!



End-of-the-Year Awards 2020-2021

Please see below for dates and times for your child(ren)'s awards programs for this historic school year! We have carefully designed this schedule to be able to welcome families to these beautiful ceremonies. We respectfully still ask that everyone who attends please wear masks and remain appropriately distanced. We hope you can join us!

Grade Levels	Program Date & Time	Place
PK2 & PK3	Monday, May 17 – 9:30	Church
PK4 (both classes)	Tuesday, May 18 – 9:30	Church
Kindergarten	Wednesday, May 19 – 9:30	Church
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Grades	Monday, May 24 – 9:00	Gym
4 th , 5 th , 6 th Grades	Tuesday, May 25 – 9:00	Gym
6 th Grade Graduation	Wednesday, May 26 – 9:30	Church
6 th Grade Reception	<i>Immediately following ceremony. We respectfully request that all attendees be masked while indoors. Thank you!</i>	Cafeteria

Virtual Talent Show in FULL SWING!

As you know, we are planning a “virtual” talent show for the end of this year! Mr. Manuel Lora will edit and compile all submissions into one or more videos to be shared with you, the St. Al public, the next-to-last week of school.

The deadline for submission is **Friday, May 14, 2021** and we are planning an “air time” of Friday, May 21st in the evening. These dates are, of course, subject to change.

Mr. Lora has established a special “DropBox” account for videos to be placed in so that he can access and use. With that in mind, **when you’re ready to submit a video for the talent show, please EMAIL Mr. Lora at: vanguardist@gmail.com**. He will send you a link to go to in order to deposit your video. That’s it! Super-easy and quick. If you have any questions, please email him. Thank you so much, and **have fun** with this!



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SUMMER CAMP 2021

June 1st through July 30th (closed July 5th)

7:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. Daily

The annual St. Alphonsus camp is offered as a service to students registered for the 2021-2022 academic year.

- **Morning & Afternoon snacks included**
(students must bring a packed lunch and drink each day)
- **Daily Field Trips** (subject to change due to COVID-19)
Skating, Point Cadet Spray Park, IMMS, Movies, etc.
- **Register AND pay ONLINE!** www.stal.org
(opens May 2021! Click on "Store" and follow button prompts)

Flexible Fee Schedule:

\$50.00 non-refundable registration fee		
\$140.00-weekly	\$120.00-4 days	\$100.00-3days
\$75.00-2 days	\$45.00-1 day	

Join us for a summer of FUN!