

January 19, 2024

Dear Karen,



You're Invited to the Home & School Meeting Tuesday

Please join us for our next Home & School Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Campus library. The Home and School Association at All Saints Academy (ASA) is entrusted with fostering and promoting the ASA community. All parents of ASA students from toddler through 8th grade are welcome to join the Home and School Association and are encouraged to take an active role in the group.

8th Grade vs. Staff Basketball Game

We are excited to invite our ASA community to join us for the annual 8th grade vs. staff basketball game Monday, January 29, 2024, at 7:00 PM at St. Isidore Life Center! [Please RSVP to help us plan.](#) Pizza and water will be provided. St. Isidore Life Center is at 625 Spring Street NE.

ASA's Willy Wonka Jr. is Next Week - Get Your Tickets Here!

Our Upper Campus students have been practicing hard for this year's musical, Willy Wonka, Jr! **Shows are January 26 & 27** at 6:30 p.m. at Kenowa Hills Performing Arts Center. Get your tickets and select your seats online now! Tickets are \$9 each. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door.

- [Friday, January 26 Ticket Page](#)
- [Saturday, January 27 Ticket Page](#)

Theme Days for Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is Jan 28-Feb 3. In case your children want to plan ahead for any of the theme days, here they are:

- All Week Collecting personal care items (deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, body wash) for the Community Food Club.
- Sunday, Jan 28 Pack The Pews, 11:00 am at St. Alphonsus Church - Wear your ASA clothing.
- Monday, Jan 29 Dress Like a Saint or Vocation - Students and teachers dress like saints. 7:00 pm Staff vs. 8th Grade game at St. Isidore Family Center. Come cheer us on!
- Tuesday, Jan 30 Jersey Day with uniform bottoms - wear the jersey from your favorite team. 3rd graders attend mass at the cathedral in uniforms and change into jerseys when they return to ASA.
- Wednesday, Jan 31 Dress Up for Jesus (mass day)
UC Students do not need backpacks today
8:00-8:15 am K-8 Drop off at Lower Campus

10:30 am K-8 Mass at St. Alphonsus Church, 224 Carrier St. NE

11:30 am-12:00 pm Students return to their normal campuses

- Thursday, Feb 1 Catholic School Shirt Day with color day bottoms (shirt from ANY Catholic school/university)

Lower Campus Pie in the Face, reward from auction ticket sales.

- Friday, Feb 2 Comfy Clothes/Crazy Hair Day

Upper Campus Pie in the Face, reward from auction ticket sales

1:30 pm Staff vs. 8th Grade volleyball and basketball, UC students only, Upper Campus gym

Feel free to [print and post this flyer as a reminder](#).

CSW Collection for Community Food Club

During Catholic Schools Week (Jan 28-Feb 3), we will be collecting personal care items for our partner [Community Food Club](#). Please send in any of the following items to either campus: Deodorant, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Tooth Paste, Body Wash. **All items will be delivered to the Community Food Club on Friday, February 2.**

Have you Tried the ASA App?

The ASA app is new and improved and ready for you to download to your mobile device. The All Saints Academy GR app is available in the [App Store \(Apple\)](#) and on [Google Play \(Android\)](#). Search "All Saints Academy GR" and download the app developed by Appazur. By installing the app on your mobile devices, you'll have easy access to all of the information and communication tools most commonly used by parents. The ASA App will provide easy access to:

- Emergency Push Notifications (Be sure to allow them when prompted!)
- School Calendar in either month or agenda view
- Lunch Menu
- Reporting Absences (There's a new form to make this process easier!)
- Staff Contact Information
- Social Media Posts - even if you don't have Facebook or Instagram accounts
- School Handbooks
- Parent Links (Blackbaud, Canvas, Infinite Campus, Finalsight, Service Hour Reporting Form, etc.)
- The news feed from the ASA website

Is there something missing from the app that you'd find useful, or any other suggestions? Please let us know by sending an email to Karen Szczytko, kszczytko@asagr.org.

Report Absences More Easily!

There's a [new form for reporting absences](#) included in the new ASA App. This form gives the office staff members all the information they need about your child's late arrivals, absences and early releases, including if your child will be needing school lunch when arriving late. Please do not email your child's teacher with absence information, the office staff will take care of that for you. Simply use the form, and everyone who needs to know will be informed. Not interested in using the ASA App? Just bookmark the form (linked above) in your browser.



K-8 NEWS

Catholic Schools Week K-8 Mass Reminder

All ASA family members are invited to join us for an all-school mass at St. Alphonsus Church (224 Carrier St NE) to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**. **All K-8 students will be dropped off at the lower campus that morning, between 8:00 and 8:15 am.** They will be transported by bus to St. Alphonsus for mass. After mass, K-8 students will be returned to their normal campus, where they will follow a normal lunch/recess, afternoon and pick up schedule. If you haven't already, please [complete this permission form by January 29th](#) so your child can ride the bus to and from St. Al's.



LOWER CAMPUS NEWS

Preschool Report Cards

Preschool report cards for PS3, PS4 & PS5 will be posted to the Infinite Campus parent portal by noon on February 2, 2024. Have you created an Infinite Campus parent portal account yet? If so, do you remember your credentials? If you make online hot lunch payments, the answer is yes. If not, you'll want to set up your parent portal account before Feb. 2. If you cannot find the instructional email that was sent in August, or can't remember your login information, please contact Karen Szczytko, kszczytko@asagr.org.



UPPER CAMPUS NEWS

Permission Form Reminder - Due Monday 1/22/24

All students in grades 3-8 will start their day at the Lower Campus on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024**. **Morning drop off for all K-8 students will be at the Lower Campus, between 8:00 am and 8:15 am.** During the morning, K-8 students will enjoy part of the Willy Wonka Jr. performance, then participate in a joint service project. At 10:30 am K-8 students will attend mass together at Blessed Sacrament Church. Following mass, Upper Campus students will ride a bus back to the Upper Campus, where they will resume a normal day and afternoon pick up. Please [complete this permission form for each of your children in grades 3-8, so they can participate](#).



St. Alphonsus 10th Annual Soup & Chili Cook Off

Come enjoy a variety of soups and chili, or enter your favorite recipe in the competition! The cook off is Saturday February 3, 5:15 - 8 pm at St. Alphonsus Parish Center (228 Carrier St. NE).

- Individual Tickets: \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door
Family Ticket (4 or more) \$35 in advance/\$40 at the door
Children 6-14 are \$5
Children 5 and under free
- Tickets for this yummy event are currently on sale. Tickets can be purchased in advance in the parish office, pantry, or at a Mass the week before the event.
- Cash, card, check, and Venmo will be accepted
- Dessert Bar, Pop, Water, Lemonade included
- Proceeds will benefit our 2024 His Hands Ministry Mission Trip to Jonesville, VA. This year we will be working with the ASP-Appalachia Service Project. Mission Trip will be held the week of April 21-27, 2024

Questions regarding bringing a chili/soup or any other questions can be directed to Michelle at mhatfield@stalphonsusgr.org.

St. Isidore 51st Annual Potato Pancake Breakfast

All are welcome to the St. Isidore Potato Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, January 18, 2024, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Parish Life Center (Gym), 625 Spring St. NE. Enjoy fluffy buttermilk pancakes, homemade potato pancakes, link sausages, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, orange and apple juice, milk and coffee. Prices are \$8 for adults (13+), \$5 for children (5-12), and children 4 and under are free. Please pay by cash or check only. Bring all your friends and family to enjoy breakfast and fellowship.



For the latest admissions information and event news (including camps), check these pages from Catholic Central and West Catholic each week:

[Catholic Central Jr. Cougars](#)

[West Catholic Future Falcons](#)



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broken Rosary?

Broken Rosary? There probably isn't an app for that ... but we might be able to help! Melanie Starback Groh will fix your broken rosaries. If parts need to be purchased, there may be a nominal fee, but she'll contact you first. Please drop off your broken Rosary at either ASA building office or the St. Jude Parish office. Please put the Rosary in a sealed envelope or a zippy bag with your name and phone number on it.



UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, January 23

6:30 p.m. Home & School Meeting, Upper Campus Library

Wednesday, January 24

8:00-8:15 a.m. K-8 Drop Off at Lower Campus

8:15-10:30 a.m. Musical Performance/Service Project at Lower Campus

10:30 a.m. K-8 Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

11:30 a.m. 3-8 Students Return to Upper Campus

Thursday, January 25

8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass, St. Jude Church

Friday, January 26

Color Day

8:15 a.m. Grade K-2 Rosary, LC Gym

9:55-10:55 a.m. Grade 5 Junior Achievement

1:00 p.m. Willy Wonka Jr. Dress Rehearsal, Kenowa Hills Performing Arts Center

6:30 p.m. Willy Wonka Jr. Musical Performance, Kenowa Hill Performing Arts Center

Saturday, January 27

6:30 p.m. Willy Wonka Jr. Musical Performance, Kenowa Hill Performing Arts Center

Sunday, January 28

Catholic Schools Week Begins

11:00 a.m. Pack The Pews at St. Alphonsus Church

Monday, January 29

CSW Dress Like a Saint/Vocation

7:00-8:30 p.m. 8th Grade vs. Staff Basketball Game, St. Isidore Life Center

Tuesday, January 30

CSW Jersey Day

9:00-11:30 a.m. 3rd Grade Attends Diocese of GR CSW Mass, Cathedral of St. Andrew

Wednesday, January 31

CSW Dress Up Day

8:00-8:15 a.m. K-8 Drop Off at Lower Campus

10:30 a.m. K-8 CSW Mass, St. Alphonsus Church

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. K-8 students Return to Normal Campuses

Thursday, February 1

CSW Catholic School Shirt Day

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8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass, St. Jude Church

Friday, February 2

CSW Comfy Clothes & Hat Day

8:10 a.m. UC Rosary, Gym

9:55-10:55 a.m. Grade 5 Junior Achievement

12:00 p.m. Preschool Semester 1 Report Cards Posted to Infinite Campus

Yours in Christ,

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The Vision of All Saints Academy is to provide a transformative education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, this education meets the needs of individual learners, preparing them to make a positive impact on others.

The ASA Sponsor of the Week: Northfield Lanes



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