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at St. Alphonsus Catholic School

November 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Faithful Beginnings at St. Alphonsus Catholic School! We are thrilled that you are taking the time to meet and get to know us. Our Preschool programs are an exciting introduction to school for little ones! Faithful Beginnings has a loving, experienced staff of qualified teachers and aides with a low teacher-student ratio. We offer a fun-filled, faith-based curriculum as the first steps in a Catholic education for little ones. Through hands-on learning and play, we provide opportunities for each child to grow socially, spiritually, and creatively.

For the Preschooler beginning the learning experience is a big transition. Our program will provide your child with a solid foundation in preparation for Kindergarten. Your child will be encouraged to explore their creativity and independence in supportive, faith-filled classrooms.

Looking ahead at our 2018-2019 classes:

Toddler Class available for children who turn 2 by 9/1/18 offers a comfortable first-year experience for your little ones as they are exposed to new friends, interests and learning materials. Program options vary from 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week.

Explorers Class Available for children who turn 3 by 9/1/18 will provide an appropriate balance of self-discovery, physical development, dramatic play and social-emotional learning experiences. Program options vary from 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week.

Kinderstart Class Available for children who turn 4 by 9/1/18 (and will enter Kindergarten at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year) concentrates on social-emotional competency, cognitive development, practical life experience, values building and character development. During this program, children will participate in enrichment classes such as music and phy-ed taught by St. Alphonsus School staff. Students will also attend weekly Wednesday Mass with their 4th grade buddies. Program options vary from 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week.

All of our classes are taught or overseen by our Director who has a MN Teaching license. Our program is licensed and Accredited through NAEYC. We are also a 4-Star Parent Aware Program.

No matter which option you choose for your child, all of them will focus on providing children with a high quality early childhood experience. Please review the attached 2018-2019 Enrollment Form and contact our Advancement Director, Tierney Peters if you have any questions. She can be reached at peterst@mystals.org or (763) 503-3342.

I hope you enjoy your time visiting us, and will consider joining our wonderful community next year! Thank you again for showing interest in our great school.



Kari A. Staples, Principal

Revered Donald Willard, C.Ss.R

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Preschool Curriculum

Basics of Teaching Strategies: Creative Curriculum

This program is based on the early learning state standards, gives an outline for age-appropriate activities, and meaningful experiences that lead to strong literacy; and teaches language and social skills.

- Promotes *Intentional Teaching* which means making the most of every interaction a teacher has with a student and making all activities, routines, games, books, etc. meaningful for learning
- The guidelines allow for teacher creativity in regards to lesson planning and unit themes

Some of our monthly themes include:

- All About Me – At Home and At School
- Transportation and Community Helpers
- Harvest
- Giving to Others and The Holidays
- Winter Wonderland
- The 5 Senses
- Make Believe and Imagination
- Animals in Our World
- Weather

Additional Material:

Learning the letters of the alphabet, numbers, shapes, and colors into daily learning.

Religious Education Curriculum: Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus

- Learning about Catholicism through age-appropriate storytelling, art activities, and song
- Students will learn how to pray, while incorporating our *Faithful Blessings* school prayer as well as meal time prayers
- Kinderstart students go to Mass on Wednesdays with school and sit with their 4th grade buddies
- Emphasis on the idea that God is goodness and love! Offers a welcoming place to first be exposed to faith and church in a fun and creative way.

Music/Physical Education/Library

- Kinderstart students go to music twice a week for about 25 minutes each time. They also go to physical education twice a week for about 25 minutes each time. Finally, they go to the school's library once a week for 25 minutes and are able to borrow one book at a time.
- Explorers go to physical education once a week.

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Meet our Preschool teachers...



Mrs. Melissa Ericson

Preschool Director & Kinderstart Teacher

Mrs. Melissa Ericson is our Preschool Director and graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and her teaching license. She was able to substitute teach in the Anoka Hennepin School District for many years while her kids were growing up. This year she is teaching the Kinderstart preschool class. She lives in Coon Rapids with her husband and three children, and enjoys going to their soccer and baseball games. She also enjoys bike riding, reading, and spending time at her parent's cabin.



Ms. Maria Belde

Explorer Teacher

Ms. Maria Belde is our Lead Preschool Teacher in the Explorer classroom. She graduated from the University of St. Thomas in 2014 with a degree in Sociology and minors in both Family Studies and American Culture and Difference. She has been working with young children for many years in a variety of settings such as nannying, daycare, early preschool and teaching dance.

After attending Catholic school K-12 as well as attending a Catholic university, the community at St. Alphonsus is a perfect fit. Ms. Belde is committed to working with children and families and found her passion in early childhood education. She is also a Senior Instructor and Dance Camp Coordinator at Rince na Chroi School of Irish Dance in St. Paul where she teaches 4 days a week and runs nearly 100 performances per year all around the Twin Cities.



Mrs. Molly Broadbent-Mader

Toddler Teacher

Mrs. Molly Broadbent-Mader has over 12 years of experience teaching preschool at Concy's Montessori and New Horizon Academy. She was also an Assistant Manager at Kidcreate Studio, which is an art studio just for kids that focuses on art education and community outreach. The reason she loves working with kids because seeing them learn and grasp new things while working together is a very rewarding feeling. St. Alphonsus brings so many different people together with the same objection of lifting students up and helping them reach their full potential!

Mrs. Broadbent-Mader has a A.S. in Business Management from Minneapolis Community and Technical College and a B.S. in Business Administration from Metropolitan State University. When she isn't working she enjoys watching movies with her husband and their kitty cat and new puppy, cooking, making art, and dancing with Rince na Chroi Irish dancers!

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2018-2019 Tuition and Fees

Toddler Program: Must be at least 2 years old as of 9/1/2018

(all fees listed are per month)

Number of Days Per Week	6:30am–1:50pm Breakfast & Snack Included Per Month	6:30am-6:00pm Breakfast and Snacks included Per Month	7:30am-11:30am Snack Included Per Month	7:30am–1:50pm Snack Included Per Month	7:30am-6:00pm Snacks included Per Month
2 days	\$420	\$535	\$315	\$410	\$525
3 days	\$595	\$700	\$440	\$585	\$690
4 days	\$750	\$845	\$555	\$740	\$835
5 days	\$890	\$975	\$650	\$880	\$965

Explorers: Must be at least 3 years old as of 9/1/2018

(all fees listed are per month)

Number of Days Per Week	6:30am–1:50pm Breakfast & Snack Included Per Month	6:30am-6:00pm Breakfast and Snacks included Per Month	7:30am-11:30am Snack Included Per Month	7:30am–1:50pm Snack Included Per Month	7:30am-6:00pm Snacks included Per Month
2 days	\$355	\$400	\$250	\$345	\$390
3 days	\$505	\$570	\$340	\$495	\$560
4 days	\$645	\$730	\$425	\$635	\$720
5 days	\$775	\$880	\$500	\$765	\$870

Kinderstart: Must be at least 4 years old as of 9/1/2018

(all fees listed are per month)

Number of Days Per Week	6:30am–1:50pm Breakfast & Snack Included Per Month	6:30am-6:00pm Breakfast and Snacks included Per Month	7:30am-11:30am Snack Included Per Month	7:30am–1:50pm Snack Included Per Month	7:30am-6:00pm Snacks included Per Month
2 days	\$345	\$390	\$240	\$335	\$380
3 days	\$495	\$565	\$335	\$485	\$550
4 days	\$635	\$720	\$420	\$625	\$710
5 days	\$760	\$865	\$490	\$750	\$855

Additional Notes

- Any changes made to a child's schedule after registration will incur a \$25 change fee.
- There is a \$50 Registration Fee per child due at the time of registration and a \$50 Activity Fee due 9/14/18 that covers materials and supplies for the classroom. No other school supplies need to be brought to school. Backpacks are encouraged.
- All tuition and fees are per month. Faithful Beginnings follows St. Alphonsus Catholic School's calendar. Students will not be able to switch days or have a reduction in tuition in order to make up a day that school is closed.
- 10% off 2nd child enrolled in the Early Childhood Program
- Hot Lunch program is an additional per day fee.
(Applications for Free/Reduced Lunch available in Fall)

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Preschool Financial Assistance Options



The Early Learning Scholarships give families financial support to help pay for high-quality early care and education to prepare their young children for school.

The scholarship amount is up to \$7,500 for a 12 month period. The Early Learning Scholarship must be used at a Minnesota child care or early learning program that is a 3 or 4 star-rated Parent Aware program.

Questions? 651-641-6604

<http://www.thinksmall.org>

Military Child Care Assistance Programs



If you are a member of the **United States Military**, you may be eligible for Department of Defense child care fee assistance. Members of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps may receive help paying for off-base child care providers if they are unable to access on-base care.

<http://childcareaware.org/military-child-care-assistance-programs>



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2018-2019 Early Childhood Program Registration

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- Toddlers (must be 2 by 9/1/18)
Explorers (must be 3 by 9/1/18)
Kinderstart (must be 4 by 9/1/18)

Child's Full Name (First, Middle, Last):

Birth Date: Name Child Goes By:

Sex: Male Female Child's Religion:

Student(s) resides at: one household multiple households

*Please describe student's living arrangements:

Living arrangements description lines

Child lives with: Both Parents Mother Father Other

Ethnicity:

Optional for statistical purposes only

- White/Caucasian Asian
Native American/Native Alaskan African/African American
Hispanic/Latino Multiracial

Guardian #1 Information - 1st to be contacted

Father Mother Other: NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/ZIP/COUNTY:

PRIMARY PHONE:() -

- Home Phone Cell Phone

SECONDARY PHONE:() -

- Home Phone Cell Phone

PRIMARY EMAIL:

- Single Married Separated Widowed

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION:

Guardian #2 Information - 2nd to be contacted

Father Mother Other: NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/ZIP/COUNTY:

PRIMARY PHONE:() -

- Home Phone Cell Phone

SECONDARY PHONE:() -

- Home Phone Cell Phone

PRIMARY EMAIL:

- Single Married Separated Widowed

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION:

For Office Use Only:

- Fee \$50 Ck#/Cash: Think Small: Date Received:
Tuition Contract SMART Form Think Small or other grant documents
Early Childhood Screening Consent Emergency Contact Health Care Summary Immunization Record

I would like to register my child for the following: (Please Check One)

Number of Days Per Week	6:30am–1:50pm Breakfast & Snack Included Per Month	6:30am-6:00pm Breakfast and Snacks included Per Month	7:30am-11:30am Snack Included Per Month	7:30am–1:50pm Snack Included Per Month	7:30am-6:00pm Snacks included Per Month
2 days					
3 days					
4 days					
5 days					

Please choose which days you would like your child to attend:

____ Monday ____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday ____ Thursday ____ Friday

_____ I have received the price of tuition information and agree to pay all tuition and fees due for the program I have selected. (Please Initial)

Who is Authorized to Provide Transportation to and from School (other than parents)?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Is there anyone NOT allowed to pick up your child? _____

Are there any home situations we should be made aware of? _____

What language does your child primarily speak? _____

Has your child had previous group experience? _____

How does your child express anger or frustration? _____

When your child is upset, what helps comfort them? _____

What is your expectation for an Early Childhood experience? _____

Which hand does your child prefer to use? _____

Does your child nap? If so, how long? _____

What are 3 words to describe your child? _____

How will your child let us know they need to use the bathroom? _____

What else would you like us to know about your child? _____

How did you hear about St. Al's Early Childhood Program? _____

REGISTRATION FEE: In order to reserve a place for your child, a non-refundable deposit of **\$50** must be submitted with this registration form.

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2018-2019 Tuition Payment Method

This form must be completed by all families and returned with the 2018-2019 Enrollment Form and Registration Fee.

FILL IN FAMILY INFORMATION:

Name _____

Address _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email Address _____

of students attending _____

Grade Level (please circle all that apply):

Toddler Explorers Kinderstart K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

TUITION PAYMENT METHOD 2018-2019 (Check appropriate box)

Think Small or applicable child care assistance grant SMART- Auto Payment Both*

*If you stated "Both", please describe your intended payment arrangement: _____

If you are receiving tuition assistance ONLY with a grant such as Think Small, please include the proper paperwork with this form. Please sign and date at the bottom of this page.

If you are paying some or all of your tuition in installments with SMART Tuition, continue filling out this form.

NEW SMART PARTICIPANT

NEW SMART PARTICIPANT (Please complete SMART online at www.enrollwithsmart.com or and return Smart Form - attached) **Note: SMART'S Administrative Fee is \$50.00 a year**

CURRENT SMART PARTICIPANT – Only complete if you signed up for SMART during 2017-2018 school year (**Please check one**) **Note: SMART'S Administrative Fee is \$50.00 a year**

NO CHANGE IN SMART FROM 2017-2018. Please keep all accounting the same. SMART will notify you of date and amounts due.

CHANGES IN SMART FROM 2017-2018**

Day of Month: 10th 20th 30th

Different Bank Account

Plan Change:

Monthly (Aug-May) Quarterly (Aug,Nov,Jan,Mar) Semi-Annually(Aug,Jan)

****Please fill out new SMART Form (online at www.enrollwithsmart.com or attached) if you have any changes or are new to the SMART PROGRAM.**

Authorized Signature(s)

Date

Please return this form with the Enrollment Form and Fee by February 3, 2018. Any Questions contact the Business Office Michelle or Karen at 763-503-3389.

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