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**Albert Cammon**  
 Middle School

ACM Pirate Parents, Families, Friends, and Community,

What a SMOOTH start to the 2023-2024 school year! Not sure if you have heard the news, but **“ACM’s STILL Wild About Learning!”** as we remain **ONE TEAM...One Goal...One Mission—providing what our students need to succeed.**

ACM’s **vision** is to foster future-ready, lifelong learners through academic, social, and emotional experiences.

ACM’s **mission** is to build a well-rounded community while ensuring high levels of learning and success for all.

During **Quarter 1 Pirate Pride** last month, we reviewed school-wide expectations with our Pirates; we also, focused on **Goal ACM** where each student set personal short-term academic goals for this quarter based upon their previous end-of-the-year or (Y1) grades and LEAP scores. Please inquire about Goal ACM and assist us with supporting your child in accomplishing these short-term academic goals while striving to attain longer-term goals.

If you have not done so already, please sign and return the **Albert Cammon Middle Title 1 Handbook Acknowledgement page 25 (English) or page 26 (Spanish)** of our **ACM Student and Families Handbook** (Student Planner/Agenda) as well as any other **Back-To-School Online Paperwork and/or Fees** if you have not already submitted them by Friday, **September 15, 2023**. If needed, **please update your most current PowerSchool contact information**. It is critical that we are able to contact you in cases of emergencies.

We are excited to announce that **ACM Athletics begin this month**. However, **academic achievement is paramount to the success of our students**. We support scholar athletes who are well-rounded individuals. Physical activity plays its part, but promoting our students’ academics and character development are most essential to our students’ academic, social, and emotional well-being.

It is our mission for our Pirates to leave ACM as rounded individuals ready to trek their lives most confidently. We often tell our students that **the significant difference between successful and unsuccessful people is successful people keep going and never give up—they persevere—while unsuccessful people give up or stop**. In order for us to continue to grow, we all have to increase what we actually know. Knowledge is the power our students need to be #FutureReady! Let’s all continue to embrace and demonstrate a grateful growth mindset!

When some successful Pirates were asked, “What makes them successful?” based upon MaryEllen’ Tribby’s The Success Indicator graphic, they indicated engaging in or doing the following:

- ☐ Using their student planners/agendas to keep organized and set goals
- ☐ Asserting themselves when needed (e.g., asking teacher for assistance when concepts are confusing)
- ☐ Completing homework during lunch or if they finish classwork early
- ☐ Meeting with teacher during lunch or discussing hard concepts with peers that “get-it”
- ☐ Studying on the way to/from school on the bus or in the car
- ☐ Visiting the local library to complete homework, study, or conduct research
- ☐ Studying in peer groups that hold all participants accountable
- ☐ Soliciting a Pirate Peer Mentor for support

Please remind our **Prideful Pirates to respect themselves, others, and the environment** everywhere they go as they are truly representing themselves, your families, and our school. For valuable resources and information on topics like bullying, please visit our **For Students** and **For Families** tabs on the **St. Charles Parish Schools Website**.

**Quarter 1 Family /Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th (preferably in person but may be virtual) for your convenience.** We value each of you as a partner in education, so when the time approaches, please schedule your conference and plan to attend. Research indicates that family involvement in a student’s education is essential to the student’s academic achievement.

At ACM, we live our district’s credo. **Our Core Business is Teaching and Learning.** We are ALWAYS **“Striving for Excellence”** as our **Focus is Continuous Improvement** and our **Commitment is Learning for Life!**

Respectfully,  
 LaSonn Porter



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## Employee of the Month August



Cherionda Lee  
Para-Educator

## Yearbooks

It is not too late to purchase 2022-2023 ACM yearbooks. Only a few yearbooks remain, so take the opportunity to preserve your memories before they are all sold. The price is \$25.00. Checks should be made out to Albert Cammon Middle School. See Mrs. Jaubert for your purchase.

**BUY YOUR**  
*Yearbook*

## Students of the Month August



### 8th Grade

Asher Morrow  
Faith Soignier

### 7th Grade

Luis Salmon  
Valerie Cartagena

### 6th Grade

Bria Green  
Jeremiah Maurin

## What will your lanyard look like?

Every nine weeks, students have the opportunity to earn achievement pins based on academic merit. Achievement pins are earned for Principal's list, honor roll, and perfect attendance. The B.U.G. award will be added to the rest of the awards after the second nine weeks.



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TO: All Principals  
FROM: Kevin Barney, Director of Physical Plant Maintenance  
DATE: August 9, 2023  
RE: AHERA Management Plan

Due to federal regulations, I am responsible to notify you annually of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) management plan at your school. Please communicate to parents through your school newsletter the following notice regarding the AHERA publication:

**Notice:** In 1986 all asbestos materials were identified in all school buildings. A management plan was developed for each school as per the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The management plan is located in a binder in the main office of each school. The binders are available for review upon request.

Since the plan was developed, most of the asbestos has been removed. In a few buildings, some floor tile still remains that contains asbestos. All of the schools meet the health requirements that pertain to the regulation. If you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact Kevin Barney, Director of Physical Plant Maintenance at 985-331-3600 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

You must copy the notice verbatim to include as an article in your newsletter. A copy must also be posted in your faculty lounge. A similar notice will appear in the August 24<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> editions of the St. Charles Herald Guide and on Channel 8, the district cable channel.

Approved:

  
John P. Rome Jr., Chief Plant Services & Security Officer

  
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### • IF I MISS A CALL, CAN I CALL THE NUMBER BACK?

Yes! You may leave a message for the educator who called, or speak directly to the educator if calling during his or her office hours. Or, better yet, send a text to the same number and you'll reach the educator who called you.

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**TOGETHER, WE CAN MOVE  
STUDENTS FORWARD!**



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## RAPTOR Visitor Management System

St. Charles Parish Public Schools is using RAPTOR, a visitor management system to build on the district's program of campus safety for students and staff. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our building at all times, and the Raptor system will allow us to do that. The Raptor system will better allow us to track visitors in our schools providing us with a safer environment for students and staff. Upon entering a school, visitors will be asked to present a valid state-issued ID, which will be scanned into the system. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our buildings. It is important to note that the Raptor system only scans the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. Additional visitor data from the driver's license is not gathered nor is the system connected to any other system such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. Therefore, any other information on the ID is not scanned by the system and is not accessible to any of the users. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. The safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance. Therefore, all visitors to the school must be scanned into the system and obtain a visitor badge. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support of enhancing school safety protocols in St. Charles Parish Public Schools.



## Back to School Study Skill Tips

1. Don't study and eat at the same time.
2. Try to study the same time each day.
3. Make sure you have everything you need before you start.
4. Keep your homework in the same place, so you know right where to find it.
5. Have a system for keeping track of when and what assignments are due.
6. Start an assignment the day it is given out. The longer you wait, the more stressed you will be.

The Perfect place to study:

- is quiet
- has good lighting
- is free from distractions
- has all the tools you need for studying

Remember to include at least 15 minutes a day for reading.



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## If Your Child Is Sick

### What can I do if my child gets sick?

Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids.

If your child is 5 years or older and does not have long-term health problems and gets flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, consult your doctor as needed.

Children younger than 5 years – especially those younger than 2 years – and children with certain chronic health conditions (including asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system), are at higher risk of serious flu complications. Call your doctor or take your child to the doctor right away if they develop flu symptoms.

### What if my child seems very sick?

Even healthy children can get very sick from flu. If your child is experiencing the following emergency warning signs, you should go to the emergency room:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish lips or face
- Ribs pulling in with each breath
- Chest pain
- Severe muscle pain (child refuses to walk)
- Dehydration (no urine for 8 hours, dry mouth, no tears when crying)
- Not alert or interacting when awake
- Seizures
- Fever above 104°F that is not controlled by fever-reducing medicine
- In children less than 12 weeks, any fever
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions

### How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at higher risk of flu complications like pneumonia, and sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

### How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

### What are flu signs and symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Not everyone with the flu will have a fever.

## Protect your child

### How can I protect my child from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination.
- It's especially important that young children and children with certain chronic health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at higher risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at higher risk for serious flu complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptom that is severe or concerning.

### How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from one day before getting sick to up to five to seven days after. Severely ill people or infants may be able to spread flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

### Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest until their symptoms have improved to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

### When can my child go back to school, daycare, or camp after having flu?

Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone and their symptoms have improved or resolved. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C)\* or higher.

\*Many authorities use either 100 (37.8 degrees Celsius) or 100.4 F (38.0 degrees Celsius) as a cut-off for fever, but this number can vary depending on factors such as the method of measurement and the age of the person.

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm) or call 800-CDC-INFO



## Flu Information



## Flu: A Guide for Parents

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that from the 2010-2011 season to the 2019-2020 season, flu-related hospitalizations among children younger than 5 years old have ranged from 6,000 to 27,000 annually in the United States. The flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.



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Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

- Pregnant people should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Flu vaccination during pregnancy protects babies from flu for several months after birth.

Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

### Are flu vaccines safe?

Flu vaccines have an excellent safety record. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

### What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?

- A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick. When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about 40 to 60 percent.
- Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu. A recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of severe life-threatening influenza as much as 75%.
- Flu vaccine can be life saving in children. A study using data from multiple flu seasons found that flu vaccine reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half among children with higher risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds among healthy children.
- Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.

- Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health problems.

### Is there a medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder, and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antivirals work best when started during the first two days of illness. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at increased risk of serious flu complications. Antivirals can be given to children and pregnant people.

### What are some other ways I can protect my child against flu?

- In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.
- Stay away from people who are sick; cover your cough and sneezes; wash your hands often with soap and water; do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth; and clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with flu viruses.

These everyday actions are a good way to reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others if you do get sick. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best protection against flu illness.







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## Welcome Back to the 2023-2024 School Year!



## Back to School Dance





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## New Student Breakfast Our Counselor CARES



## Two-minute Conferences with Ms. Jumonville



Our School Counselor , Francine Jumonville, meets with every student twice a year for a two minute check-in conferences. Ms. Jumonville also presents a powerpoint and welcomes new students, along with Ms. Porter to our school during the New Student Breakfast.



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## Junior Beta Requirements

Requirements for receiving an invitation to join ACM Junior Beta:

- Honor Roll for the first nine weeks
- Invitations will be sent home with students after reports cards are sent home.

### Membership Requirements:

- New member dues are \$30 (National Dues and ACM Beta Polo shirt)
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA with no lower than a "C"
- Good behavioral standing with one or less referrals
- Meeting attendance
- Service hours with a minimum of 15 hours of service during the year
- Participation in Beta events throughout the year
- District Day in December
- State Convention in Lafayette in February
- Beta Induction will be held in January 2024



## Life in the Library



School is off to a great start in the library! Sixth graders visited for their Library Orientation and were able to check out selections for the first time. Students were also introduced to the newest nominees for Louisiana Young Reader's Choice award. Students are encouraged to read at least two of these nominees before March to be eligible to cast their vote for this year's winner. A link to a list of this year's nominees can be found on the ACM library webpage. Lunchtime in the Library has been busy, especially for 7th grade. We are looking forward to Ms. Ashley Harris from St. Rose Library to begin visiting us on a monthly basis. She always brings great information and fun activities for the students.

Please continue to encourage your children to look for books that they can enjoy reading. I am happy to help your student find the best fit for him/her. Even a short 20 minutes devoted to reading for pleasure can help to increase vocabulary and sharpen comprehension which translates into improvement in all subject areas.

Reading makes all other learning possible. We have to get books into our children's hands early and often.

Barack Obama  
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## **ALBERT CAMMON** **FOOTBALL** **SCHEDULE**

**\*all games start at 5:30 PM**

	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	8/31	Thibodaux Middle	Thibodaux High-6:30 pm
<b>SCPPS Jamboree</b>	9/7	LAKE PONCHARTRAIN	Hahnville High
<b>DISTRICT GAME</b>	9/14	HURST	Destrehan High
<b>DISTRICT GAME</b>	9/21	RKS	Destrehan High
<b>DISTRICT GAME</b>	9/28	JBM	Destrehan High
<b>DISTRICT GAME</b>	10/5	HURST	Destrehan High
<b>DISTRICT GAME</b>	10/12	RKS	Hahnville High
	10/19	ST JAMES	St. James High-6:00 pm
<b>DISTRICT GAME</b>	10/25	JBM	Hahnville High

## **After-School Activities**

Our after-school activity busses load at 4:50 PM. Parents should arrive by 4:45 PM if they are picking up a child. Parents will need to present their drivers' license or an ID when picking up their child. Kindly have your ID readily available for verification.





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ALBERT CAMMON MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Morning Drop Off/Tardy Times

Students should be dropped off between 7:40 A.M. and 7:50 A.M. Parents who are bringing their children to school must take the side road by the cafeteria. Parents should enter the school grounds from Pirate Drive. They should make a U-turn in the back of the school and then proceed to the cafeteria area to drop students off on the side of the school. Please remember that the front of the school is reserved for school buses only. Arrival time on a **regular school day** is at **7:40 A.M.-7:50 A.M.** Arrival time **after 7:50 A.M.** is considered **tardy**, and a **parent must sign the student in at the main office after that time.**

## Afternoon Pick Up/Parking Tips

All parents picking up their children at dismissal must drive down Pirate Drive and make a U-turn in the back of the school and then proceed to the cafeteria to pick up your child. Please remember that the front of the school is reserved for buses only. When arriving after 1:30 P.M. to our campus, park in the St. Rose Elementary rear parking lot. After that time, our afternoon buses arrive, and you will not be able to leave until after dismissal.

### Administrative Team

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## September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <i>Labor Day No School</i>	5	6 <i>PTO Meeting 5-6  6:00 SRE Back to School Night Wetlands Watchers</i>	7	8 <i>11:55 Early Dismissal  Progress Reports</i>	9
10	11	12	13	14 <i>ACM Football Game 1 vs HMS (DHS)</i>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 <i>ACM Football Game 2 vs RKS (DHS)</i>	22 <i>Pink out the Place (Pink Links Fundraiser) \$2 minimum  7-9 Battle on the River (HHS)</i>	23
24	25 <i>ACM Volleyball Game 1 vs RKS (ACM)</i>	26	27 <i>ACM Volleyball Game 2 vs JBM (JBM)</i>	28 <i>ACM Football Game 3 vs JBM (DHS)</i>	29 <i>8:15 6th Gr Family Treasure Time Visit</i>	30