



For students going into 5K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or students who have had previous exposure to the Spanish language.

Dear Parent(s),

¡Bienvenidos a la escuela San Alfonso! Welcome to St. Alphonsus School!

St. Alphonsus School offers a world language program. We offer Spanish as an elective to our students in grades 5K – 8. Unless your child has had previous exposure to the Spanish language, I will be able to accommodate new students only at the 5K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade levels.

Parents of students who elect to participate in this program pay an additional fee.

My approach is the 'Natural Approach' which is second language acquisition via meaningful and authentic experiences. Embedded in these experiences (songs, games, poetry, stories, dramatizations, etc.) are the concepts, verbal skills, and grammatical structures necessary for successful oral and written communication in the target language. Our curriculum encompasses all of the Wisconsin standards for foreign language acquisition.

My objective is to teach Spanish in a stress-free, fun, and motivating environment. Other goals are to introduce my students to another culture, make them sensitive and open to other cultures, and lessen any fears they may have about studying a world language.

In the Middle Grades there is a greater emphasis on grammar and use of the acquired language skills to speak, read, and write. This may afford them the opportunity to test out of Spanish 1 and enter into Spanish 2 when they begin high school.

Please return the bottom portion of this letter to the School Office to let us know whether or not you are interested in having your child enrolled in the program.

Sinceramente,

*Sra. Rebecca Trojan*  
Spanish Teacher

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\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing \$200.00. Please enroll my child in the St. Alphonsus School Spanish program for the next school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to enroll my child in the St. Alphonsus Spanish program.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2011-2012 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_