

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, February 2nd



## Events

### February 5

ACRE Testing Begins

### February 8

Spring Pictures

### February 9

Dress Down \$1.50

### February 10

Trivia Night

### February 13

Papa Johns Night

### February 16

1:00 Dismissal  
Spirit Day - Presidents/  
Celebrities

### February 19

No School

### February 21

1st Eucharist Parent Meeting 7  
p.m.

## Thanks for a great Catholic Schools Week! St. Ambrose is the best!

### REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19 IS COMING!!

Every family (new and returning) must register in person for the new school year. The registration process will all be completed in the Community Center. Representatives from the school office, the business office, the school board and Father Steve and/or the Deacons will be present to meet with each family and to answer any questions. Required registration fee payments for registration are: \$125 minimum payment for families with only one child. \$250 minimum payment for families with 2 or more children. **THE REMAINING BALANCE FOR ALL REGISTRATION FEES FOR ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR IS DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 31ST.**

We are SO EXCITED about all that God has in store for us in the coming year! We're blessed to have you be a part!

### Valentine's Day

Since Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday this year, all class Valentine's Day parties will be held on Tuesday, February 13th this year.

### Fat Tuesday

The annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Breakfast will be held on February 13th. Breakfast includes three pancakes, two sausages, and juice and will cost \$4.50, to be deducted from your child's Fast Direct account. **YOUR CHILD MUST HAVE A POSITIVE BALANCE IN HIS OR HER LUNCH ACCOUNT TO BE ABLE TO ORDER PANCAKES.** Parent breakfast tickets may be purchased in the school office.

### Trivia Night

When: Saturday, February 10th  
Where: St. Ambrose Gym  
What Time: Doors open at 6:15pm, Trivia Starts at 7:00pm  
You Bring:  
Lots of Tasty Food  
Adult beverages  
A full table!  
We Provide:  
Soda - Water - Popcorn  
Mulligans  
Tons of Fun!

We have prizes!!

Cash Prizes to the Top 2 Teams!  
50/50 Drawing!  
Mini games between rounds!  
Best Decorated Table!

Cost is \$15 per person (Adults Only) if Pay in Advance / \$20 per person if Pay at the Door  
Max of 8 per table (minimum 6)  
Checks Payable to : St. Ambrose Parent's Association

Mail checks to : Marisa Murray, 1702 Karen Ct, Godfrey, IL 62035 OR Pay the night of trivia

Questions??? Call Marisa Murray 618-781-5904 OR Lacey Isringhausen 618-210-6422 OR e-mail Marisa Murray - marisamurray1018@yahoo.com

**Illinois Tax Scholarship**

Illinois Tax Scholarship: This is very exciting news and helps "reduce" the cost of private education and help the St. Ambrose families.

With the new tax laws Parents can pay for their tuition with their free 529 account and it will be virtually tax free since contributions up to \$10,000 per child are tax deductible.

News article:

www.stltoday.com/news/local/education/parents-in-missouri-can-now-claim-tax-deductions-for-private/

article\_2fda35d8-4eec-54ab-aa2c-440314c7588b.html

Illinois Plan Tax Law Changes Opening it up to Elementary school education:

www.brightstartsavings.com/tax-law-changes-529-plans/

Overview of the plan:

www.brightstartsavings.com/529-benefits/

Also, please see the attached flyer that gives information about the what, where and how of this new program. Here is the link to visit if you want to sign up for a scholarship: <https://empowerillinois.org/>

- Applications for families/students will open up on January 24.

- The application process is FREE for families

- The same Empower Illinois website lets families know what information they need to have ready in order to complete the application

- Families fill out ONE application, even if they have more than one potential student and even if they plan to attend different private schools.

- They referred to the process as a “dynamic application” meaning that it won’t look or be exactly the same for each family... household circumstances are different so it could ask for

different information from each applicant.

**A Note from the School Nurse**

Many of our students have been ill with fever and vomiting over the last few weeks. To return to school or attend school activities, students must be without vomiting or fever for 24 hours—without medication. Your adherence to this school policy regarding fever and vomiting has a direct impact on the health of other children.

**Cold Weather Dress Code**

Just a couple of reminders for dress code during the winter weather:

- 1) Girls may wear leggings or tights (red, gray, black, white, navy) under their skirts.
- 2) Turtlenecks (red, gray, white or navy) are acceptable as collared shirts to wear under jumpers or sweaters/sweatshirts.
- 3) Please make sure your child has a coat, hat/hood, and gloves/mittens every day at school.
- 4) Students must wear socks at all times (and only athletic shoes).
- 5) Boots can be worn to school and then put back on to go home, but may NOT be worn as footwear all day long at school; please bring a pair of athletic shoes for your student to wear in the building
- 6) The only sweatshirts/hoodies that are allowed in the

classrooms are St. Ambrose, Marquette or plain red, navy, gray, or white. Plain means that at most a small logo can be on the shirt (like a tiny Nike or Polo at the top) but not one that covers a large portion of the sweatshirt or that has any other school or logo printed on it.

### **Scrip**

Scrip may be purchased during regular parish office hours in the Church office. It will no longer be sold in the school office. Orders can of course still be sent to the school with children so that Scrip can be sent home with them. We will work to make your Scrip purchasing as easy as possible. Scrip is also available after most masses.



6:30pm  
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St. Mary's Middle School  
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1015 Milton Rd.  
Alton, IL 62002  
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Please join us!  
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Open to the public

# FEB. 6TH CYBERBULLYING

Presented by Trooper Calvin Dye of the Illinois State Police

“ Kindness  
is giving hope to  
those who think  
they are all alone in  
this world. ”

— RAKtivist

