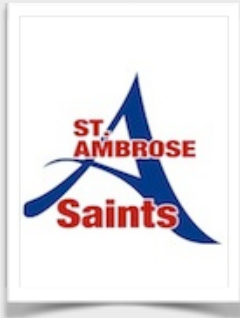


ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday, September 21st



Events

September 26

1:00 Dismissal

September 28

Spirit Day - Sports

October 5

Dress Down \$1.50

October 8

No School

October 9

Papa Johns Night

October 10

Parent Virtue Night

October 19

End of 1st Quarter

Applefest THANK YOU

St. Ambrose Applefest would not be complete without a BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone that helped to make it a success! While taking the time to express our gratitude, we also would like to emphasize a lesson from Father Steve that we have found personally fitting for this exact occasion.

Father Steve has been emphasizing to our children of the parish how donations/gifts can be in the form of Time, Talent, or Treasure, and we are fortunate to have received all of these for our event from everyone involved. Whether you had your time, talent or treasure to give, they are all valuable and deeply appreciated.

Thank you to Father Steve, Deacon Bill, Deacon Tom, and Deacon Jay for organizing and running "AFEST" (our version of bingo) in the Community Center on Friday evening. It is a great new addition to our event, and we appreciate your willingness to make it happen.

We would also like to thank all the individuals and families that

donated their valuable time to various areas during the event. St. Ambrose Applefest could not have been a success without all those volunteers working set up, games, food, beverage areas, basket raffle, ticket sales, clean up or many other tasks.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of the businesses and individuals in our community, at the school, and parish that made contributions to our event. These donations help provide tremendous amounts of support, resources and funds that help make our event a success each year.

A special Thank You to our amazing Applefest Committee for all the months of prep work, planning and extra effort: Andrea Abbott, Sarah & Paul Braundmeier, Jim Dixon, Monica & Mark Ellebracht, Missy & Brian Estes, Abby & Gabe Delehanty, Patrick King, Alison Richards, Kevin & Darcy Rowland, Shonna Shrock, Matt Shrock & Mary Jo Zykan - your countless hours and assistance in planning, set up, working the entire event, and clean up, are

most appreciated. You are a wonderful group of people and we are so grateful for all of your hard work and efforts, and we realize the amount of time you put in for this event.

Sincerely,
Kevin & Mary Kline
St. Ambrose Applefest Co-Chairs

Grand Raffle 2018 Winners
Grand Prize \$2,500 Kathy Wickenhauser
2nd Prize \$500 Rosemary Stephan
3rd Prize \$250 Patricia Steinmann

Mum Sales

The 7th grade is gearing up for their trip to Space Camp next year and MUM SALES are now taking place! An order form is available through the school office, or you may purchase mums after masses this weekend. Orders and payment are due on September 28th - just in time for fall!

Mums are available in "sleeved" 9 inch pot containers in several beautiful colors, including red, white, yellow, bronze, and purple. Get your orders in soon!

Thanks for your support of our 7th grade Class!

Please contact Tara Statos at

618-558-0612 with any questions.

Dismissal

GREAT JOB by everyone with the drop-off and dismissal procedures! Some reminders: If kids are moving, cars are not! If cars are moving, kids are not! NO BACKING UP! All cars must drive forward (towards the school) and then left; no other direction, please!

3 Options for pick up:

1. Park in the front three sections, facing the school and wait until 2:50 to be dismissed by rows (all cars pull FORWARD and then to the left)
2. If you must leave quickly for an appointment, park in the last row of spaces (closest to the trees), walk to the curb and get your child and then leave as soon as you return to your car. (All cars should be parked in spaces)
3. Come to the "late line" pick up (2:55 – 3:00). Drive around the perimeter of the trees (just like morning drop-off) up to the curb and your child gets in and you drive away.

In an effort to increase the security and safety of our students, we will be implementing a parent pick up number system this year. All Alton public grade schools, Evangelical and St. Mary's are already using a similar system for students who are picked up

from school. Each family has been assigned a number. Families with multiple children have the same number, but each child has a letter added (ex: 1A, 1B, 1C). Your child's number has been clipped to his/her backpack and they have been told that it needs to stay there all year. It is required that the car that picks up your child(ren) have the number visible on the dashboard OR if you come up to the curb to walk your child(ren) to your car, please bring the number with you. This goes for ALL students PS3 - 8th grade. IF YOU USE AFTERCARE SERVICES, PLEASE BRING YOUR NUMBER WITH YOU WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILD. IF there's an emergency or there's a non-regular pick up situation, please call the school office and notify us WHO will be picking up your child(ren) so that we can verify that before releasing them.

THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING KEEP THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR STUDENTS A PRIORITY DURING DISMISSAL!

Reach Out and Read

CALL FOR ROAR (Reach Out And Read) VOLUNTEERS!

Beginning Tuesday, October 2nd and running through Thursday, May 9th, St. Ambrose will continue in our

second year of “ROAR” (Reach Out And Read) program!

This is an opportunity that supports literacy in our school.

The program takes place between 8:30 and 10:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and works with our K – 3rd graders.

Volunteers are encouraged to pick the day of the week that is most convenient in their weekly schedule.

Volunteers must have taken Protecting God’s Children training.

Volunteers read with one student at a time. The student is reading from a book at his or her level. These will be arranged by the student’s teacher.

Each student will spend approximately 10 minutes with the volunteer. Timing depends on the number of volunteers and the number of students to read.

Volunteers have flexible schedules. They can come for the entire hour and a half or only a half hour as desired. There is no need to call the school if their schedule changes. Simply come on a different morning or the next week.

If this sounds like an opportunity of which you would like to be part, please email Mrs.

Heil at jheil@stambrosegodfrey.org and let her know what time(s) you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!

CALL FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Our school board is looking for one additional member to serve.

If you, or any member of our parish family you know, are interested in applying please download and complete the “Petition to Serve” form which can be located on either the school website (under the school board tab) or the church website (under the forms tab). You may turn in your application to either the school or parish office on or before Friday, October 5th.

Thanks!

Before/After Care

Before Care is in the gym from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. After Care is in the resource room (located in the preschool wing) from 2:45 – 6:00 p.m. The entrance is through the playground gate and the preschool wing door on the right.

Scrip

Scrip can be purchased from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday in the main office at school. We will work to make your Scrip purchasing as easy as possible. Scrip is also available after most masses.