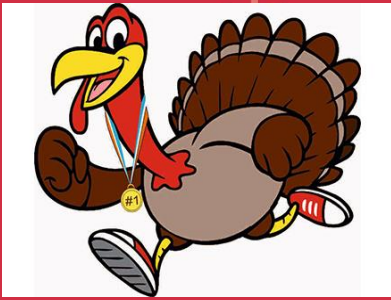


Dear St. Ambrose Family,

Every Thanksgiving, there is almost always a mishap - a burnt pie, dry stuffing, overcooked turkey... Like any other family, we had our own little mishap yesterday with the wind, the power and the Turkey Trot. And I am proud to say that in true family fashion, our St. Ambrose School family rallied together to work with the situation at hand and make this event happen for our students!

Given that the St. Ambrose hive is a-buzz with activity, below are some updates from the PTO about current events thru the holidays.



TURKEY TROT - As you may have heard by now, the Turkey Trot was held Wednesday morning after the power outage. Based on information from the power company, the decision was made to send students home due to the estimated duration of the outage and heat/power concerns. We did not have the option of moving the Trot to another day due to other events already scheduled. Students that were picked up before their turn to trot will get to participate in a makeup run on Friday.

Although it didn't go as planned, this event has been a **SUCCESS** in that the kids had a great time, had a wild morning and a bonus half day off, and it has been a great fundraiser for our school. Next steps:

- **Flat rate donations will be accepted through Monday, December 10.**
- **Pledges based on laps** - It was decided to forgo counting laps as students were getting picked up during the run and our scheduled volunteers were not able to make it on site with such short notice. *Normally*, we would send home a notice stating how many laps your student ran and the amount that should be submitted based on your pledges. **However, based on the unforeseen circumstances of this year's fun run, we will gratefully accept any donations you or your sponsors deem appropriate. Pledges are due Monday, December 10.** A communication will be sent home for those that turned in pledges

A special **THANK YOU** to all volunteers that donated goods and were willing to donate their time to this event. And a **SHOUT OUT** to our parent lead, Cathy Seangio, for taking on this event, our PE teacher Mrs. Wise for her invaluable guidance and to our **WONDERFUL** teachers, faculty, front office staff and Principal Rowley for jumping in and saving the day today. **Winners and prizes will be announced at the school concert on December 12.**

CONFIRMATION - Congratulations to our 8th graders who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation tonight. God Bless you and your families on this happy occasion. A special **THANK YOU** to our 2nd Grade Class Families for hosting the Confirmation Reception, especially our 2nd Grade Room Parents, Sarah Salazar and Kay Carlson for your efforts in organizing this reception.

THREE KINGS GIFT SHOP



The Three Kings Gift Shop will be open **next week**. In the Wednesday folder, you will find a shopping order form enclosed in a Ziploc bag. **Please indicate who your child is shopping for and enclose the form and shopping money (cash or check made out to St. Ambrose PTO) in the bag provided by this coming Tuesday, December 4.** Items in the shop cost \$1 or \$2, depending on the item.

Students will have the opportunity to shop on Wednesday or Thursday, December 5-6 depending on when their class is scheduled to shop. Please consider giving of your time to support this St. Ambrose Christmas tradition. **Volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044eada82eaafc1-three> .**

Special THANKS to our school Secretary, Mrs. Ida Smith for her guidance and support. As one of the founders of this event, her dedication to our students is an inspiration and we could not have organized this event without her help.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions.

On behalf of the PTO, **thank you** for your support and for making St. Ambrose such a wonderful community. We wish you a very blessed and **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

God Bless!

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