THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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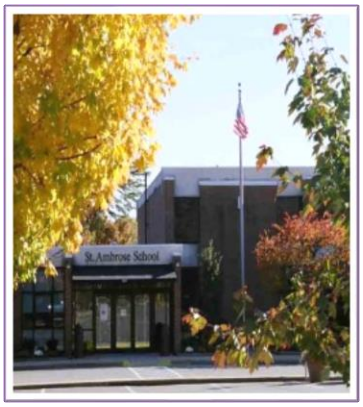

Message from the Principal

January 6, 2021

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year! I hope this year is filled with health, peace, and happiness for you and your family.

It's a pleasure to see all children, teachers, and staff back at school after a long, well-deserved break. Just a reminder that as the temperature gets colder, children need to be dressed appropriately to come to school and to play at recess time. Coats, hats, mittens or gloves are a must this time of year.

Maria Teresa Tejada

Principal

School Announcements:

Inclement Weather: When Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are closed due to inclement weather, St. Ambrose School will also be closed. IF FCPS makes a change in the opening or closing of the school, St. Ambrose does the same. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to consult with FCPS website or listen to the radio or TV for this.

Scantron Testing: Students in Grades 3-5 will begin Scantron testing on Mon, January 11. Please make sure that your child has a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Upcoming Events

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Spirit Wear: Please remember that Sprit wear is scheduled for the first Friday of every month.

Wednesday, January 13: 2:10 Dismissal. Please remember:

1. ***K-2 will be dismissed at 1:50-2:00***. Kindergarten will use the upper parking lot. First and second will use the lower parking lot.
2. ***3-5 will be dismissed at 2:00-2:10.*** Third grade will be in the upper parking lot. Fourth and fifth will use the lower parking lot.
3. ***6-8 will be dismissed at 2:10.*** Sixth grade will be in the upper lot. Seventh and eighth grade will use to lower lot.

From Sra. Cummins: Middle School Spanish students participate in Pen pal program. For the past several years, students in grade 6 -8 Spanish classes have participated in a pen pal program with students in Guatemala through the program TEACH. TEACH (teacham.org) is an organization that promotes education in rural areas of Guatemala. The St. Ambrose students are always surprised to discover that their Guatemalan counterparts are also learning Spanish!

The Guatemalan pen pals are indigenous Maya from mountainous eastern Guatemala, where the language spoken is Q'eqchí. Without education and literacy in Spanish, these Maya children will be marginalized in Spanish-speaking Guatemala. This pen pal communication has helped St. Ambrose students learn more about Guatemala's culture and serve others. Not only have they corresponded once or twice a year, St. Ambrose students have raised funds by dedicating a dress down day for TEACH to help support educational opportunities for the Maya students.

Dara K, Emily H., Emma C., Elizabeth K – St. Ambrose Class of 2020

The Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest was a competition designed for all boys and girls in grades K-8 to create an original poster showing the theme “Keep Christ in Christmas”. St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Council 8403 would like to congratulate the following winners from St. Ambrose School:

Grade 3-5

1st = Sofia English

Grade 6-8

1st = Omega Girma (It's by age then grade which is why 5th grader Omega won against 6-8th graders)

2nd = Abigail Moran

Each participant will be given a participation certificate.

Each winner will be given a champion certificate and money award for winning, as well as advancing their entry to the state competition. Congrats!

The Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest was a competition designed for all Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Students were encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay with the following theme: Discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it.

St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Council 8403 would like to congratulate you, Abigail Moran, as the 1st place winner!

Message from the PTO:

VIRTUAL WINE TASTING CLASS: Need a fun date night for an early Valentine's celebration? Want to combat quarantine boredom? Want to learn more about how to taste wine? Join us for a virtual wine tasting class on February 5th at 8pm. St. Ambrose parent and professional sommelier and wine educator, Phil Prifold, will lead us in a class on how to taste wine, introduce wine regions around the world, and discuss topics like food and wine pairings. Tickets include 4 wines for use during the class for $25 per person or $45 per couple. You can add on extras like a charcuterie plate and chocolates to enjoy with your wine. Wine and food packages, including the Zoom log on information for the class, must be picked-up on February 5th in front of the parish center from 2:30-3:30. Buy your tickets now until January 31st at https://wineclass.givesmart.com.

This is legit wine education for enthusiasts! Phil has been in the hospitality business for over 30 years, including working as the Lead Wine & Spirits Instructor for both the Bachelor's and Associate programs at The Art Institute of Washington and teaching the Certificate and the Diploma Programs for the International Sommelier Guild. Phil was also an Executive Chef and uses this experience when teaching about wine to help his students understand about food pairings.

VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT: Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Then prove it during our virtual trivia night on January 22nd where our own 5th grade teacher, Mrs. McCormack, will lead us in a Kahoot trivia battle based on the format of the hit TV gameshow "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader." Questions will build on knowledge from 1st to 5th grade curriculum on a variety of subjects. Play as a family team or individual. Stay tuned for details with log on information.

PTO MEETING: Join us for our monthly PTO meeting on January 7th at 7pm. Use below Zoom log on information to connect.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85850743213?pwd=ZG41VG11UzJkb2JtemNaay9qb0dKdz09

Meeting ID: 858 5074 3213

Passcode: 600698

New Facebook and Instagram Page: Please like us on our new pages:

https://www.facebook.com/St-Ambrose-Catholic-School-117347330085000/

https://www.instagram.com/stambrosecatholicschool/?hl=en

More Important News

Message from the Nurse

Daily Health Form:

Please remember to fill out the daily health assessment each morning by 7:45 am for each child attending school that day.

Below you will find the link to the daily health form. It is the same link every day.

https://forms.gle/jrxYJaNyUWML6eeA6

Submitting an Absence

If your child will be missing school for either an illness or any other reason please email the homeroom teacher as well as the attendance email. This will help track why a child is absent each day. Please do not call and leave a message on the school phone. These messages are sometimes missed. The attendance email is: attendance@stambroseschool.org.