

---

# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



---

## St. Ambrose School

3827 Woodburn Road

www.stambroseschool.org: (703)698-7171

---

### Message from the Principal

November 11, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope all is well. You are no doubt aware of the recent sharp rise in cases of COVID-19 in a number of locations globally. In Europe over the last seven days, there have been over 220,000 cases per day and close to 11 million cases since the beginning of the pandemic.

The U.S is reporting a daily count of new cases over 100,000 for the first time on Wednesday of last week, and the trend has continued. Total cases are now in excess of 10 million with over 233,000 deaths.

The recent daily average number of cases in the metropolitan area is the highest we have seen so far since the start of the pandemic.

With the above in mind, I feel it is important to remind all of our community to continue to practice strict prevention measures, namely maintaining children at home when they are sick, physical distance from those outside of your household and wearing masks while outside of your home when you might encounter other people. These are currently the best tools available to present further spread of the virus.

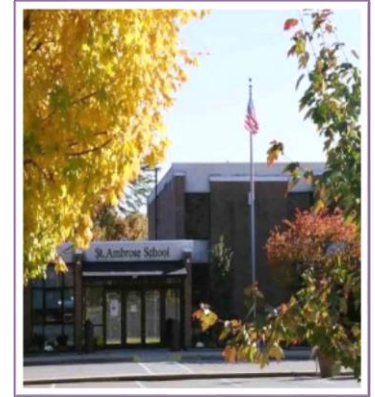
If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada

Principal

---



---

## Upcoming Events

November 18

**Baby Leo Dress Down Day**

**Charleston Wrap**

[charlestonwrapstore.com/non-school-registration.php](http://charlestonwrapstore.com/non-school-registration.php)

**Discover Catholic School Week:** Our School will be hosting virtual open houses from November 16-20. We will be posting each day a video to show every aspect of our school.

**Early Dismissal:** Friday, November 20, we will be having an 11:30 dismissal day for report card workday. Please remember:

1. K-2 will be dismissed at 11:10-11:20. Kindergarten will use the upper parking lot (Area I). First and second will use the lower parking lot (Area II).
2. 3-5 will be dismissed at 11:20-11:30. Third grade will be in the upper parking lot (Area I). Fourth and fifth will use the lower parking lot (Area II).
3. 6-8 will be dismissed at 11:30. Sixth grade will be in the upper lot (Area I). Seventh and eighth grades will use the lower lot (Area II).

### **School Announcements:**

**Friday, December 4, 2020:** School closed due to “Bishop’s Holiday”

**PowerSchool:** Portal will be closed for Parents on November 16. This will allow our faculty to finalize report cards. Report Cards will be sent home through the Wednesday folder on December 2, 2020.

**Parent-Teacher Conference:** Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 10 and 11, 2020, via google meets. No school on November 11 due to conferences

### **Dress Down For a Baby in Need**

This year, the 8th grade leadership club is doing a dress down day for baby Leo. Leo is a member of the Barbato Family, and he and his family are also members of St. Ambrose Parish. He was born with rare and complex Congenital Heart Disease and has had many surgeries. Leo is currently at the Children’s Hospital in Washington DC. We want to help support these members of our parish who are in need. On **Wednesday, November 18th**, the leadership club organized a dress down day. The cost is **\$2 or \$5 a family**, but more will be greatly appreciated. All this money will be given to the Barbato family. Please pray for the recovery of (Baby Leo) this beautiful baby, and that his family receives help for any needs. Thank you so much for all of your generosity!



### **School Fundraiser Charleston Wrap**

Dear St. Ambrose Families, We're starting Week 3, the FINAL WEEK of our fundraising campaign!! Please remember it's super easy to support St. Ambrose and buy at Charleston Wrap. Straight from our school home

page with just one click you can see all of the great and special gifts for family and friends and fun ideas for your home. Also, if you have already supported us, we still need your help by easily forwarding the Charleston Wrap link via text and/or social media to your many friends and contacts. Big gains for St. Ambrose School are literally at our fingertips. Our school will receive **forty percent of the sale.** Below are the links for your convenience (cut and paste) :) Thank you everyone for getting the word out!

Note: When forwarding to friends, be sure you provide them with the organization ID 20426, your own email address and cell phone number. This will guarantee that St. Ambrose receives the credit.

<https://portal.charlestonwrap.com/email-3/>

<https://stambroseschool.org/25437-2/>

### **Message from the PTO:**

**Save the Date:** Break up the dinner routine and support our school! Join us on **November 17 for a Chipotle Dine Out** fundraiser. The school will receive 33% of the proceeds. Check out your Wednesday folder for the flyer.

**Volunteers for recess:** We need volunteers to monitor our recess. If you would like to help, please make sure you are cleared first by Mrs. Konczal as all volunteers must be "Virtus" trained before they can help. **We have changed the sign-up link so please use this new one.** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084EACA7283-recess>

**Amazon Smile Link:** Please use the Amazon link on our website when you order from Amazon. A percentage of the sales come back to St. Ambrose.

**New Facebook and Instagram Page:** Please like us in 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**

#### **COVID -19 Exposure**

Should your student have a close contact with a positive case of COVID -19 they must have a physician release prior to returning to school, after completing the quarantine/isolation period as described by the Virginia Department of Health. The physician release must be dated no more than 48 hours prior to the return to school. Please communicate with your physician should you know of a close contact or you suspect a close contact with COVID-19. Attached you will find the web address for the algorithm released by the Virginia Department of Health.

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/182/2020/10/Child-School-COVID-19-Algorithm-Infographics2020-FINAL.pdf>

## Health Assessment Form

It is imperative we all work together to keep everyone at school safe and healthy. With a national uptick in COVID cases we need to stay vigilant and make sure students and staff that are ill remain home. To help facilitate that, please remember to fill out the daily health assessment each more for each child attending school that day. **This form needs to be filled out each morning by 7:45 am.** I will check each morning, and you will be asked at drop off if you filled the form out. If you have not, your child will remain in your vehicle and you will have to park and fill it out via your phone. At that point you may return to the drop off line. We are not trying to be an inconvenience, but be diligent in keeping everyone safe and healthy.

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

<https://forms.gle/jrxYJaNyUWML6eeA6>

Have a great week!