
THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



St. Ambrose School

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Message from the Principal

December 9, 2020

Dear Parents,

Next week on Wednesday, December 16, we will be testing our E-Learning program. All students will be learning from home, and please refer to our plan for details and schedules.

Also, yesterday I sent home a Holiday plan survey to understand the activities our community will be engaging in during Christmas break. I would ask you to please take a moment to complete it. I hope to have full participation from parents.

Yours in Christ,

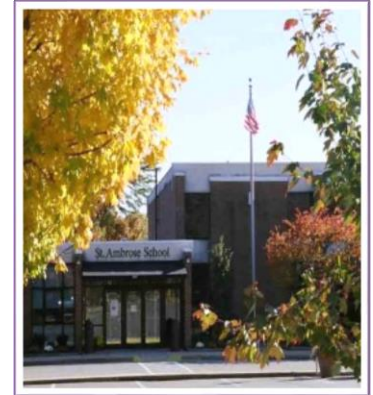
Maria Teresa Tejada

Principal

School Announcements:

PowerSchool: The parent portal is open again for parents to regularly review student grades to date.

Report Cards: Please remember to sign your child's report card and return it to school. Also, for those students learning at home, please mail to our school your signed report cards.

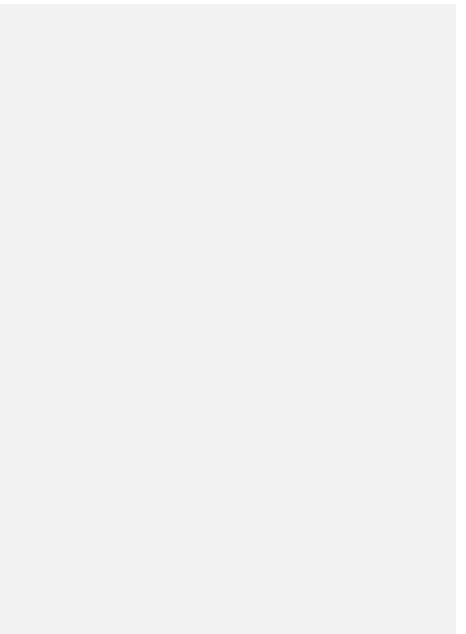


Upcoming Events

December 17

Christmas concert save the date:

Our school will be having a Christmas concert on December 17 at 7:00 pm via zoom.



Thursday Mass: Our school will not be going to Mass tomorrow because our students participated in the Mass for the Feast of St. Ambrose on Monday and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception yesterday.

Early Dismissal: Today, we will be having a 2:10 pm dismissal day. 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.** The third grade will be in the upper parking lot. The 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 the lower lot.

Dress-down Day: We will be hosting a dress down day for \$2.00 on Tuesday, December 15 to raise funds for We Care about Catholic Charities Week

A look inside our hallways: Our teachers have been working hard to prepare our students for this Advent Season. Please take a look at the beautiful bulletin boards they have designed.

Prek-3



First Grade:



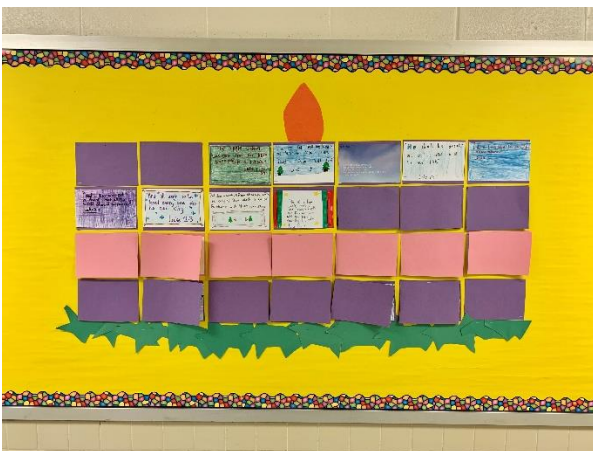
Second Grade:



Fourth Grade:



Sixth Grade:



Message from the PTO:

Poinsettia and Wreath Sale: Add some holiday cheer by decorating with poinsettias and wreaths while at the same time raising funds for our school! You can also donate a poinsettia that will be delivered to those who are in need. Poinsettias are \$17 and wreaths are \$30. You can either use the link below to purchase or we will also be selling them after Masses on Sunday, December 13.

<https://poinsettia.givesmart.com>

Break up the dinner routine and support our school! Join us **TONIGHT** on **December 9 for a Chipotle Dine Out fundraiser**. The school will receive 33% of the proceeds. Check out your Wednesday folder for the flyer to bring with you, or use online order code BRX8LZ7.

Giving Season: Throughout December, we are inviting the entire St. Ambrose community to give a gift to honor our students, faculty, and teachers. We kicked off the campaign on Giving Tuesday and have already raised over \$1k. This is a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to those who have positively impacted the lives of our students. Please consider joining us and our community by visiting our website: <https://donate.givesmart.com>.

Toys for Tots: Please consider donating new toys as part of our Toys for Tots partnership with our neighboring police station. Send in unwrapped toys for ages newborn to teen or gift cards **by this Friday, December 11**. Thank you for your generosity.

Save the Date: Mrs. Tejada will host a series of **virtual meetings to review the first trimester** and offer parents the opportunity to discuss issues important to them. Sessions will be offered on December 15 at 8:30 and 7:00 and December 16 at 4:00 and 7:00 (the last session focused on parents new to the school). A sign-up genius is below, the intention is to keep the group's sessions size small enough for everyone to engage in the dialogue.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084EACA7283-first>

Charleston Wrap Results: The final numbers are in, and **we raised \$4995.40** from our Charleston Wrap sale! Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser—a big round of applause to **Julia Hecton**, who organized this event.

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>

Message from the Knights of Columbus:

Dear Kindergarten through 8th Grade Families,

The Knights of Columbus Ambrose Council 8403 is inviting all boys and girls in grades K-8 to participate in the organization's international "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. By engaging the creativity and imaginations of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing to the district/region and then to state, national and international levels. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage a deeper understanding of the holiday. Prizes of \$50 (1st place) and \$25 (2nd place) will

be given to winners in each grade division (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8). Poster and entry form must be scanned and submitted digitally to Tom Svercl by Sunday, December 13, 2020 at TSVERCL@GMAIL.COM.

Fillable contest entry form (required) can be found here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>

Winning posters will be distributed in the countries where the Knights are active as part of our "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. Creative credit will also be given to the winning artists.

Detailed RULES:

Posters must reflect the theme of **Keep Christ in Christmas**.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Posters must be 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk, or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Contest entry form.

The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned.

(If you are a council winner, you will be contacted to have your poster picked up for district, state, and national contest submission.)

JUDGING: A 100-point scoring system will be used to determine the winners.

Slogan – 30 Points: How clearly is the theme presented?

Artistic Merit – 30 Points: How well do the visuals convey the message?

Overall Impact – 40 Points: How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

ELIGIBILITY & DETAILS:

The Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is open to all young people in grades K-8 (ages 5-14). Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of November 1. Contest entrants compete in one of three grade divisions — K-2 (ages 5 through 7), 3-5 (ages 8 through 10), and 6-8 (ages 11 through 14).

Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 places in each grade division (age group) by the following amounts:
1st place = \$50 and 2nd place = \$25. Due Sunday, December 13, 2020

Tom Svercl

Community Chair

Knights of Columbus

Ambrose Council 8403

More Important News

Message from the Nurse

Cold Day Recess and PE

The cold weather is here to stay. Please ensure that your children come with an appropriate coat, hat and gloves to be outside for 30 minutes at a time. This will help to keep them warm as well as burn off some of the energy they build up during the school day. Classes will continue to have PE and recess outdoors, as long as the windchill

is not too cold. There will be times that it is too cold to go outside, and at that time we will have indoor recess and PE.

Daily Health Form:

Please remember to fill out the daily health assessment each more 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>