
THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



St. Ambrose School

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Message from the Principal

February 10, 2021

Dear Parents:

I hope all is well. We just concluded a weeklong celebration of Catholic Schools Week. During our celebration we were able to participate in many activities including our cultural day, poster competition, student, parent teacher and priest appreciate days. Teachers decorated their bulletin boards featuring different countries of the world and created lesson plans to teach students the country selected by their homeroom. Also, students were able to accessorize their uniforms or wear a full traditional outfit displaying their heritage.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to our Catholic School Week committee, Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. LaBarge, for their hard work and dedication to celebrate this important week.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada

Principal

School Announcements:

Inclement Weather: Our forecast is calling for snow on Thursday, Friday and next week. Our handbook policy under Inclement Weather School Closing pg. 31 indicates that if school closes unexpectedly for a single day, there will be no academics requirement for that day. However, if the school will be closed for more than one day due to weather or public health concerns, the school will transition to E-learning for the required



Upcoming Events

March 7

Our Virtual 5k starts on March 7, do not forget to register.

2:10 EARLY DISMISSAL TODAY

duration. For example, if Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) close on ***Thursday and Friday***, this means ***Thursday*** will be counted ***as a snow day*** with the day off for our students, faculty, and staff. However, Friday, our E-Learning program will start. If we continue to be close on Tuesday, February 16th, it will count as a snow day and Wednesday, February 17th, will start with our E-Learning program until FCPS re-open for regular school hours.

February 15, 2021: School holiday for Presidents' Day

Ash Wednesday: Students will receive ashes for Ash Wednesday on Feb 17 & participate in Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons.

Spirit Wear Day: Please remember that our spirit wear day is the first Friday of each month. Due to inclement weather last week, I decided to move spirit wear for last Friday and grant the already scheduled Spirit wear to this Friday, February 12.

Message from Mrs. Hutchison:

Hello St. Ambrose Families,

This evening the 2nd Grade class is scheduled to receive their First Reconciliation and Penance. I am so proud of the hard work of all of the students to learn the Ten Commandments, the Act of Contrition and the way God calls us all to make good decisions. Mrs. Tejada and I are excited and proud to stand with the students as they continue their spiritual journey through the Sacraments!

Please take a moment and say a prayer, lifting up these wonderful students and their dedicated families.

Catholic School Week Message:

We would like to share some photos and a video of our Cultural celebration. Please see how our hallways looked last week. <https://vimeo.com/510244953>



Catholic Schools Week concluded this past weekend. Members of the faculty spoke about our school at every Mass, and students from the school served as lectors. On behalf of the CSW Committee, I would like to thank the following students for being good stewards of our school:

Jacob Brown
Meghan Savage
Reilly Savage
Abigail Moran
Ish Coady
Grace Hecton

Our appreciation also goes out to the faculty members who participated at Mass: Patty Cummins, Bridget McCormack, Marcia Healy, and Ann LaBarge. In addition, we are grateful to all of the teachers and staff who helped make this another successful celebration of Catholic education!

Message from the PTO:

Wine Tasting Class: Last week's class was a great success with almost 100 participants enjoying a fun evening led by school parent and wine educator, Phil Prifold. A big thank you to Phil for donating his time and expertise. We raised \$1,890 in profit to benefit our school's technology needs. Congratulations to Heather and DJ Terreri who won the Riedel wine glass raffle.

St. Ambrose School is very excited to launch its Business Partnership Program and online [Business Directory](#)! The *St. Ambrose Business Partnership Program* offers opportunities for students, teachers, and local businesses to build meaningful relationships that will enhance students' experiences and foster positive working relationships between the school, local businesses and the community they serve. Today's students are tomorrow's workforce. Consider becoming a Business Partner. For additional information, please [click here](#) or contact Julie Schrei at BPP@stambroseschool.org.

A KNIGHT'S TREASURE WEEK!

The Knight's Treasure competition is this week! Let's finish strong by sending in quarters on Thursday and Dollars on Friday (any denomination). Checks are accepted, too! The class with the highest total per grade size will be the winner of a dress down day...and just maybe a surprise treat, too! Go Knights!

Thursday = Quarters

Friday = Dollar bills (any denomination)

Checks also accepted

St. Ambrose Virtual 5K T-Shirt Design Contest

Congratulations to Sofia English (grade 5)! Her winning design will be featured on the St. Ambrose Virtual 5k t-shirt. Jacquelin Roballo (grade 5) placed second and Nicholas Kasny's (grade 6) placed third. Thank you to all of the very talented students who entered the competition!



Virtual 5k Fundraiser

DON'T FORGET! Register for the Noble Knights Virtual 5k by Sunday, February 14th to guarantee you will receive a race t-shirt. All registrants will receive a race t-shirt and electronic race bib. As a bonus, race t-shirts can be worn on school spirit days!

Signing up is easy at www.stambrose5k.givesmart.com

Support St. Ambrose School today! If you need additional incentives to sign up:

- Students will have the opportunity to wear their race t-shirt on spirit wear dress down days AND a special 5k dress down day the week of the race (date to be determined).
- The class that raises the most money will win a dress down day.
- The class that registers the most runners will receive a pizza party lunch.
- First class to reach 50% registered participation will win an ice cream treat.
- First class to raise \$2,500 in sponsorships will win a special delivery of donuts.
- The "Champion" Family that raises the most money will win a gift card basket (a \$200 value).

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

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

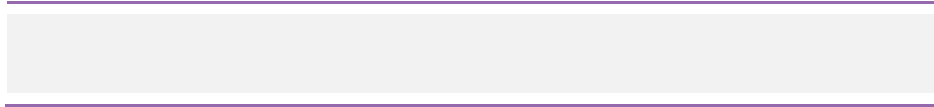
<https://www.instagram.com/stambrosecatholicsschool/?hl=en>

More Important News

Message from the Nurse

Morning Drop off Temperatures

With the morning temperatures being very cold we understand the need for families to have the heat on in their vehicles. We ask that as you enter the parking lot to shut the heat off so we do not get a false reading. When we receive a high/false reading we allow you a moment to open your doors for the temperature to decrease. Many times it does not decrease enough and you are asked to drive around to see if we can get a more accurate reading. By shutting the heat off we are hoping to decrease the amount of cars each morning that either have to do multiple readings or drive around to re-enter the drop off line. So please, shut your heat off, remove any hats that are on, and if your child has bangs and pulls them back to have their hand flat on the top of their head to eliminate any heat from the hand increasing the temperature on the forehead. We will continue to work together as the weather changes and we face new challenges.



Washing Masks Daily

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a *clean mask*. The students are wearing them each day for 6 plus hours and they get dirty and in many cases wet. By having a clean mask we can help to eliminate any germs that may build up on the mask as they wear it throughout the day. Students should also have a second, clean mask in their backpack in case their original mask gets saturated or falls on the floor.

Thank you,