
THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



St. Ambrose School

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Message from the Principal

April 14, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope all of you had a wonderful and restful break. On April 20 and 21, our students in fifth and eighth grades will be taking the Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education (ACRE). The ACRE assessment helps schools, parishes, and diocesan leaders evaluate students' faith knowledge in Catholic schools.

Our kindergarten to second-grade students will be participating in the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS). PALS provides our teachers a comprehensive assessment of our students' knowledge of the literacy fundamentals predictive of future reading success. The PALS assessments will take place from April 19 to the 30th.

Also, April 30 marks the mid-point of our last trimester. Grades can be seen in PowerSchool. Please take this opportunity to discuss this progress with your child. Praise their accomplishments and also discuss areas of growth. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please contact your homeroom teacher.

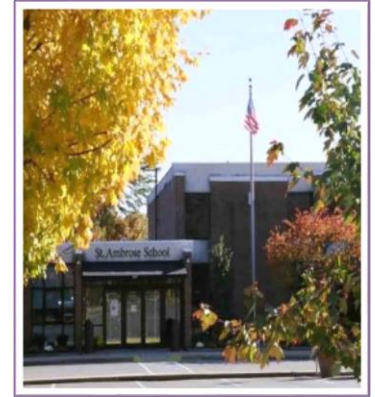
Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada

School Announcements:

Faith and Science Fair (Mr. Cao):

Faith and Science Week is a celebration of faithful Christians and the Church's remarkable contributions to the Sciences. Some of these were priests, bishops,



Upcoming Events

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ACRE test 5&8 Grade: **April 20-21**

K-2 PALS: **April 19-30**

2:10 pm Early Dismissal: **April 21**

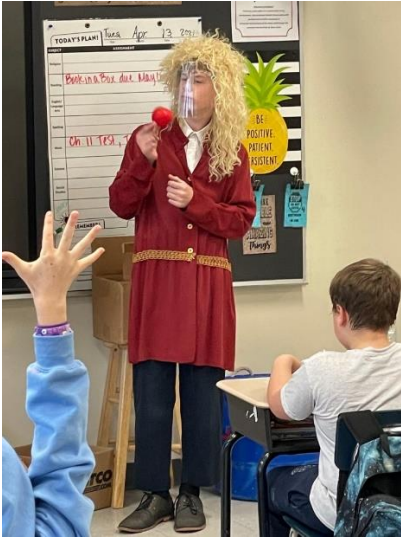
\$2 dress down day for Catholic Charities: **April 23**

Virtual Magic and Illusion Show with the Extreme Magic of Eric: **April 23rd**

Trimester 3 interim: **on April 30**

nuns, and even saints. Featured are Blessed Nicholas Steno, pioneer of Geology; Fr. George Lemaitre, father of the Big Bang, St. Hildegard of Bingen, pioneer of Natural Medicine; and Fr. Gregor Mendel, father of Genetics. I was so surprised to have discovered these faithful great men and women; not having learned them in schools growing up.

During the week's celebration, the kids learn about the "Science Hero" of the day, engage in fun activities, and culminating with the entire school playing Kahoot! Trivia challenge on Friday. In the end, we hope to educate and inspire students that practicing their religious faith does not have to be left at the door when doing science; rather, it can lead to a deeper understanding and awe at the Universe that God fashioned. As Louis Pasteur wrote: "The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator."



Recess monitors: We are in need of recess monitors. If you are interested in helping, please sign up through sign up genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaca7283-recess> .

Morning Carpool: For our students' safety, no children should be exiting their cars if they are not in the carpool lines. We have an increase of children being dropped off when the junction is closed and walking through the carpool lines.

Early Dismissal: April 21, 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.

Last Day of School: Thursday, June 10th with an 11:00 AM dismissal

11:00 dismissal. Please remember

1. 1-2 will be dismissed at **10:40-10:50. First Grade will use the upper parking lot (Area I). Second will use the lower parking lot (Area II).**
2. 3-5 will be dismissed at **10:50-11:00. Third grade will be in the upper parking lot (Area I). Fourth and fifth will use the lower parking lot (Area II).**
3. 6-7 will be dismissed at **11:00. Sixth grade and Seventh and eighth grades will use the lower lot (Area II).**

Leadership Club:

On April 23, the 8th Grade Leadership Club will be hosting a dress-down day as a fundraiser for Catholic Charities. This Catholic charity supports foster children and children undergoing the adoption process. The organization also provides training for the parents adopting and implements ways to help make the adoption process go as smoothly as possible. Students should bring in \$2 for the dress down day. The fundraiser will be a **COMPETITION BETWEEN CLASSES!** Although we are only asking \$2 for the dress down day, more money can be brought in to support your class. We will be calculating the winner by percentage per person, which evens out the competition. The class that raises the most money per person will receive an extra prize of amazing chocolate chip cookies!

We would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Faust for providing these cookies, as well as donating her time and energy to help this project. Please help us support these children! Since this project is being held on Fr. Fisher's birthday, we would like to dedicate this project to him.

-- The Leadership Club: Luisa Williams, Diogo Faust & Will Brenningmeyer

Message from the PTO:

Join the St. Ambrose **Virtual Magic and Illusion Show** with the Extreme Magic of Eric on Friday, April 23 at 7pm! This live performed and interactive show will include great stunts and illusions with audience participation and Eric will even teach us some of his tricks. Eric's cutting-edge illusions, daring escapes, and outrageous stunts have been featured on "America's Got Talent" and "The Tonight Show." Purchase tickets for \$40 per device online at <https://stambrosemagic.givesmart.com>. Share the link with family and friends to join in the fun. Zoom log on information for the show will be emailed to the address used to purchase tickets.

From the Clinic:**Hearing and Vision Screening Results**

If your student participated in the hearing and vision screening that took place on Monday, April 12th, you will receive their results in tonight's Wednesday folder. If you have any questions please let me know.