

October 16, 2026

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences for the 2026–2027 school year are scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, and Thursday, October 29.

A registration link was sent home this week. We encourage all parents to sign up for a conference time as soon as possible.

Conference times:

- Wednesday, October 28: 3:30–7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29: 3:30–6:00 p.m.

Please note that there will be no school on Friday, October 30, and report cards will be available that day.

FALL MAP TESTING

Fall MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing will take place during the week of October 19. Students will be assessed in Math, Reading, Science, and Language Usage. The Diocesan Education Office reports that all but two of our Catholic elementary schools will participate in fall testing this year.

We encourage students to get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school ready to do their best!

MAP SNACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

During MAP testing, we provide students with a morning snack of yogurt, granola, blueberries, and fresh-cut strawberries.

Preparing the fresh fruit takes time, and we would appreciate help from our school families!

- Fruit for Monday will be prepared over the weekend.
- Fruit for Tuesday and the remainder of the week will be prepared at school on Monday and Wednesday.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the fruit on Monday and/or Wednesday. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our students, and volunteer time can count toward service hours.

If you are available to help, please contact Mr. Baird at rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org.

Thank you for helping our students stay fueled and focused during testing!

CALENDAR

- October 18: Dine to Donate at Bakers & Hale
- October 19–23: MAP Testing Week
- October 23: End of the First Quarter, \$1.50 Dress Down for Charity
- October 24: Trunk or Treat, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- October 28: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30–7:30 p.m.
- October 29: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30–6:00 p.m.
- October 30: NO SCHOOL – Report Cards Available
- October 31: Alton Halloween Parade
- November 6: Grandparents/Grandfriends Day

THANK YOU, GODFREY FIRE DEPARTMENT!

Recently, members of the Godfrey Fire Department visited our preschool students. The children had the opportunity to see a fire truck up close and learn about some of the equipment firefighters use in their important work.

A heartfelt thank-you to the Godfrey Fire Department for serving our community and taking time to visit our youngest learners. We appreciate all you do!

ST. AMBROSE AT THE ALTON HALLOWEEN PARADE

The annual Alton Halloween Parade will take place on Saturday, October 31, 2026. St. Ambrose will once again have a float in the parade, and this year's theme is Toy Story!

St. Ambrose families are invited to join in the fun. Any participating student must be accompanied by an adult.

To register, please visit:

[Register for the Alton Halloween Parade](#)

We look forward to representing St. Ambrose and bringing a little Toy Story magic to the parade!

CONGRATULATIONS MAGGIE PRUETZEL!

Please join us in congratulating Maggie Pruetzel, a recent St. Ambrose graduate, on winning the Illinois state championship in girls' golf!

We are so proud of Maggie and her outstanding accomplishment. Way to go, Maggie! Once a Saint, always a Saint!

SEVENTH GRADE VISITS LEWIS AND CLARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On Friday, October 16, our seventh-grade class attended the annual middle school STEM Fair at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of hands-on STEM activities and explore careers connected to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Thank you to Lewis and Clark Community College for providing this engaging learning experience for our students!

SAVE THE DATE: GRANDPARENTS/GRANDFRIENDS DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

We look forward to celebrating the special grandparents and grandfriends in our students' lives! This year's celebration will include a prayer service, refreshments, and a tour of the school.

To help accommodate families, the schedule will be based on the last name of the youngest grandchild attending St. Ambrose:

- Youngest grandchild last name A–K: 12:30 p.m.
- Youngest grandchild last name L–Z: 1:30 p.m.

Please register your grandparents and grandfriends by Friday, October 30. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

For registration and volunteer information, please visit:

[Grandparents/Grandfriends Day Information](#)

We look forward to welcoming our special guests to St. Ambrose!

ST. AMBROSE STUDENT CHOIR FORMING NOW!

Do you have a student who loves to sing? Students in grades 3-8 are invited to join the St. Ambrose Student Choir! Rehearsals begin Monday, October 19, from 3-4 in the Fine Arts Classroom. Choir will rehearse most Mondays and will help to lead the music at Mass, perform at the Christmas and Spring Programs, and much more! Bring your permission form and join us for a fun and musical experience!

ATHLETICS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are kicking off our basketball season and with it comes amazing service hour opportunities! St. Ambrose will be hosting 11 Middle School home games, as well as a weekend league that runs from Oct 31- Dec 13th. We will be needing volunteers to work both the entrance gate and concession stand for these events. We can't host these amazing events for our athletes without YOU our amazing volunteers!

An adult must be present to work with a St. Ambrose or Marquette student Please write in the student's name and adult name when you sign up.

So, let's sign up for some service hours and come out to support your St. Ambrose Saints this basketball season!!

<https://signup.com/go/Ovbacsh>

CELEBRATING OUR SAINTS!

Over the years, numerous graduates of St. Ambrose Catholic School have gone on to accomplish many great things. It is always wonderful to celebrate the successes of our Saints, whether they are recent graduates or graduated many years ago.

If you know of a St. Ambrose graduate who is doing great things, please let us know and provide information that could be shared with our parish family.

JOIN THE

ST. AMBROSE STUDENT CHOIR

GRADES 3-8

FIND YOUR VOICE

Sing • Connect • Perform
• Build Confidence • Make Friends



JOIN THE CHOIR!

MONDAYS STARTING OCTOBER 19, 3:30–4:30 PM
IN THE FINE ARTS CLASSROOM



St. Ambrose School Choir

Students will have the opportunity to:

*Make new friends

*Lead music ministry at some Masses

*Learn fun songs

*Perform in concerts and special events

*Have a cool club t-shirt

*And much more!!

Choir Students will meet on Mondays from 3-4:00, in the Fine Arts Room. **Our first rehearsal will be**

Monday, October 19, from 3-4:00. Please fill out the form below for each student wishing to

join and return to Mrs. Preston prior to the first rehearsal. After rehearsal students may be picked up in the toplot closest to the Fine Arts room.

I hope to see lots of new and returning singers!!

Can't make it on Mondays but still want to be involved, let Mrs. Preston know!

Please fill out and return to Mrs. Preston no later than October 19.

Student Name _____

Grade _____

I give permission for my student to participate in the St. Ambrose Choir and come to rehearsals on Mondays from 3-4:00 in the Fine Arts Room.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

IL WINTER JUNIORS 1



TIME: 12:00-1:00PM

SUNDAYS: 12/16-1/10
(6 WEEKS)

AGES: 2-10 YEARS OLD
(BIRTHYEAR 2024-2015)

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IL WINTER JUNIORS 2



TIME: 10:00-11:00AM

SUNDAYS: 1/24-2/28
(6 WEEKS)

AGES: 2-10 YEARS OLD
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