

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, December 12th



Calendar

December 12

SAPA Movie Night 6:30

December 17

SAPA Christmas Feast

December 18

Christmas Program 6 p.m. Gym

December 19

End of 2nd Quarter
PreK Christmas Program 1:00

December 22 - January 2

Christmas Break

January 5

School Resumes

January 7

SAPA Meeting 6:00

January 9

Report Cards Open

CASH BASH Coming Soon!

Each year our annual CASH BASH drawing is one of our most important fundraisers. This year the tickets will go on sale on January 1, with the grand prize drawing set for February 14. There will be early bird drawings along the way, so please get your tickets early. Please remember, each school family is required to sell two tickets.

Christmas Program

The St. Ambrose Christmas program is Thursday, December 18, at 6:00 PM in the St. Ambrose Gym. Students in grades K-8 will present "It's A Boy!" as we tell of the birth of Jesus in a fun, fresh way. There will be a performance by our St. Ambrose Choir, as well as a few surprises! Students will meet in their homerooms between 5:30 and 5:45 wearing nice dress clothes.

DIGITAL/AV Club Needs a Sponsor

In efforts to involve our students and allow them to display some of their many talents (5-8 grades), St. Ambrose Catholic

School is beginning an extra curricular after school Digital Media/AV Club. The mission of the club will be to help highlight and promote many of the educational and community events happening within our classes and our school using digital media, through photos, videos, and engaging content. We are looking for adult sponsors to lead this new group. If interested in being a sponsor, please contact Mr. Baird at rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org

Friday Dec. 19 Student

Council ABC Dress Down Day

In an effort to promote school pride, togetherness, and to encourage creativity and that school is a fun place to be, the student council sponsors monthly Spirit Days. This month we are sponsoring ABC Day on Friday, December 19th. Students are encouraged to dress as something that starts with the first letter of either their first or last name. They may wear jeans (without rips or distressed places), silly socks, and hats, but no wigs and no coloring of hair. They must also wear only athletic shoes, as directed in the handbook. If a student chooses

not to dress up for ABC Day, he/she should come to school in a school uniform, as this is not a dress down day. Please let Mrs. Wielgus or any student council member know if you have any questions. **Students may also wear Christmas shirts/accessories with dress down bottoms if they don't want to participate in ABC Day. **

Cancellation Reminders

With the early and recent rounds of Winter weather we have recently experienced, it is important to be reminded of cancellation procedures at St. Ambrose. If we need to cancel school due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, notification of the cancellation will be provided in many ways including;

- Parent Text alert notifications
- School wide email sent to all parents and guardians
- Local TV stations websites and live news feeds

If school will be cancelled the morning of school, notification will almost always be provided no later than 6:00 AM.

FALL MAP Testing at St. Ambrose Successful

In October, 3-8 grade students at St. Ambrose completed MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing. All schools in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois participate in testing in the Spring, with most schools

participating in the Fall as well. When compared to the scores of other schools and classes in the nation and in the Diocese, our students and classes performed very well. Each grade tests in four subject areas of Math, Reading, Science, and Language Usage. Out of the total of 24 tests taken at St. Ambrose (6 grades x 4 tests each), our class averages exceeded those of the Diocese in 21 out of 24 tests. In the 3 tests that did not exceed the average, there were only a few tenths of points separating our classes from the others. These results mean our classes were amongst the highest performing in the Diocese. Color coded graphs with class and school data have been posted on the website very soon and parents will be notified once that data is available for viewing.

Volleyball Registration

Registration for St. Ambrose 4-8 grade girls and boys volleyball is now open. We ask that registrations be submitted by Friday Dec. 12.

Catholic Schools Week Open House

As always we are looking forward to Catholic Schools week in late January. This year Catholic Schools week is scheduled for Sunday Jan. 25, 2026- Sunday Feb. 1, 2026. Our Catholic Schools Week Open

House is set for Sunday Feb. 1, 2026. This event culminates Catholic Schools Week and is an opportunity for both current as well as new and prospective families to visit us for an Open House, and see the spirit of Christ alive at St. Ambrose.

Event Photos

Please remember that we encourage all to send in photos of events and happenings connected to St. Ambrose. Many of these photos will be used on Facebook to highlight events at St. Ambrose. Please send your photos to pictures@stambrosegodfrey.org

Join us on Facebook

Please remember to follow St. Ambrose on Facebook for updated photos and events.

Service Hour Reminders

Please remember to submit family and student service hours at your earliest convenience. Service hours may be submitted at

St. Ambrose Parents'
Association

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2025

NEWSLETTER

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Community Christmas event & for the Toys for Tots donations!
Thank you to Susan Kasten for chairing this event and to Paul and Jo Ann Krueger and family for hosting us.



Family Movie Night

Friday, December 12th
St. Ambrose Gym

Volunteer:

<https://bit.ly/SAPAMovieNight2025>

SAPA Dress Down Pass Days

Sept 19, Oct 3 & 17, Nov 21,
Dec 5, Jan 9 & 23, Feb 6, Apr 17,
May 1

Questions?

Email us!

sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org



Thank You!

Thank you to all who purchased Cardinals Calendars and to Paige Dawdy for chairing this fundraiser!

Upcoming Events

Dec 12	Family Movie Night
Dec 17	Christmas Feast

Next Meeting:

January 7
6:00 pm
Community Center