

August 28, 2026

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



APPLEFEST COMING SOON!

September and Applefest are right around the corner! Applefest is our most important Parish fundraiser, and this year it is scheduled for September 18–20.

We are looking forward to another wonderful Applefest and appreciate the support of our school families and parish community!

APPLEFEST FAMILY & STUDENT SERVICE REMINDER

Please remember that all school families are expected to volunteer 2 of their 16 service hours to Applefest.

Our middle school students in grades 6–8 are also expected to donate 1 hour of service to Applefest. Sign-ups for student volunteers will be shared soon.

Thank you in advance for helping make Applefest a success!

DRESS DOWN DAYS & SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS

In general, every Friday is Spirit Wear Friday, except when a special fundraiser day, SAPA Dress Down Pass, or Student Council theme dress down day takes its place. On Spirit Wear Fridays, students may wear a Spirit Wear top with their regular uniform bottoms.

SAPA Dress Down Pass Days

9/4, 9/11, 10/2, 10/16, 12/4, 1/8, 1/15, 2/5, 4/2, 4/9, and the last week of school if passes remain.

Student Council Dress Down Days

10/9, 11/13, 12/18, 1/22, 4/16

\$1.50 Dress Down Days

8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 12/11, 1/29, 4/30, 5/14

All Dress Down Days are also posted on the calendar in FACTS.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED

Like most schools and districts, St. Ambrose Catholic School can always use extra substitute teachers.

If you are interested in substituting, please contact Principal Mr. Baird at rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org.

CALENDAR

- September 2 - SAPA Meeting, 6:00 PM
- September 4 - SAPA Dress Down Pass Day
- September 7 - NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- September 9 - 1:30 Dismissal; School Advisory Council 6:00 PM
- September 11 - SAPA Dress Down Pass Day
- September 18 - NO SCHOOL - Applefest begins

THANK YOU, SAPA!

We want to take the opportunity to again say thank you to SAPA for helping create a wonderful start to our school year!

Thank you to SAPA for the breakfast treats provided this past week. SAPA has also created a schedule of grade levels to provide snacks for our faculty and staff for any parents who would like to participate.

We are grateful for the continued support and generosity of our St. Ambrose families!

THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS KEVIN ROBERTSON AND BOB RAWSON!

We want to take the opportunity to offer a big thank you to Kevin Robertson and Bob Rawson for their efforts in completing the necessary removal of a piece of playground equipment.

We greatly appreciate their time and willingness to help keep our school grounds safe and well maintained!

FORMS DUE

Please remember that several forms and documents are due at the beginning of each school year. These include:

- Parent-Student Handbook consent – digital or paper, due by September 4, 2026
- Medical documents – physicals, dental exams, eye exams, immunization records, etc.
- Sacramental records – for new students
- Birth certificate – for new students

Please make sure all required documents are submitted as soon as possible.

APPLEFEST NEWS

Hello School Families! This week you should have received both the first edition of the Applefest News and an Order form right in your child's backpack. The countdown is officially on! Please note that some deadlines are quickly approaching, like the AFest t-shirt deadline next Friday, September 4. If you prefer to handle things digitally, you can head over to our official Applefest webpage today to lock in your order before time runs out! You can get a head start on your AFest tee, Grand Raffle tickets, and Sponsorships at www.saintambroseparish.org/applefest. Inside the Applefest News, you will also find the highly anticipated classroom basket themes! Be sure to review your child's specific room theme so we can build the ultimate raffle lineups. Lastly, we cannot pull off this incredible weekend without your help. Our volunteer sign-up links are officially live on the website, so please check them out and pick a shift that works best for you. We are so excited to see everyone there and make this our best Applefest yet!

Warmly,
Mike & Lynne Adams
Your 2026 Applefest Chairs

FOOTBALL RAFFLE

Our 2026 Football Raffle Tickets are ON SALE NOW! Visit saintambroseparish.org/football to purchase online or physical tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office and after every Mass this weekend. If you are new here, you must go visit the webpage and hear all about how to chase some serious prizes all season long while supporting St. Ambrose in the most fun (and easy) way! Every single ticket is in the running for prizes every week of the regular season (Thursday–Monday). That's 18 weeks of chances to win! First game kicks off September 9, 2026... so the action starts soon! Just \$25 per ticket or snag the deal: Buy 3, Get 1 FREE!

MORNING ARRIVAL & AFTERNOON DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Morning Drop-Off

K–8 students are to be dropped off in the lower parking lot nearest the gym entrance, beginning at 7:30 AM. School staff will be on duty to greet students and safely assist them into the building.

Afternoon Pick-Up

PreK dismisses at 2:40 PM. Parents and designated pickup individuals should come to the bottom of the stairs in the lower parking lot to pick up their child. We ask that PreK and Kindergarten pickup vehicles be off the lot by 2:50 PM.

The dismissal process will be completed entirely in the lower large parking lot.

During PreK and Kindergarten dismissal, cars are free to come and go. Please monitor your children during this time.

At 2:50 PM, all vehicle movement will stop and grades K–8 will dismiss. Students are to proceed immediately to their vehicles.

VEHICLES WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO MOVE AGAIN ONCE ALL STUDENTS ARE DONE MOVING. SCHOOL STAFF WILL DIRECT THE PROCESS.

Parents should park in single rows so backing up is not necessary. This helps keep our children safe.

For everyone's safety:

- Students should go immediately to their vehicles.
- Once student movement has stopped, teachers will move their stop signs from "STOP" to "SLOW."
- Only at that time should vehicles begin moving.
- Vehicles parked in the front two sections should wait to be dismissed by staff up the hill in front of the Church.
- Vehicles should not turn left down the aisles.
- Vehicles should wait in their lines to be dismissed or may turn right and head toward the ramp opposite Schnucks to exit toward the back of the parking lot.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to make dismissal as safe and efficient as possible.

NEWSLETTER

Announcements:

- Back to School Night at the Playground is tonight!
- Applefest has opened their online ordering for Grand Raffle tickets, T-shirts, gaming wristbands, and pulled pork pre-orders
Check out the section below for a QR code to visit their order form.

Upcoming Events

- **Back to School Night**
August 28
St. Ambrose Playground & Gym
- **Applefest**
September 18 & 19

Questions?

Email us!

sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org

SAPA Dress Down Pass Dates

9/4, 9/11, 10/2, 10/16, 12/4
1/8, 1/15, 2/5, 4/2, 4/9

Purchase passes here:
<https://stambrose.link/DressDownPasses>



Applefest

Online forms
and more info at:



<https://stambrose.link/applefest>

SAPA Links:

SAPA Page:

<https://stambrose.link/sapa>

SAPA Calendar:

<https://stambrose.link/sapacalendar>

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 2nd
6:00 pm
Community Center

City-Wide LITTER CLEANUP DAY

≡ Fall 2026 ≡



≡ SAT OCT 3, 2026 ≡

Join us for a **City-Wide Litter Cleanup Day!**

This is a GREAT opportunity for students to get their required **Student Service Hours** while helping to beautify our community!



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2026**

9:00 a.m.-Noon
Rain or Shine!



Students must have
an adult/parent/
guardian chaperone.



OUR MEETING LOCATION:

College Ave Presbyterian
Church parking lot
(across from Taqueria Maya)
1702 Clawson St,
Alton, IL 62002

Sign Up Today!

SIGN UP HERE:

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



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Support Our **TEACHERS!**

Our amazing teachers go above and beyond
every day for our students.

Help them bring their classrooms to life!



**SCAN THE
QR CODE**

to view and shop from

ALL teacher wishlists!



♥ Thank you for ♥
**SUPPORTING OUR
SAINTS AND TEACHERS!**





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SAPA uses the Remind app to keep families informed with important **updates, reminders, event announcements, and volunteer opportunities**—all in one convenient place!



WHY JOIN?



INSTANT UPDATES

Get alerts on events, deadlines, and important news.



STAY INFORMED

Never miss out on what's happening at St. Ambrose.



EASY CONNECTION

Simple communication between SAPA and school families.



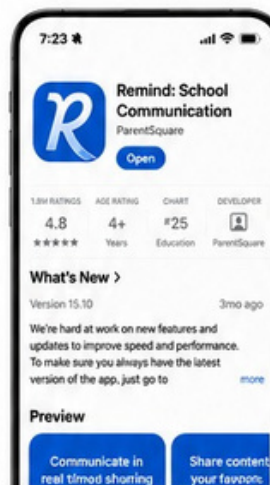
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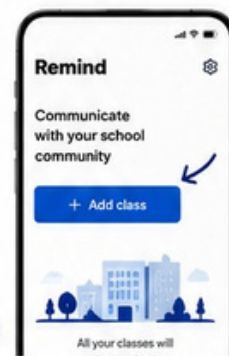
1 DOWNLOAD

Download the Remind app from the App Store or Google Play.



2 OPEN THE APP

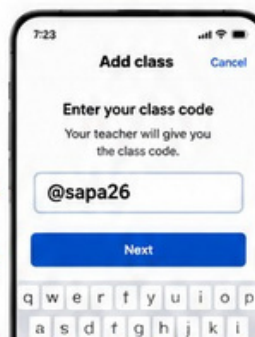
Open Remind and tap "Add class".



3 ENTER THE CLASS CODE

Enter the class code when prompted.

@sapa26



4 YOU'RE IN!

You'll start receiving important messages from SAPA.



ONE APP. ALL THE UPDATES.

Everything you need to know, right at your fingertips!

GET THE APP:



Let's work together to make this the best year yet!



Questions? Email us at sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org

