

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, August 29th



Calendar

September 1

No School

September 3

SAPA Meeting 6:00

September 5

\$1.50 Dress Down Day

September 10

1:30 Dismissal

September 15

Fall Pictures IN UNIFORM

September 26

No School

September 26-28

Applefest

School Safety at Masses

Given the recent tragedy in Minnesota, we pause to pray for all those impacted. We also must reflect on our own policies and practices and adjust as necessary. For the last several years, we have enhanced the safety of our weekly school Masses by taking many steps. These include locking Church doors, posting door monitors (Mr. Baird and Mr. Johnson) at the interior doors and by posting an employee to patrol the exterior perimeter of the Church and be vigilant for threats. Additionally, multiple staff members are monitoring cameras during Masses. Until the roof project is complete our weekly school Masses are held in the gym. Fr. Steve is currently obtaining the counsel of others to consider what additional steps would be best to implement at our St. Ambrose weekly school Masses.

Academic Eligibility

Academic eligibility requires that students participate in athletics or extracurricular activities maintain passing grades in all subjects.

Eligibility will begin being calculated the week of Tuesday September 2.

Pray for Students Preparing to Receive Sacraments

Many of our students are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The Mass celebrating these Sacraments will take place with the Bishop at our Cathedral in Springfield on Saturday Oct. 18, 2025. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their formation and prepare for these significant milestones in their spiritual journeys.

SAPA & School Advisory Council Positions Available

There are openings for positions with SAPA leadership as well as openings for chair persons for different events. Our School Advisory Council also has an opening for an interested individual. To inquire, please contact members of SAPA or our School Advisory Council.

Fall Picture Day Coming Soon

Our annual Fall Picture Day (Sept. 15) is right around the

corner. Forms and ordering information will be shared soon. New this year, we would like for our students (K-8) to be in school uniform on Fall picture day as these are our yearbook photos. Our Spring picture day will continue to be a “dress down” day for the photos.

Applefest Sign Up

Parents and adults please sign up to volunteer at Applefest. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and St. Ambrose needs everyone's support. Families are required to complete 2 of their 16 hours of family service at Applefest. Students in grades 1-8 are expected to complete a number of service hours corresponding to their grade (i.e. 1st - 1 hour, 2nd - 2 hours, 3rd - hours, etc). Our middle school students in grades 6-8 are expected to complete 1 of their service hours at Applefest. Opportunities for the students and sign ups will be communicated a few weeks prior to Applefest.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word Reflections for 4-8 Grades

Each week, 4-8 grade students are assigned a reflection on the weekly Liturgy of the Word. For those that are unable to attend Mass or are persons of other faiths, the information is available on the live stream in the videos on the website. This is a weekly expectation in the

curriculum for our Religious education.

Lunch Volunteers Wanted

The sign up for lunch volunteers has been posted [HERE](#) and is available. Please remember that volunteers must have completed Safe Environment expectations from the Diocese of Springfield, including an updated background check and required training.

Information on Becoming a Volunteer

Please see the attachment regarding the requirement for becoming a volunteer at St. Ambrose.

Athletic Association Needs You

One of the goals for the 25-26 school year is the return of our St. Ambrose Athletic Association with regular meetings. Our new Athletic Director, Mr. Justin Johnson will be leading the renewal. If you are interested in becoming involved with our St. Ambrose Athletic Association, please message the department at athletics@stambrosegodfrey.org



Eye art created by Mrs. Preston's 2024-2025 3rd grade art class. The art is displayed at Quantum Vision Centers in Godfrey, formerly the office of Dr. Melissa Kiel.

St. Ambrose Parents'
Association

August 29,
2025

NEWSLETTER

Dress Down Day Pass Sale

**Purchase by
September 15!**

<https://stambrose.link/DressDownPasses>



Applefest

Volunteers are needed!

<https://bit.ly/applefest2025>



SAPA
Officer
positions
are still
available!

bit.ly/SAPASurvey



Spirit Wear

Snag some cool new St. Ambrose gear while supporting our school.
Shop here: <https://bit.ly/3zIPA8x>

SAPA Dress Down Passes

Purchase by **September 15** at

<https://stambrose.link/DressDownPasses>

Questions?

Email us!

sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org



Next Meeting:

September 3

6:00 pm

School Classroom

 stambroseapplefest@gmail.com

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SEPTEMBER

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 ST. AMBROSE PARISH
 820 W. HOMER ADAMS PARKWAY
 GODFREY, IL



ST. AMBROSE APPLEFEST News

Hello School Families!

Hold on to your pumpkin spice lattes because in less than 40 days, Applefest will be here! (No seriously, we checked the calendar ... twice, lol). From bouncy slides to pie-eating contests, food tents and ice cream trucks to live bands, we hope to make this THE event your family won't stop talking about all season long. So, mark your calendars and get ready to fall into the Applefest spirit with us!

Warmly,
 Mike & Lynne Adams
 Your 2025 Applefest Chairs



**WHAT'S
NEW!**

KEEPING TRADITIONS
 ALIVE WHILE COZYING UP
 TO SOME NEW THINGS ...

- Adult gaming | Pull tabs, Chuck-a-Luck, and other games!
- Apple Market | Think homemade, seasonal goods
- I Dood It is back!
- Online Silent Auction
- Hair Tinsel & Temporary Tattoo Station
- Kids Pie Eating Contest
- Ice Cream Truck
- And more ...

Who will win the Grand Raffle this year? We don't know but what we do know is that the prize money has increased to \$5000!!! No, that's not a typo. It has DOUBLED! So make sure to get entered to win! Buy online or use the form or stop by the Parish Office during business hours.



CLASSROOM BASKETS

We would love each classroom to have a basket either in the raffle or silent auction. Here are the themes if you'd like to send an item in with your student or a monetary donation towards it.

THANKS SO MUCH!

- Preschool-Play Doh
- Kindergarten- Art Supplies
- 1st Grade- Outdoor Games/Toys
- 2nd Grade- Barbie
- 3rd Grade- Lego
- 4th Grade- Lego
- 5th Grade- Movie Night
- 6th Grade- Ice Cream Party Basket
- 7th Grade- St. Louis Sports/ Sports/ Baseball Cards
- 8th Grade- Family Game Night

KRISTINA
 UPTERGROVE &
 MONICA
 ELLEBRACHT BASKET
 RAFFLE CO-CHAIRS

"let's"
DO THIS

www.saintambroseparish.org/applefest

Teacher Classroom Wishlist 2025-2026



Tucker - PK3

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistTucker>



Hoefert - PK4

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistHoefert>



After Care

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistAftercare>



Bachman - K

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistBachman>



Office

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistOffice>



Kane - 1

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistKane>



McCormick - 1

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistMcCormick>



Murphy - 2

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistMurphy>



Austin - 3

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistAustin>



Rose - 3

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistRose>



Fessler - 4

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistFessler>



Baird - 5

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistBaird>



Wielgus 6-8

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistWielgus>



Leeds 6-8

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistLeeds>



Freeman 6-8

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistFreeman>



Johnson 6-8

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistJohnson>



Preston

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistPreston>



Hamberg

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistHamberg>



Farniok

<https://stambrose.link/WishlistFarniok>

Thanks so much for your support

APPLEFEST ORDER FORM

NAME

Please, feel
free to go
QR-azy!



NEW! Applefest
Volunteer Page



Applefest Online
Purchasing
(Sponsorships,
Tshirts, Pulled Pork,
Raffle Tickets,
everything!)



Applefest
Amazon Wishlist

These are items that are available to order now. You can use this paper form and **write one check to "St. Ambrose Applefest" and return with your student.** All of these items are also available for purchase online on the Applefest webpage.

DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	SUBTOTAL AMOUNT
GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS Each ticket is \$25 and when you buy 4 (\$100), you receive a bonus ticket FREE! The winners will be drawn Sunday, September 29th.			
Pulled Pork Cooked Pork Butts 5 lb. cooked is \$30 each. Orders Due by Monday Sept. 22 nd . Pick up will be Saturday, Sept. 27 th at the Food Tent after 5 p.m.			
Applefest Tshirts Navy Blue T-Shirt Price: \$15 each Sponsors Listed On Back Youth: Small(6-8), Medium(10-12), Large (14-16) Adult: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL(+\$3), XXXL(+\$3)			
Applefest Bag: \$5 each			
Monetary Donation to Classroom Basket(s)			
TOTAL			



PLEASE SHARE ANY QUESTIONS BELOW. ***DON'T FORGET TO LIST SIZES OF TSHIRTS IF ORDERED ABOVE:**

GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
SERVICE UNIT 101 PRESENTS:

POP STAR ERA DANCE

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2025

6PM-8PM

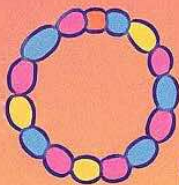
INVITING ALL GIRLS
GRADES K-12

WOOD RIVER ROUND HOUSE
633 N. WOOD RIVER AVE

LEARN
ABOUT
JOINING
GIRL SCOUTS

MUSIC FROM
YOUR FAVORITE
POP STAR

FACE PAINTING
SPONSORED BY:
**PARTY ON
BROADWAY**



FRIENDSHIP
BRACELET
MAKING STATION

V.I.P Seating
Very Important Parents
Featuring
"DIRTY" ALANIS &
ICED COFFEE
non-alcoholic

Free Event

Questions E-mail: girlscoutserviceunit101@gmail.com