

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, January 18th



## Calendar

### January 24

100th Day of School

### January 29 - February 2

Catholic Schools Week

### February 2

Dress Down \$1.50

### February 13

Fat Tuesday Pancake Breakfast

### February 14

Ash Wednesday

### February 16

Spirit Day - Decades

### February 19

No School - Presidents' Day

## St. Ambrose Parents'

### Association (SAPA) Needs You

Year in and year out SAPA and the parents involved greatly support the mission of St. Ambrose Catholic School. SAPA provides support through fundraising, organizing and volunteering at school events, providing special thank yous to teachers and staff, and so much more. SAPA needs you to help provide this support. We are looking for people to share their time and talents in a way that best suits them. Please remember that all volunteer efforts count towards the family service hour expectation.

One immediate need is for individuals with Marketing and Public relations experience and enthusiasm, to help promote our school. PR representatives from SAPA and our School Board are forming a Marketing Committee and we need additional assistance. Please contact SAPA to assist with PR/Marketing or in any manner. SAPA leadership can always be contacted at

[sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org](mailto:sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org)

## Snow Day Cancellation

### Reminders

A reminder that if we have the need to cancel school due to inclement weather, we will always try to do so no later than 6 A.M. Cancellation notifications will be posted to the news stations, will be sent out via email, and will also be sent out via text through the FACTS SIS system. We realize the impact a school cancellation has on families and will not cancel school lightly. Any snow days will be traditional snow days, with no school work sent home or posted. The use of snow days will likely cause us to extend the school year at the end of the current calendar. Once the threat of winter weather is behind us, parents/guardians will be notified of any school calendar adjustments. On Thursday we sent out a test message for our parent alert system. All parents/guardians listed in FACTS SIS should have received a text from the school saying we are testing our system. If you did not receive a text, please communicate with Mr. Baird or Ms. Connoyer.

**Catholic Schools Week Theme**

This year we celebrate our Catholic school with other schools and parishes across the nation. The theme for this year's celebration is United as a Community of Faith. I reminded our students this applies to their class, to our school, and to Catholic Christians around the country and around the world. Catholic Schools Week kicks off with weekend Masses on Saturday Jan. 27 and Sunday Jan. 28 and concludes on Friday Feb. 2.

**Knights of Columbus (KC)****Free Throw Shooting Contest**

On Thursday Feb. 1 St. Ambrose will host the finals of the KC free throw shooting contest. Students aged 9-14 are eligible to participate. Preliminary rounds will be completed earlier in the week and the finals are set for Thursday 2-1-24 at 1:30. The winner of each age group will advance to compete at the Regional level. Students will sign up the week of Jan. 22.

**St. Ambrose Students to Deliver Thank You Cards**

Our students will be asked to volunteer to hand out thank you cards to parishioners at Mass on Saturday Jan. 27 at 4:30 and Sunday Jan. 28 at 8:00 and 10:30. All students will create thank you cards for our parishioners thanking them for

praying for and supporting our school! A signup will be sent out next week.

**Science Fair Moved to Feb. 8 & 9**

In an effort to highlight the students' work and to not have our Science Fair get lost in the shuffle of the busy Catholic Schools Week, we have rescheduled the fair for Feb. 8 & 9. More details will be shared next week.

**Fast Eddie's Chicken Raising Funds for Alton 5As**

Local restaurant, Fast Eddie's chicken is selling 98 cent ice cream cups with all sales benefiting our local Alton 5As Animal Shelter. On Thursday of Catholic Schools Week students will be able to purchase an ice cream cup for \$1. Purchases will come from lunch accounts.

**7th Grade to Attend STEAM Fair at LCCC**

On Thursday Apr. 12, 2024, our 7th grade class will attend a STEAM Fair at Lewis Clark College in Godfrey. The students will be exposed to different programs that are available to all through LCCC.

**Cash Bash Tickets on Sale Now**

The Cash Bash ticket sales are live and on sale now! New this year, in place of the SCRIP program, each family is required

to purchase/sell two tickets. There will be a place to denote the family who should receive the credit, so please make sure if someone else is purchasing for your family they put your name on the sale to ensure you get credit. The drawing will take place on February 10, 2024. There will be two early bird drawings held on January 15th and on January 29th, so get your purchases in early! HOW IT WORKS | All 500 tickets are placed in a tumbler and EVERY ticket is drawn out. Every 10th ticket drawn wins a cash prize of either \$100, \$250, or \$500! Every non-winning ticket gets put in to one FINAL BONUS ROUND for \$500

To purchase:

Online: <http://sacashbash24.givesmart.com/>

Text: SACASHbash24 to 76278 for a link to your phone

In person: At the Parish Office

**Faith Families Return to St. Ambrose**

Recently returning to St. Ambrose were "faith families." Each "faith family" has 1-2 randomly selected students from each grade level. The faith families will meet several times throughout the year. The purpose of these families is to have students of different ages interact together in activities that are geared to help the students grow spiritually, to

strengthen our school community, and to provide opportunities for learning.

**Marquette Catholic HS Seeks  
Track and Field Coach**

MCHS in Alton, IL is seeking a qualified boys and girls varsity track and field coach. The candidate should possess good communication skills, is organized, experienced in individual and team development, and places an emphasis on sportsmanship. Interested applicants should email cover letter and resume to Marquette Catholic AD, Brian Hoener, at [bhoener@mymchs.org](mailto:bhoener@mymchs.org)

St. Ambrose Parents'  
Association

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**CASH BASH** tickets are going fast!  
Each family is required to sell 2 tickets.  
Next Early Bird Drawing is Jan. 29!

<https://SACASHbash24.givesmart.com>



## Ice Skating

Join us for Ice Skating on  
Saturday, January 27 from 9:00-  
11:30 a.m. at The Loading Dock in  
Grafton! This is a free, family  
event sponsored by SAPA.

### SAPA Dress Down Pass Dates

Jan 26, Feb 9 & 23, Mar 8, Apr  
12 & 26, May 17

### Questions?

Email us!

[sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org](mailto:sapa@stambrosegodfrey.org)



## Upcoming Events

- Feb 24 Mother/Son Dance
- April 14 Family Bowling
- May 4 Golf Tournament

*More Info Coming Soon!*

### SAPA Links:

#### Spirit Wear:

<https://SASpiritwear.givesmart.com>

#### SAPA Page:

<https://bit.ly/3pz4wl3>

#### SAPA Calendar:

<https://bit.ly/3KbfoFF>

### Next Meeting:

February 7  
6:00 pm  
Community Center

YOU ARE INVITED TO


# ST. AMBROSE ICE SKATING PARTY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH FROM 9 AM- 11:30 AM



DONUTS AND MILK WILL BE  
PROVIDED.  
LOADING DOCK- 401 FRONT ST.





# ST. AMBROSE CASH BASH

DRAWING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2024

TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH AND ONLY  
500 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

THERE WILL BE 2 EARLY BIRD  
DRAWINGS OF \$100 EACH ON  
JANUARY 15TH AND JANUARY  
29TH- SO BUY EARLY!

*The grand Prize  
Winner will win  
\$10,000*