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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 11 @ 7 PM	PTO Board Meeting
April 13	STUCO First Friday Collection
April 15 @ @ 2:30 PM	Confirmation
April 17 @ 6-8 PM	PTO Volunteer Appreciation Party
April 23-27	Scholastic Book Fair
April 28 @ 9:30 AM	First Communion
April 29 after 9 AM Mass	First Communion & Confirmation Reception



ST. AMBROSE PARISH

La Festa

MAY 6, 2018

12 - 6 PM

Italian Food & Specialties

Rides & Games

Raffles & Prizes

Italian Music

RAFFLE TICKETS

Grand prize is \$3,000 & Two \$100 prizes

La Festa Raffle tickets were sent home with the oldest child in each family before Spring Break. Each family is asked to sell the \$20 worth of tickets that were sent home. Just fill out the information portion and return it to the school office with payment and we will add them to the raffle drum. If you need more tickets, they are available through the school office.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Shelby Ezell, who made her First Communion at all-school Mass on March 27th.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Sean Corkery, one of our 7th grade students is among the students being honored by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) for their exceptional scores on the ACT. Sean's ACT scores qualify him for recognition at the State Recognition Ceremony at Drury University in Springfield on May 14th. Even more exciting--he scored among approximately the top 4 percent of TIP students qualifying him for the Grand Recognition Ceremony at Duke University on May 22, where he and his family are invited to attend. Of the 53,843 students who took the exams through Duke TIP, only 2,072 are invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony.

Each year, Duke TIP identifies a group of academically talented students in the United States based on their exceptional grade-level standardized test scores. Only those who score at or above the 95th percentile are invited to participate in the 7th Grade Talent Search.

ST. AMBROSE SPOTLIGHT

The NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) ACRE standardized test helps educators in Catholic schools and parishes know the strengths and weaknesses of their catechetical programs. This integrated assessment tool provides faith knowledge questions (cognitive domain) and questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices and perceptions (affective domain).

St. Ambrose is happy to announce that our 8th graders took this test in January and the results are in. Our 8th grade scored well above the national Average. Congratulations to the students and faculty for preparing not only in the foundations of our faith but in applying that faith in their everyday lives.

STUCO NEWS

Student Council Claver House Fundraiser

This month, Student Council is sponsoring a new First Friday Fundraiser to benefit the Claver House charity organization. St. Ambrose Society is working with the Claver House for this fundraiser with their brown bag lunch initiative to provide lunches for the children in need to take home.



For this fundraiser, we ask that you bring in **non perishable** food items such as fruit snacks, chips, snacks, crackers, trail mix, peanut butter etc. granola bars, and more! You can bring in your donations to your classroom the week of April 9th and the fundraiser will last that whole week until Friday April 13th. On the 13th we will collect donations. Do not forget to participate in this fundraiser and bring in your items!

LENTEN PRAYER FAMILIES



Be sure to send your egg back to school in the next day or so with a note from your family to your prayer family. You can also put a little Easter treat inside the egg. You can even get creative--decorate or package your egg if you wish. (Nothing extravagant!) We will make sure each family gets their egg. Thanks to all families who chose to participate!

PTO NEWS



Nominations for PTO will be starting soon. Here are a few reasons why you should consider joining:

1. **Your child benefits.** When parents get connected to the school, children get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems.
2. **You will be in the know.** The PTO knows what's happening with the school, who's involved, and plans many of the events.
3. **You'll tap into a network.** PTO functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, to build rapport and discuss issues that are on your mind.
4. **You can be part of the solution.** By getting involved at your child's school you can help make positive changes.
5. **You can meet other parents.** The common bond all parents of school-aged children share is that we care about creating the best possible experience for our kids. We are neighbors and peers and as a result, many friendships are forged via this connection.
6. **You can have fun while doing good.** You'll connect with a group of people who are all concerned with creating a better environment for their children. You will help plan fun events for the students, other parents and teachers.
7. **You can show that you care.** By joining PTO, you're also becoming a role model and demonstrating to your child the importance you place on being involved in their world.
8. **It's important for the school:** You will help raise money that will benefit the school
9. **It's flexible:** The PTO has progressed to meet the changing needs of parents. There are a variety of ways you can become involved with the PTO.
10. **It's for EVERY parent:** Your voice and opinion matter! It makes a difference when you speak up! You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences to make the school year better for everyone.

You can nominate yourself or another parent! A list of open PTO positions will be sent out at a later date.

Get your reservations now, tickets are limited!

An Evening Under the Stars

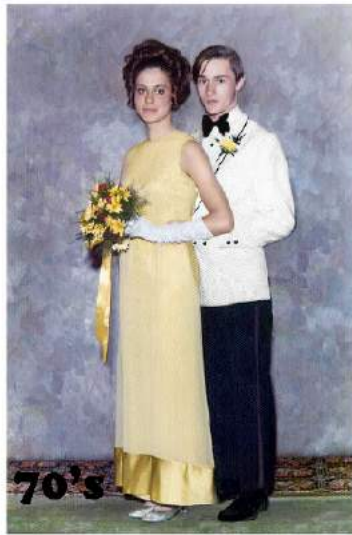


Parent's Prom
April 21, 2018 7pm - 10pm
In la Caffetteria
5110 Wilson
\$25 per person



What era will YOU be dressed in?

Dig out those old formal pictures, we want to see them! Send yours to Rachel Hines via Fast Direct



Parent Prom Reservation forms are available on Fast Direct.

Be sure to send yours in today!

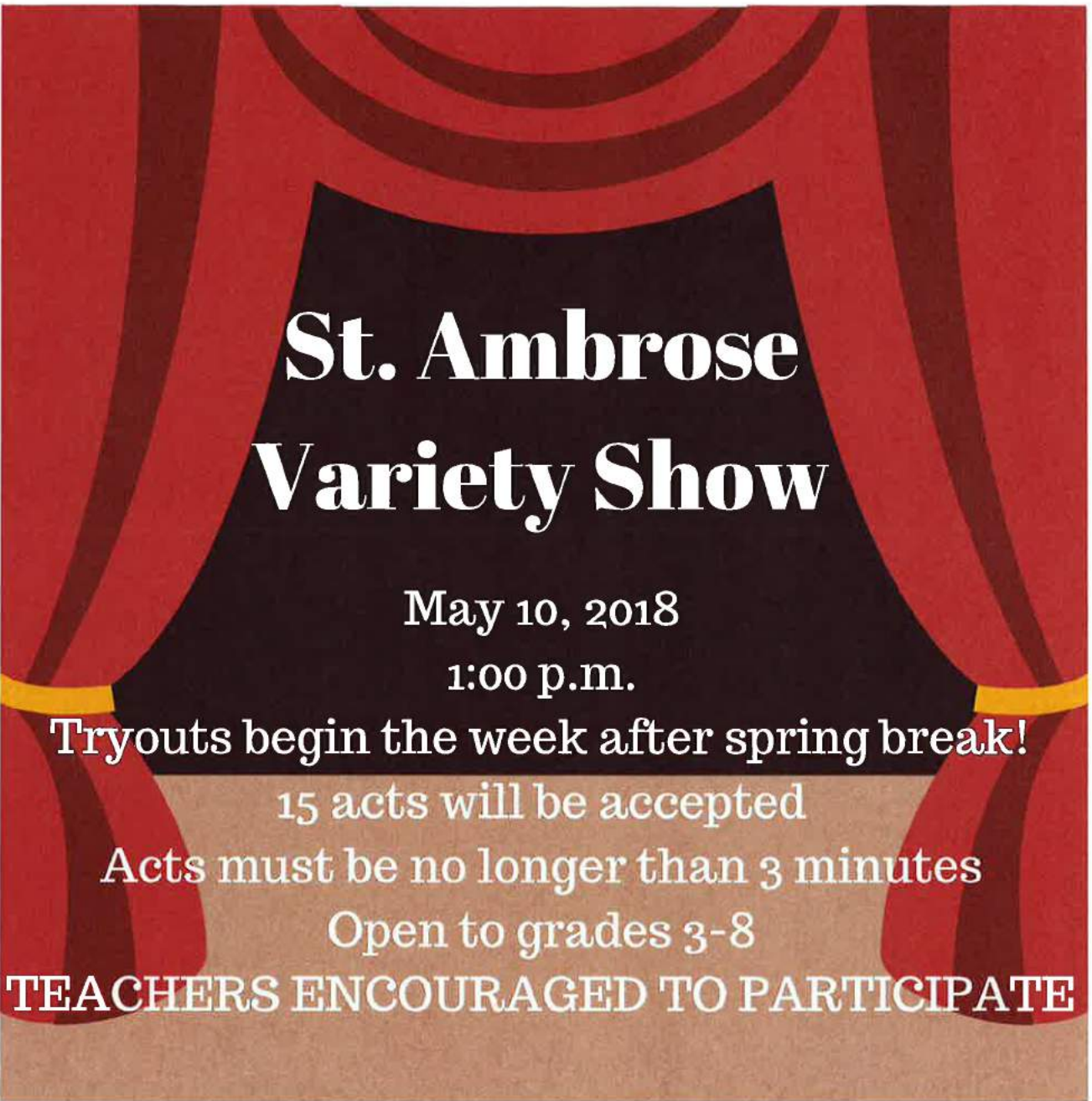

Save
the
date



PTO Volunteer
Appreciation Party

April 17th
6-8PM

Details to follow.



St. Ambrose Variety Show

May 10, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Tryouts begin the week after spring break!

15 acts will be accepted

Acts must be no longer than 3 minutes

Open to grades 3-8

TEACHERS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE



NAME:

GROUP MEMBERS:

GRADE: TEACHER:

DESCRIBE YOUR ACT:

PLEASE LIST TITLE AND ARTIST OF YOUR MUSIC (IF YOU ARE USING MUSIC)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

IN THE CLASSROOM

On Holy Thursday morning, the 8th grade students led the student body in the Way of the Cross. They recognized the sacrifice Jesus made on Good Friday and the narrators provided reflections at each station from the point of view of Jesus and of a student contemplating how he/she meets the challenges in his/her daily life. They accompanied the reflections with musical interludes allowing for time to reflect on each station.



Following stations the 8th graders, under the leadership of those who attended the Luke 18 Retreat, led a school-wide Holy Week Retreat. They planned all of the activities for specific age groups, including kindness charades, drawing pictures of God, playing telephone, virtue circles, faith talks, and singing. The entire student body participated and enjoyed having time to reflect on their faith as we began the Easter Triduum.



3RD QUARTER HONORS

Congratulations to all of our students who received academic honors for their work during the third quarter and the Virtue Award for the third quarter! The recipients of this quarters' Virtue Award allDuring the third quarter, St. Ambrose students have been working on the virtue of unity. After all-school Mass on March 27th, the third quarter Virtue Awards were presented to students in grades first through eighth. Congratulations to the recipients of this quarter's Virtue Award!

Principal's List

4th Grade

Shelby Ezell
Annie Sestric

5th Grade

Matteo Abbate
Ellia Bartoni
Sophia Nugent
Brooke Tatum

6th Grade

Lucas Andrews
Emma Grana
CatyJane Hayes
Ava Molli
Elizabeth Kelly

7th Grade

Giuseppe Abbate
Kathryn Llewellyn
Regina Pancella
Camila Torres

8th Grade

Grace Bricker
Grace Grana
Corie Longland
Victoria Scheers
Anna Steck

First Honors:

4th Grade John Black
Gabriella Brusatti
Marco Campisi
Brendan Crowe
Francesco Curran
Camila Drury
Denis Gralike
Nathaniel Keiser
Aaron Knobbe
Adam Molli
Mia Sestric
Gloria Stahl
Lucy Warden

First Honors (cont.):

5th Grade

Mary Corkery
Cecilia Hines
Joseph Jamerson
Charlsie Longland
Ethan Lutker
Frances Winter

6th Grade

Dominic Bartoni
Ava Consiglio
Gianna Fogarty
Mia Gordon
Owen Hackmann
Isabella Lombardo
Abigail Roy
Audrey Sandhaus
Abigail Scholbe

7th Grade

Jeffrey Michael Baur
Olivia Brusatti
Giada Catarinicchia
Sean Corkery
Marisa England
Mary Stahl
Virginia Steck
Angelo Tucci
Kyle Verzino

8th Grade

Morgan Berkley
Gianni Brusatti
Grace Kelly
Gaibrial Nugent
Allison Ruggeri
Kenneth Sanders
Michael Weitz
Amelia Wildhaber

Second Honors:

4th Grade

Dominic Capizzi
Samuel Fields
Gracie Fogarty
Brady Gordon
Thomas Palmer

5th Grade

Nicholas Cissi
Isabella Fischer
Madison Ruggeri
Thomas Steck
Peyton Warren
Cecilia Wilken

6th Grade

Ben Begley
Kylie Crowe
Christopher Lawing
Matthew Seib
Kaytlin Terry
Edward Walbaum

7th Grade

Ainsley Armstrong
Samuel Berra
Audrey Bulin
Gianni Gibbons
Nathalie Henlon
Brady Kimberlin
Dominic Perotta
Luke Will

8th Grade

Luca Bartoni
Braeden Bruggeman
Daniel England
Nathan Fischer
Caroline Hayes
MaryKate Stephens
Abigail Walsh
Alexis Warren



Virtue Awards

1st Grade: Cassidy Smith

Cassidy shows the virtue of unity by being a friend to everyone. She uses kind words and always tries to include everyone.

2nd Grade: Sofia Brusatti

Sofia shows the virtue of unity daily both in and out of the classroom. She is always willing and eager to work with all of the students in the class. She makes sure that there is never anyone left out of classroom activities or games out on the playground. Sofia is always making sure that others feel they are wanted and included in our class. Keep up the outstanding work?

3rd Grade: Brendan Corkery

Brendan is kind to everyone and makes sure that people feel included. He is the first one to jump in and offer to have people work with him in case of odd numbers. His sense of unity is strong and he really shows a genuine sense of caring toward all people.

4th Grade: Nathaniel Keiser

Psalm 133 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Throughout the third quarter, Nate has demonstrated the virtue of unity both in the classroom and with his peers.

5th Grade: Tommy Steck

Tommy is someone who encourages every classmate to cooperate and get along peacefully. He cares about the world beyond himself and creates connections with other people and all living things, which is the embodiment of unity. Tommy has a special gift that teaches us that we accomplish more together than each one of us could do alone. He treats each person as an equal and is a peacemaker wherever he goes.

6th Grade: Mia Gordon

Mia practices the virtue of third quarter by practicing the supporting virtues of unity. She helps to build the kingdom of God here at St. Ambrose by stepping up as a leader, collaborating as a dependable member of a team and volunteering to help whenever needed with fortitude, patience and kindness.

7th Grade: Camila Torres

Camila is a model of unity. Not only does she bring her classmates together as a whole, but she also strives to include everyone. Camila exemplifies the virtue of unity.

8th Grade: Corie Longland

Unity helps us work and live together peacefully. It helps us feel connected to each other and all living things, and it helps us value the specialness of each person. Corie does that each day here at St. Ambrose. You can always find her greeting people, saying hello in the hall, or giving out hugs and high fives to people. She makes all feel welcomed and loved. She sees the uniqueness in each person and strives to use that advantage in making friends and building relationships. She includes everyone and makes all feel that they are a part of this family we call St. Ambrose.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Enrichment Academy at SLUH

We offer courses for rising 7th and 8th graders in math, science, writing, and improv. The courses are fun and intellectually stimulating. Students can take one, two, or three courses, for two or four weeks, from June 11 to July 6.



The program is open to boys and girls, and it is a great way of getting a taste of what SLUH has to offer.

More information is available here: <https://www.sluh.org/academics/summer-programs/summer-enrichment-academy-sea>

Rosati-Kain Summer Camps

Kougar Kamps offer your kamper the ultimate summer experience! R-K is offering four weeks of full or half-day summer camps from Monday through Thursday. Our camps are designed to be fun and inspiring, but also engage your daughter in a new interest or sport. Our camps are geared toward third through eighth-grade girls and R-K's incoming freshmen. To learn more about our summer camp program, please visit www.rosati-kain.org.



ROSATI-KAIN
HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY LECTORS

The 9am Mass on Sundays is considered the children's Mass. Students are able to sing and lector. If your child would like to be a lector on Sunday Masses at the 9am Mass please contact Jessica Gordon (parent) via fast direct, text or call 314-677-7090.

April 15 - Joseph Jamerson and Victoria Scheers
22 - Luca Andrews and Kenny Sanders
29 - Adam Molli and Ava Molli

8th GRADE GREETERS

Greeters are for the 9am Mass each weekend. Please be sure to be at the church by 8:45 and go to either the doors in the front along Marconi or the parking lot door.

April 15 - Bartoni, Begley, Berkley, Bricker
April 22 - Bruggeman, Brusatti, Crowe, Steck
April 29 - Fischer, Fuse, Gralike, Grana

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 14

5 PM

Brogan Stewart
Joe Abbate
Matteo Abbate

Saturday, April 21

5 PM

Grace Kelly
Eliza Kelly
Audrey Fuse

Saturday, April 28

5 PM

Mary Kate Stephens
Allison Ruggeri
Madison Ruggeri

Sunday, April 15

7 AM

Jed Hovey
Rueben Hovey

9 AM

Gianni Gibbons
Emma Grana
Jack Warden

11 AM

Ginnie Steck
Anna Steck
Luke Will

Sunday, April 22

7 AM

Keegan Crowe
Brendan Crowe
Abby Roy

9 AM

Caty Jane Hayes
Ava Molli
Gianna Fogarty

11 AM

Harrison Winters
Frannie Winters
Jimmy Striler

Sunday, April 29

7 AM

Buckleys

9 AM

Matthew Nikolai
Sam Nikolai
Ken Sanders

11 AM

Olivia Brusatti
Gianni Brusatti
Angelo Tucci