

Saint Ambrose Pre-School Handbook 2020-2021



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Aims and Objectives

Parents are the primary educators of their children. St. Ambrose strengthens and supports parents in this responsibility, by providing a learning environment that instills in the children a love for God, for learning, and for school. Our goal is for each child to experience love, trust, and individual success, thus strengthening his/her self-esteem. We also believe the best way to learn is by DOING. We provide experiences where children learn on all levels, and inspire a desire for lifelong learning.

- Students are given the opportunity to learn according to their own growth pattern and to develop self-confidence.
- The curriculum enables students to acquire and develop basic skills, understandings, attitudes and values, which help them to live as effective and happy persons in their environment.
- Students develop intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, physically and socially.
- Children develop a positive self-concept, love for life, knowledge and experience of God's love

Admission

St. Ambrose accepts potty/toilet-trained children ages 3 to 5 years old. Children are admitted by the following age guideline, **NO** exceptions:

- 3 years old by August 1
- 4 years old by August 1

Admission Packets may be found on line at

<http://school.stambroseonthehill.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-2021-New-Student-Registration-Packet.pdf>

Potty/Toilet Training Policy

Children enrolled in St. Ambrose **MUST** be fully potty/toilet trained before attending. Children must be wearing underwear with very few accidents. A child having accidents daily would not be considered potty/toilet trained. Children may not wear pull-ups or diapers.

We do understand that even potty/toilet trained children will occasionally have bathroom accidents. In these instances, the child must be able to change their clothes independently. Multiple accidents without a medical diagnosis and a note from the doctor may result in a parent meeting.

A potty/toilet trained child is one that can do the following:

- Communicate to the teachers that he/she needs to go to the bathroom
- Alert him/herself to stop what he/she is doing and go to the bathroom
- Pull down his/her clothes and get them back up without assistance
- Wipe him/herself without assistance after using the toilet
- Wash and dry hands

Quiet Time

Quiet time is from 12:30p.m. - 1:20p.m. everyday. Every child will rest/lay quietly at this time. If you need to pick up your child early from school, please let us know so the class isn't disturbed during this time period, and your student can wait in the office.

Meals

Students have the option of purchasing hot lunch or bringing a lunch from home. We encourage you to pack a healthy balanced lunch. Hot lunch is provided by Chris' Pancake and Dining. A monthly menu is posted on Fast Direct.

No soda or carbonated drinks and glass containers are permitted at lunch. Students may bring a drink from home or purchase milk. The milk fee is \$25 per student for the entire school year.

Parents should notify the office in writing of any specific food allergies or dietary needs. This can be explained in detail on the registration form.

Snacks: Students will need to bring a healthy morning snack each day.

Children's Birthday Celebrations: As recommended by the Department of Community Health, commercially-prepared birthday treats may be sent to school by parents on the day of their child's birthday. There must be enough treats for the entire class. When choosing treats, please be aware of students who have food allergies, particularly nut allergies.

Curriculum

St. Ambrose Catholic Elementary will follow the curriculum standards set by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Social/Emotional

Throughout their time in Preschool, they will continue to develop social and emotional skills. This is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

Safe Environment

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register.

Uniform Policy

Hunter green polo shirts with the St. Ambrose logo (Catholic Supply 6759 Chippewa or Maestro 1631 Sublette)

- PK may wear either the hunter green polo or the PreK t-shirt sold at Maestro

- Outerwear - Navy blue fleece jackets, pullovers, sweaters and vest with the logo. (Catholic Supply)
- Khaki uniform slacks or shorts with plain pockets and no stitching (for boys and girls) no cargo pants or short shorts (belts are needed for grades 3-8.)
- Girls (grades PK-4th) - Plaid jumper or skort (Catholic Supply)
- Tights - Navy blue, white or black
- Socks - Socks must be worn at all times and should be solid white or black. (If there is a logo on the socks, it must be either white or black with the exception of the St. Ambrose logo.)
- This uniform will also be used for gym. Students may wear a T-shirt (plain solid shirt, no words or markings on the T-shirt) under the uniform shirt.

Shoe Policy

Tennis shoes are required for safety reasons. Please no light-up shoes. Velcro shoes are preferred.

Supplies and Toys

A supply list will be sent out at the beginning of the year with the required supplies for Preschool.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled in the Autumn. You will receive an invitation prior to the conference. At the request of the teacher or parent, a conference may be scheduled at any time during the year when necessary.

Covid-19 Information Update

Due to the accelerated Covid-19 virus, we are requiring the PreK students to wear a mask. We notice that many of our Pre-K students arrive with masks, and that is great. We know that we will need to acclimate mask wearing to some of the students gradually. We are implementing this safety practice of mask wearing for our young students as well as our faculty and staff. PreK-4 Parents, PLEASE – Remember that the PreK 4 students should be entering the school and going to their classroom without a parent accompanying them. If you feel your child needs assistance with their nappers, Ms. Bonds and Ms. Lavezzi will be at the doors to help if necessary.

Beginning December 1st, 2020

The PK 3 students should enter through the cafeteria door in the morning. At 2:50 PM dismissal the children will leave by the same cafeteria door they entered through in the morning.

The PK 4 students should enter through Mrs. Grellner's , Ms. Lavezzi and Ms. Bonds back door in the morning. At 2:50 PM dismissal the children will leave by the same door they entered through in the morning.

Important Contact Information

Church Contacts:

Address:

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