

# ST. AMBROSE

Monday Memo

November 11, 2013

## Principal's Corner

Thanks to our PTO volunteers and those in charge of the Special Lunch this month. Special thanks to Favazza's for helping us with such a great feast. If you have not volunteered to help in an event yet, please consider to do so. The best way you can help your child to understand the need to give back to community is to model that behavior for your child. You may not be able to come during the week; however, there are plenty of areas that need help after hours or on the weekends.

When students were off on Friday, teachers were in the school from early morning to late afternoon. What were they doing? They spent time taking a course from homeland security on Active Shooters and how to protect students in the event of a situation. The teachers also spent a long time analyzing the Riverside standardized testing. They looked at the whole school, individual classes and individual students in order to find out where we need to help more and where we need to challenge students. The teachers then started to discuss in their levels a plan for enhancing the academics and raising scores. Teachers received further training on Discovery Ed as well as technology and the use of Team Boards. It was a packed day for the teachers in order to better serve our students.

Please remember to return your building the future forms to Msgr. Bommarito. Even if you can only give \$10 extra dollars, please remember that every little bit together brings us to a stronger community.

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*December 4*  
*Grade 2*  
*First*  
*Reconciliation*

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St. Ambrose Catholic School mission is to serve the spiritual, academic and personal needs of children and their families. We provide a quality education by fostering creativity, divergent thinking and the skills needed to meet the challenges of a changing world. We prepare children to be examples of Christ in the global community by educating in a spirit of understanding, peace, and tolerance.

## **Cyber Safety and More**

Grades 3-8 have discussed Cyber Safety with Mrs. Hilderbrand in Technology class. They have learned safe items and not safe items on the Internet. They have also learned about plagiarism and cell phone usage. They are taking part in a Cyber Safety Challenge put on by the FBI. We are hoping to reach the highest grades on the FBI Cyber Safety Exam in the nation. If we achieve this, we will receive an award and be recognized nationwide as the High Achievers in our category for the month of November. Good luck to all the grades! We will keep you posted as to our progress.

The Eighth Grade Religion class is using Constructivism to learn about part of our Church History. The students have been separated into groups and they are each responsible for sharing the information from their section. This is an opportunity to learn about teaching, responsibility, collaboration, and speaking in front of a class. The students are able to use any techniques to share as long as the lesson is conveyed. They are also preparing study guide/test questions for their information as well.

Service with the Eighth Grade is in full swing. They are working on service items for Confirmation. The class was separated into three groups: Respect Life, School, and Community. Each group is to develop service projects for each month to benefit the particular group they are in. For October the Respect Life hosted a Dress Down Day with the proceeds to be given to the Sick and Elderly Program of The Hill, the School group planned a Live Rosary that was said in the gym on All Saints' Day, and the Community group had a booth and assisted with activities for the Columbus Day Parade. More information to come about their plans for November and December.

## **Yearbook Forms**

Don't forget to send in your yearbook forms if your child would like a yearbook this year. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Giudici.

## Dates to Remember

Nov. 11 Food Drive to help Ronald McDonald House this week

PTO Special Lunch

Veteran's Day

Nov. 12 School Board meeting, 7 PM

Nov. 16 PTO Bocce Tournament (begins at noon)

Nov. 21 PTO Family Dinner Night at Burger King on Hampton

Gr. 3 Field Trip

Nov. 27 Mass, Noon Dismissal, No Aftercare available

Nov. 28-29 No School for Students

Dec. 2 Health Screening, begins at 8 AM

Dec. 4 First Reconciliation

These students have volunteered to read at the 9am Mass on Sunday (11/17): Melanie Luczak and Gabby Burk.

# Congratulations to our Speech Team

Our Speech Team students always make me feel so proud at the meets. Their hard work and dedication to speech are inspiring. We only had 3 students participate at this meet, but they represented St. Ambrose very well.

Alyssa Nowotny and Hannah Loranger performed a duet and earned a Red ribbon.

Newcomer Mark Biondolino performed in the Humorous category and earned a Blue ribbon!

Miss Kathy Mitchell served as one of the judges. I am on the Bellarmine Board and was one of the chairpersons running the meet.

Thanks to all our coaches who practice weekly with students:

Miss Kathy Mitchell

Mrs. JoAnn Dreas

Signora Annunciata Buzzai

Mrs. Jennifer Ruggeri

Mrs. King

Big news for St. Ambrose! We are hosting the **Feb. 1 Meet!**

We hope to have all of our speech team prepared to participate. Also, we will need student volunteers to work as ambassadors and timekeepers. If anyone will be free that day to help, please e-mail Mrs. King. Please support the Speech Team!