

# ST. AMBROSE

Monday Memo

September 15, 2014

## Principal's Corner

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Thanks to everyone who worked, participated or joined us for the PTO Annual Bocce Tournament. It was a great success! I hope if you did not have a chance to join us this year that you mark your calendars for next year.

We have started using some of the money from the Italian Open. Students may begin to talk about new forms of desks that we are trying out, over 500 new books for the students, challenge projects for our students, and weighted blankets. We also have a pen that can read text and define words. Thanks to all of you who helped with the Italian Open in August.

Remember that we need your help with the auction. All proceeds will go toward creating a science lab as well as the STEM program here at St. Ambrose.

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*STUCO Pizza Day*  
*September 26*

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## **PTO News**

It's that time again. We are having a Trunk or Treat Planning meeting Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm.

Parents this is a reminder that at the Parent Meeting we invited all to attend our monthly meetings. The meetings are on the school calendar. There is a rescheduled meeting for the October meeting it will be Oct. 9th in the Cafe.

If there is anyone interested in heading the Box Tops for this year, please send your name to Jenn Kelly.

### **Health Screening**

If you are in the medical field and new to us this year and can spare 1 day, 1/2 day, or whatever time available, plus the parents from last year who came and helped with the screenings, we would be very grateful for your time and talent. The dates on our calendar this year are September 23 and 24.

Mr. & Mrs. Nowotny are the parents in charge. Please respond to the office and I will let them know who will be coming. Thank you for always making this day move so smoothly.

### **High School Information**

On November 2, most high schools will conduct an open house. Tours will be given and personnel will be available to answer questions. If your child is in middle school, it is a great time to begin looking and thinking about which high school will be best for your child. The schedule is posted at [www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org).

High school applications are due by November 19 to Mrs. Hilderbrand. Please make sure that the yellow sheets are not photocopied or misplaced.

## Dates to Remember

- Sept. 15 ITBS Testing for grades 3-8 begin
- Sept. 16 No School Mass today  
School Board Meeting, 6 PM
- Sept. 17 Auction Meeting, 7 PM
- Sept. 22 Right Start for Gr. 8 (Permission slips need to be signed.)
- Sept. 23 Health Screening
- Sept. 26 STUCO Pizza Day, Dress Down day for St. Patrick's Center
- Oct. 17-24 Scholastic Book Fair (If you can help, e-mail Sarah

## Cafeteria Notes

A special thanks goes out to our parents who have been volunteering at lunch time. If you are able to help with lunch duty on one or several days, please contact Mrs. Mense. Parents are asked to complete the Protecting God's Children workshop before helping at school. If you need to find a workshop, please visit the archdiocese website. There should be a link on the homepage.

## Library Helpers

There are still some spots that need to be filled in the primary grades. If you can help during the day, please contact Sarah Loranger through Fast Direct.

# Help us win \$5,000!

The radio station 97.1 is doing it again! They are giving away \$5000 to the school with the most votes on their website. Pass this on to everyone you know and let's get ready to VOTE!!!

[www.971talk.com/spirit](http://www.971talk.com/spirit)

## Rules Dates and Deadlines

The first round of voting begins Monday, September 15 at 3pm and proceeds through Monday, September 22 at 3pm. All submitted schools compete in the first round. Simply visit this page, find your school, log in and click "VOTE" next to your school's name. Voting is limited to ten votes per sixty minutes. You can click the "REFRESH" button to reset the page and cast your ten hourly votes. Once sixty minutes has lapsed, you can vote ten more times!

The second round of voting runs from September 22 @ 3pm – September 29 and features the Top 25 vote getters from the previous round. These 25 schools face off for one of the top 10 spots in the final round of voting.

The final round of voting will feature the top ten vote-getters. From Monday, September 29 at 3pm through October 6 at 3pm the Top 10 will square off in the final week with a winner being crowned on September 30 and will win \$5,000!

Total votes for each school will reset to zero votes with each round advancement. Once your school has qualified to move on to the next round, all schools will enter the following round with zero votes. So tell your family and friends, get the word out, and support your school!

# Academics

In science class, the seventh graders created edible cells to model the main organelles and parts of a plant cell and their functions. After creating their edible cells, they sketched a picture with labels and then enjoyed their delicious creation!

The Third Grade was experimenting with the different parts of an egg.



Second Grade worked on an activity called “head hunters”. The class was working on spelling as well as long and short a sounds.



## Student Lectors Schedule for Sunday 9am Mass at St. Ambrose

Date	Student Lectors
9/21/14	Jack Nikolai and Mia Gordon
9/28/14	Ella Gambaro and Gracie Bricker
10/5/14	Natalie and Victoria Scheers
10/12/14	Daniel Evans and Elizabeth Kelly
10/19/14	Grace Kelly and Christina Guidici
10/26/14	Carolyn Sinak and Mark Biondolino

# VBRD

This year our school theme is the virtue of forgiveness. As our students start to look at this virtue and reflect on how to show forgiveness within our school, it is important to know that as a larger church this theme is also being discussed.

The Holy Father said in one of his audiences at St. Peter that “the sins against unity, such as jealousy, envy, and antipathy come about when we place ourselves at the centre and even occur even in our parish communities.

Then the Pope underlined that in a Christian community division is one of the worst sins because it comes not from God but from the Devil.

God’s will, stressed Pope Francis “is that we grow in our capacity to welcome one another, to forgive and to love, and to resemble Jesus.”

How fitting it is that as a universal Church, Pope Francis is reminding us that as a community we must be willing to forgive and restore the harm that has been done in some way. I have been awed at how our students have been doing this in the school this year. I now challenge us as adults to see where we need to forgive and make strides to do so, whether it is with a friend, spouse, teacher, another parent.

In the end, the more that we can learn to love and forgive, the stronger we will become here at St. Ambrose as a community.