

ST. AMBROSE

Monday Memo

October 13, 2014

Principal's Corner

Thanks to all of you who supported the auction in various ways. The ads, golf cart raffle, donations, class baskets, and tables have been a wonderful outpouring of support. I know that in the midst of so many other events going on your support is most appreciative. If you were unable to reserve a seat, we are still looking for volunteers for that evening. If you can come and help that evening, please e-mail Linda Gambaro through Fast Direct or myself.

On Wednesday, October 15 there will be a plate lunch - pancakes, eggs and sausage. This is the **only item on the menu** for this day. This is being prepared and served by Chris'. It must be pre-ordered and balances will be deducted from lunch accounts as normal. The side window items - french fries, pretzel bites and ices will still be sold this day.

Congratulations to Anthony Mariani. He was awarded a merit-based scholarship for De Smet High School. He will be honored on October 14.

Save the Date

*PTO Trunk or
Treat
October 24*

PTO News

Special thanks to Mrs. Riney, Mrs. Cissi, Mrs. Tatum, and Mrs. Lutker, Mrs. Guidici, for helping with Special Lunch.

Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fuse for Lorenzo's lunch. It was a delicious meal on this chilly Monday.

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.

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

VBRD

The third guiding principal of VBRD is "Commit to being constructive in thought, word and deed." This is a very big challenge for all of us.

"So just imagine this: You are standing around after church, or waiting to pick your children up from school, or sitting on the bleachers, and you are visiting with others. The conversation turns to negative comments about a person who is not there to defend herself (or himself). You are asked your opinion in this toxic exchange. What can you do? Practice prudence: Consider doing unto another as you would wish for yourself. What would I want to be said about me?"

So virtue is not only for our true good, but also for the good of the other. Think about how these cruel conversations have caused marginalized families to file out of our schools and churches, seeking friendlier, more loving communities in which to worship and learn. We need to cultivate the virtue of love in our parishes. . . The future of Catholic schools and churches depends on what you can do today to show the face of Christ in real, visible ways."

From: Three Things You Can Do by Lynne Lang

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 14 Mass
 Gr. 2 Parent Meeting 6:30 PM in Church
- Oct. 15 Student Ambassador Workshop
- Oct. 17 End of First Quarter
- Oct. 21 Gr. 6 Parent Meeting, 7 PM in cafeteria
- Oct. 24 STUCO Pizza Day, PTO Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 30 Noon Dismissal, Teacher/Parent Conferences
- Oct. 31 No School for Students, Teacher/Parent Conferences
- Nov. 4 Honors and Clelia Awards after Mass

Ways you can help....

If you go to Schnucks, consider making St. Ambrose your school of choice. Simply go to the customer service desk and let them know. Be sure to let them know that we are the school on the Hill.

Link your Target shopping to St. Ambrose. We get a quarterly check from Target.

We still do Together We're Better cards.

Penthouse News

Did you know that October is ADHD Awareness Month?

There are three types of ADHD: Inattentive, Hyperactive, and Combined. ADHD is a disability that affects a person's executive functions. This causes struggles in school, at home, and socially. There is no one test to determine whether or not a person has ADHD. A comprehensive evaluation is needed to diagnose ADHD and rule out other possible causes for the behaviors that are of concern.

A few good resources for parents of students with ADHD are
chadd.org
ncld.org

Please feel free to talk with Mrs. Grellner or Mrs. Horner if you have concerns about your child.

Kirk Day School is hosting a **gifted education series** with Dr. Agnes Meyo, a licensed psychologist and advocate for gifted children and adults. Dr. Meyo and the Gifted Support Group welcome your attendance at meetings throughout the school year designed to provide information and support to the parents of gifted children. Usually held on the first Thursday, these meetings are free, but you need to call for reservations. See the Kirk Day School website for more information.

www.kirkdayschool.org/gifted-lecture-series

Academics

Earlier in the year, the third grade talked about how people care for one another in communities. We made cards to send with Sr. Sandra on her nursing home visits to let people know that we were thinking of them. We got a note back, along with some pictures, thanking us for our cards. She said, "You TRULY brightened their days. I can't express really how much your gift meant to them."

In Middle school math, students who test-out on the objectives of the unit of instruction can take on advanced Math Challenge work that is planned by the teacher and Mrs. Horner.

The fifth graders are studying the sacraments. Did you see the "My Baptism" posters that are hanging in the hallway?

Pre-K has been working on finding patterns in math and the world around them.

Kindergarten is working on communities in Social Studies class. They are working collaboratively on their community as they study what makes up a community.