

ST. AMBROSE

Monday Memo

November 3, 2014

Principal's Corner

Pope Emeritus Benedict wrote, "Catholic schools are an outstanding apostolate of hope...addressing the material, intellectual and spiritual needs of three million children." There is a four-fold mission of Catholic schools—to proclaim the Gospel, to build community, to serve our brothers and sisters, and academic excellence.

It is our belief that this mission can only be realized if parents and faculty work together to do all we can for our students. The way we model the virtues, speak with one another, take a vested interest in the academic side of school are all ways that together we can have an excellent program.

Thank you, parents, for taking the time to come last week to meet with the teachers and to seek ways to help your child meet the goals of our mission statement. Thank you for your continued support of making this an amazing place to be.

Save the Date

*Honors and Clelia
Awards on Nov. 4
after Mass*

PTO News

Jenn Kelly is looking for some helpers for the Special Lunch on November 10. If you are able to help with this, please contact her.

Those who have volunteered to help at the auction, Linda Gambaro will contact you on Wednesday. We need all the help we can get so if you responded by e-mail, we have you on the list. Remember that all the proceeds will go toward creating a science lab with our focus on STEM.

Athletic Association

Our long time , dedicated coach Jill Springer is being honored at this year's CYC sports banquet for Showing acts of Random Kindness in Coaching. The banquet is this Wednesday.

Her motto to all her players is you always need to be a good-sport and play with honor and dignity. You first represent yourself and secondly your school. Jill has coached many teams and helped lead the eighth grade boys to city / county championship last year with both her other two teams coming in first in their league.

Election Day News from the Diocese

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2014. As Catholics we are encouraged to actively participate in the political process while taking into account the moral dimensions of each issue. For information on forming your conscience, visit archstl.org/faithful-citizenship. On this webpage you will find political process guidelines, an overview of Church teaching, prayer resources, and more.

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 4 Honors and Clelia Awards after Mass
- Nov. 6 Faculty Meeting, 3 PM
- Nov. 8 Bellarmine Speech Meet
Auction
- Nov. 10 PTO Special Lunch
- Nov. 11 Mass
- Nov. 20 Teacher Level Coordinator Meeting, 3 PM
- Nov. 25 Last Full Day before Thanksgiving Break
(After care will be available)
- Nov. 26-30 Thanksgiving Break

Don't Know How to Help?

Think about ordering TWB cards from the school office for Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts.

Order forms will be sent through Fast Direct this week.

Student Athletes

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to represent St. Ambrose for the Volleyball Spirit games. Games will be played Thanksgiving weekend.

Carolyn Sinak
Gracemarie Tucci
Lily Springer
Liam John

How are the players selected? The players and their families serve as living examples of the spirit and principles that the CYC has endeavored to teach the youth of the Archdiocese for over 65 years.

The players and their families have lived their lives in the spirit of St. Louis. They have shown the dedication to their faith, strength of character and leadership that marked the life of our city's patron saint.

Like Charles Lindbergh in the Spirit of Saint Louis, they have learned that with hard work and team work, dreams can come true. I Believe I Can Fly is more than just a song title. It is the way to success.

Our Players and their families bring to these games and the St. Louis community a love of the game and a spirit of sportsmanship that has made St. Louis renowned as a great sport city. They are an important part of the "Spirit of St. Louis" .

Date	Student Lectors
11/2/14	Claudia Fuse and Audrey Fuse
11/9/14	Natalie Scheers and Victoria Scheers
11/16/14	Lily Springer and Eliza Kelly
11/23/14	Daniel Evans and Grace Kelly
12/7/14	Ella Gambaro and Mia Gordon
12/14/14	Kaitlyn Biondolino and Mark Biondolino
1/11/15	Christina Giudici and Grace Bricker
1/18/15	Carolyn Sinak and Eliza Kelly
1/25/15	Jack Nikolai and Grace Kelly

Academics

What is a "Good Fit Book"?

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade have been spending a lot of time with their "Good Fit Books". Research shows that the number one way to improve reading is to read books that are at your independent reading level. This means books you can read fluently, understand, and are interested in.

Teachers in K-5 have worked with our students to know how to pick the right books to read. The I-PICK method has been taught in all of these grades.

I select a book and look it over, inside and out.

Purpose: Why might I want to read it?

Interest: Does it interest me?

Comprehend: Do I understand what I am reading?

Know: Do I know most of the words?

Please take time to talk with your child about "Good Fit Books". Make sure he/she is reading books that he/she can read with 99% accuracy. Good accuracy leads to strong fluency and comprehension.

Think of our classrooms as you visit garage sales or clean your own child's bookcase. Each teacher is looking to build a library of "Good Fit Books" in his/her classroom.

Read with your child every night. The number one way to improve reading...is to spend time reading a good book.