

JOIN US!!!

K-5 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

Join us at 7PM in Fellowship Hall

- Hear our 2015-2016 school goals
- Meet the classroom teacher
- Talk with the specialist teachers
- Learn about the curriculum
- Meet other parents

This evening is not a children's event and the information presented is intended for parents. The schedule will be as follows:

7:00-7:20

Presentation in Fellowship Hall

7:25-7:45

Classroom Presentation 1

7:50-8:10

Classroom Presentation 2

(This is an identical presentation to presentation 1 so families with multiple children can visit more than one classroom)

Crusading for a Cause

2nd Annual Marathon for Nonpublic Education

Saturday, October 3

9:00-11:00 a.m.

The 2nd Annual Saint Ambrose of Woodbury School Marathon is an opportunity for all students and families to show school spirit, participate in a fitness walk, and raise financial support for our school!



Along with other nonpublic schools across the country, students and families are asked to raise and donate funds. All contributions for Saint Ambrose will go directly to support the needs of our school. New playground equipment and technology are targeted areas of improvement.

On Saturday, October 3, we will walk around the grounds of our beautiful parish property together in a show of school spirit! Tents will be stationed at both the north and south end near the parking lot entrances with a first aid station with nurses located near the start line. Snacks will be provided in the driveway behind the ECEC and K-2 wing following the completion of the marathon.

Marathon packets will be coming home with your child on Friday, September 18th with more details.

For more information, please contact your marathon committee co-chairs:

Jenny Roach
kjroach@comcast.net
651-501-3987

Lisa Wurtinger
lisawurtinger@hotmail.com
651-731-9401



Wish List

Can you help??

Thank you to all those who stopped by at Back to School Night and signed up to donate an item or two for the Marathon. We greatly appreciate it!! There are still a few items remaining. If you are able to help out, please let me know. THANK YOU!!!

Items still needed:

- 1 large canister Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate Mix
- 8 cases of 8oz (small) water bottles
- Prizes for raffle drawings for the students (gift cards, small toys, books, etc....)
- Balloon arch for the finish line

Please contact Jenny Roach kjroach@comcast.net if you are able to help with any of these items.



Donuts for Donations

Pledge Fr. Stan or Mrs. Hand in a friendly competition to see who will raise more money for the Saint Ambrose Marathon for Nonpublic Education. Every donation will receive a donut ☺

September 20

Following 8:30am & 11:00am Mass
Fellowship Hall

Come join us and show your support for
Fr. Stan & Mrs. Hand!!!

We are excited to inform you of a new resource for Catholic schools.

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence is a nonprofit organization with a simple two-part mission: to help Catholic elementary schools achieve and maintain excellence while increasing student enrollment. Their approach is to share innovative ideas, sound business practices, proven strategies and financial resources to help meet each school's specific business and academic needs. We believe that this approach will help our schools become self-sustaining for years into the future.

Check out their website and video:

<http://tempq.com/>

2nd-5th Graders - Wake up with Reading!



Junior Great Books Groups

When: Wed., mornings, 8:30 – 9:10 am

1st session: Oct. 7- Nov. 18, 2nd session: Feb./Mar.

To register, fill in form below, and return to the school office or classroom teacher by Fri. Sept. 18th.

Junior Great Books is a program designed to enhance reading comprehension and interpretation. Students explore great pieces of literature through reading and discussion. Parent volunteers lead small groups (no more than 12) in a discussion and related activities once a week for six weeks. Students will miss no class time since this is a before school activity. All participants will be expected to read a selection each week in preparation for the discussion.

*Please indicate on the form if you prefer the Oct./Nov. session, the Feb./Mar. session, or both. We will try to accommodate all requests, but space may be limited due to the availability of volunteer leaders. **We need several discussion leaders to be able to include all interested students.** If you are able to help in this way, please indicate below. Lesson plans and training provided. If you have questions before signing up, please contact me –*

*Phone: (651) 768-3052 Email: jhoversten@saintambroseofwoodbury.org
Jeanne Hoversten.*

My child has permission to take part in Junior Great Books at 8:30 - 9:10 am during the sessions indicated. I will encourage him/her to complete the reading assigned each week.

Child's name _____ Grade/teacher _____

Oct./Nov. session _____ Feb./Mar. session _____

Parent signature _____

I would be able to lead a Great Books group:

Yes ___ grade level preferred ___ Not at this time ___

Academic Triathlon registration is now open for students in 5th – 8th grades.

Academic Triathlon is a competitive program allowing students to use their creative thinking skills in three different events: Face-off (quiz bowl type event), Mind Sprints (mental/physical brainteasers), and P.A.R.T.Y. (creation and performance of original skits). Students are on teams of 5, coached by parent volunteers, and compete monthly at area schools. Specific information is included on registration forms:

5th and 6th students – forms will be sent home on Fri., Sept. 11.

7th, 8th students – Interested students may pick up forms from their HOMEROOM teacher, beginning Sept. 11.

Registration deadline is **Mon., Sept. 28**

**** Two adult coaches per team are needed and we are always in need of coaches in order to place as many interested students as we can on teams.**

If you are considering helping in this way and have not coached before, please attend an informational meeting regarding the program and coach duties:

Tues., Sept. 15, 3:00 pm OR Wed., Sept 26, 9:20 am
Enrichment Room, 110

***If these times do not work, contact Jeanne to set up an individual meeting before Sept. 28th.**

jhoversten@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

(651) 768-3052

A Note from your School Nurses:

Communicating with the health office staff:

Welcome to another school year at St. Ambrose! We are praying for a happy and healthy school year for students and staff. If you need to communicate with the school nurses, you may call our office (651-768-3014) or email us. Because we job-share, we request you please email BOTH of us. This ensures your message will reach the nurse on duty for that day. (Our email addresses are at the bottom of this note.)

Immunization Requirements and Information

St. Ambrose will be following the State law ([MS 121A.15](#)) which requires that each student in a Minnesota school be protected from childhood diseases by receiving immunizations. Parents/guardians may obtain a legal exemption for medical reasons or conscientious beliefs.

All students new to St. Ambrose must bring their immunization record or exemption record to school. Immunization requirements are available on the Department of Health website at www.health.state.mn.us. All students must be compliant (up to date) with their immunizations. If your child still needs immunizations prior to attending school, please contact your health care provider.

Students with Health Conditions:

If your child has a health condition such as asthma, allergies, diabetes, seizures, etc. please download the health questionnaire that pertains and bring it to the back-to-school open house or to school the first week of school. This will help the school nurses develop a plan of care for your child. You may find the forms at <http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/Departments/Health/Specific%20Health%20conditions.asp>

If your child needs medications to be given at school, we require a medication authorization form to be completed by a parent. These forms need to be updated yearly as they expire at the end of each school year. Over-the-counter medications only require a parent signature. ALL prescription medication must also include the prescribing physician's signature. The medication authorization form can be found here: <http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/Departments/Health/files/MEDICATION%20AUTHORIZATION%20December%202012.pdf>

Vision Screening:

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 28 when we will be conducting vision screening for grades 1, 3, and 5. All students who usually **wear glasses or contacts** should make sure to **wear them that day**. Hearing screening is no longer offered but can be conducted throughout the school year if you feel it is needed. This year a speech therapist will be conducting articulation screening to all 1st and 3rd grade students.

Thank you!

Anita Pagel, RN Janice Huffman, RN

Anita.pagel@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

Janice.huffman@saintambroseofwoodbury.org



We are starting a Daisy Girl Scout Troop and You are Invited!

Who: All kindergarten and first grade girls and parents

What: Join us for an information night to learn about Daisies and about our new troop. We will discuss meetings, expectations, cost and share our plan for the year. There will be a small activity for the girls as well!

Where: St. Ambrose music room

When: Thursday September 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

RSVP: Please email troop57657@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can make sure we have enough materials. If you have additional questions or are interested but cannot attend, feel free to reach out to co-leaders Erin Callahan (402-968-7894) or Kristin Remer (612-209-6501)



FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

“Volunteer Opportunities: Are you interested in sharing our Catholic faith with the children and youth of Saint Ambrose? The faith formation program has volunteer catechist openings for 3-year-olds through 10th grade. This is a great opportunity for high school students in need of service hours, or for anyone with a passion for sharing the love of Christ with the young Church. Contact Molly Sagerhorn at molly.sagerhorn@saintambroseofwoodbury.org or 651-768-3021 for more information on Confirmation and Junior High opportunities; contact Janine Ricker at janine.ricker@saintambroseofwoodbury.org or 651-768-3020 for more information on elementary and preschool opportunities.”

Thanks!!!

Janine Ricker
Preschool & Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator
St. Ambrose of Woodbury
Phone: 651.768.3020
E-mail: janine.ricker@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

Youth Music Ministries Registration

Parents Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-Mail: _____

Singer's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Singer's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Singer's Name: _____ Grade: _____

We are interested in Generations: _____

Materials: because our repertoire is largely hymnal-based, we ask our singers (grades 3 and up) to purchase their own hymnal, and a few other things we find helpful for choir. **Choir members will keep these** and bring them to each rehearsal and liturgy for which they sing. This enables the children to use their books outside of rehearsal time, which we understand is happening in big and creative ways (during playdates, in the kitchen, for backyard concerts, in the bathtub, etc . . .) It's a neat thing to have a singer and a hymnal in your home!

Please circle supplies needed:

Joyful Noise(1-2):

Returning:	bring your bag and shaker	no fee
New:	music bag with shaker	\$10

Jubilate(3-4):

Returning:	bring bag, shaker, book	no fee
Coming from Joyful Noise:	add a book to your bag and shaker	\$10
New (gr. 3-4):	music bag with book, shaker	\$20

Schola: (gr. 5-6):

(Note: Schola and Teens use "choir" hymnal)

Returning, gr. 6:	bring bag, folder, shaker, book	no fee
Returning, gr. 5:	you may trade in small book for choir book	\$10
	OR you may purchase choir book (no trade in)	\$20
New, (gr.5-6):	choir book, bag, folder, shaker	\$30

Replacement Egg Shakers: \$2

Total: _____

(Please make checks payable to Saint Ambrose of Woodbury)

*No family will be refused participation for financial reasons.

Please contact Mary Reimann -768-3017-or Lisa Cressy -768-3007-with any questions.

Music Ministry at St. Ambrose of Woodbury

There are many opportunities for community members to join in the choirs available to both young people and adults.

Joyful Noise: Grades 1-2. This preparatory choir is designed for young children who love to sing. Through singing, moving and playing, children will experience the joy of singing and praising God together and begin to learn what it is to be a liturgical choir. They will lead our community in song at parish liturgies four times during the year, including Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15. Director: Lisa Cressy, (651) 768-3007; lisa.cressy@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

Jubilate/Schola! Grades 3-6: Singers begin reading music from the hymnal and sheet music, focus on good singing technique, develop a unified choral sound and begin simple harmonies. Schola singers (grades 5-6) develop skills in musical leadership, and work on more advanced musical concepts. We will sing at weekend liturgies, about once each month, including Christmas and Easter. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15, Schola stays until 6:30. Director: Mary Reimann, (651) 768-3017; mary.reimann@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

Junior High/Senior High Choir: For *singers* and *instrumentalists*. Musicians continue to work on more involved arrangements, and grow in their role as ministers of music, leading the assembly in sung prayer. Both choirs will sing together for the Youth Mass (5:00 the first Sunday of each month) and one 11:00 Mass each month. Choir Director: Lori Sager. Instrument Director: Monica Hamer, (651) 768-3018; monica.hamer@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

The **Junior High Choir** (grades 7-10) will also have the opportunity to join with our Jubilate and Schola choirs at Christmas and Easter. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:30-6:25.

The **Senior High Choir** (grades 9-12) will also have the opportunity to join with our combined adult choirs at Christmas, Triduum and feast days. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30.

Generations: A choir where families can sing together – for all ages! This choir practices and sings once each month. Pick the dates that work for you and your family! Director: Mary Reimann, (651) 768-3017; mary.reimann@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

Adult Choir and Ensemble: Both adult groups practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 and sing alternate Sundays. No previous experience required! Please contact Mary Reimann for more information, (651) 768-3017, mary.reimann@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

Instrumentalists: We are in need of additional instruments of all types. Please contact Monica Hamer to discuss your instrument and previous experience, (651) 768-3018, monica.hamer@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR



September 14 – September 18

MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17	FRIDAY 18
	<p>All School Mass 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Academic Triathlon Coach Meeting - 3:00</p>	<p>Academic Triathlon Coach Meeting - 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>K-5 Parent Information Night 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Marathon Collection Folders Sent Home</p>

Dear Saint Ambrose Parents,

What a great first week of school! I am thrilled to have the building full of students and teachers excited to learn. I am grateful to our Hands board for their excellent work on Back to School Day, and for volunteers who provided a delicious luncheon to welcome teachers back to school. We appreciate your generosity. It is a blessing to lead this dynamic community!

During workshop week, I shared a message from Bishop Cozzens with the teachers: *“God is inviting us to more than we think we are capable of”*. If we trust and pray, we can accept that invitation (even though the quote ends in a preposition)! This is a great focus for us as we strive to be excellent.

Next week is our first Mass of the school year. Join us on Tuesday if you can! We look forward to worshipping together. Also, K-5 parents are encouraged to attend our Parent Information Night on Thursday at 7:00.

If you ordered Spirit Wear at our Back to School Day, and you inadvertently took one of our samples, please contact Meg Davis at : milkdavis@comcast.net.

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Have a great weekend!

Betsy Osterhaus Hand
Principal

MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17	FRIDAY 18
<p><u>Hot Options</u> 1 - Parmesan Chicken Bites 2 - Hot Dog</p> <p><u>Cold Options</u> 1 - Turkey BLT Wrap</p>	<p><u>Hot Options</u> 1 - Spicy Soft Tacos 2 - Chicken Patty on a bun</p> <p><u>Cold Options</u> 1 - Deli Sub</p>	<p><u>Hot Options</u> 1 - Cheese Bread with marina sauce 2 - Hot Deli Sandwich</p> <p><u>Cold Options</u> 1 - Combo Sliders</p>	<p><u>Hot Options</u> 1 - Salisbury Steak and mashed potatoes 2 - Chicken Nuggets</p> <p><u>Cold Options</u> 1 - Ham Pasta Salad</p>	<p><u>Hot Options</u> 1 - Pizza 2 - Hamburger</p> <p><u>Cold Options</u> 1 - Yogurt Pak</p>