

The St. Ambrose Angels Network News

“Centered on Christ...Soaring to New Heights”

September 1, 2010

Principal's News

Greetings Parents,

It's hard to believe that almost two full weeks have passed in this new school year! What a great start- from the excited crowds on Spirit Sunday to the first day of class to Parent-Teacher Night!

As we enter this year, we focus on our theme, Centered on Christ... Soaring to New Heights. How fabulous it has been to start the new school year together with our children and families celebrating Mass on each of these joyous occasions!

I hope that you have felt the excitement, enthusiasm, and energy which the new year has brought. It has been a pleasure visiting all of the rooms and talking with the children about their experiences thus far.

As we get into the swing of things and move towards the heart of our year, I invite you to celebrate with us at our school Masses, if you are able, and to get involved in your child's learning experiences. There are, and will be, many opportunities this year to work with our teachers and children to create a dynamic experience at St. Ambrose. If you want involved, please give me a call or contact Chris Monczewski (PTU@saintambroseschool.us).

Catholic Spirit, Connections, and Cutting Edge- that's what it's all about. So the staff, the School Advisory Board, and I welcome your input and look forward to a great year. Please watch for news and bulletins about upcoming events, both in the Wednesday folders and through email.

Have a wonderful year!

Andy Andrews' keys for success:

1. *The buck stops here.* I am responsible for my past and my future.
2. *I will seek wisdom.* I will be a servant to others.
3. *I am a person of action.* I seize the moment. I choose now.
4. *I have a decided heart.* My destiny is assured.
5. *Today I will choose to be happy.* I am the possessor of a grateful spirit.
6. *I will greet this day with a forgiving spirit.* I will forgive myself.
7. *I will persist without exception.* I am a person of great faith.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 9/1 – Preschool First Day of School
- ◆ 9/1 – Market Day Sale at 5:00 – 6:00 pm in Hilkert Hall
- ◆ 9/1 – Gr. 4-8 Band Info. Meeting at 7:00 pm in HH
- ◆ 9/1 – Hot Lunch Program Begins
- ◆ 9/3 – Family/Student Forms Due
- ◆ 9/6 – Labor Day – No School
- ◆ 9/7 – Bus Driver Blessing
- ◆ 9/8 – Gr. 8 Retreat/Mass
- ◆ 9/9 – SAB Meeting at 6:45 pm in School Media Center
- ◆ 9/13 – PS4 through Gr. 8 School Pictures
- ◆ 9/13 – QSP Magazine Drive Kickoff
- ◆ 9/14 – All School Mass at 1:15 pm
- ◆ 9/21 – Gr. 6 Parent Camp Christopher Meeting at 6:00 pm in HH #4
- ◆ 9/29 – Catholic High School Information Night at 6:30 – 9:00 pm in school

Teacher's Corner

Welcome to Littlest Angels Preschool!

Our program strives to create an atmosphere of Christian love and concern which promotes the healthy development of each child. We provide learning experiences and play activities that encourage spiritual, intellectual, social and physical growth. Our forty four year olds and thirty-two three year olds are embracing all that our program has to offer! It is wonderful to see them demonstrate cooperative behaviors such as helping, taking turns, sharing, comforting and compromising. They are coming to know that God gives us great gifts everyday! We are all specially made and loved by God! We are on our way to becoming life long learners and lovers of education! Our children are engaged in literacy, math, music, science, social studies and physical education daily.

As we enter the season of autumn, encourage your child to discover the signs of fall around him/her. Things such as changing leaves, fat squirrels, cooler weather and shorter days. Young children are in awe of the beauty God creates this time of year. Of course, so are the rest of us! Having a preschooler gives you an excuse to play in the leaves again!

Thank you to all of our returning families and welcome to our new littlest angels! Thank you for sharing your child with us!

If you would like more information about Littlest Angels Preschool, I can be reached at the school office number 330-225-2116 or by e-mail at cmitchell@saintambroseschool.us.

Autumn Blessings,
Mrs. Catherine Mitchell

A Message from PTU

To those of you who are new to the school, welcome to St. Ambrose! To those returning families, welcome back! PTU is looking forward to another great year. We are still looking for volunteers for our many committees. Please refer to the PTU/Student Life Handbook for descriptions of all the committee responsibilities. We are especially looking for leads and co-leads for Family Nights, the Malley's Easter Candy Sale, and Santa Shop. If you are able to help with these or any other PTU committees and have not yet had a chance to sign up, please email ptu@saintambroseschool.us or feel free to email directly to cpmonczewski@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Also, any family that did not have the opportunity to pay the \$5 per family PTU membership fee for the 2010-2011 school year, you may send it into the school office in an envelope marked "PTU Membership Fees". Please be sure to include your family name on the envelope. An absence pad for the school year will be sent home with your youngest/only child when the fee is received.

PTU would like to thank the following people for their time in leading or assisting recent PTU activities. Thank you to Kathy Ruffing for organizing Spirit Sunday on August 15. While finding out classroom assignments, many people were able to take advantage of the Used Uniform Sale thanks to Connie Faur, Patti Scalfano, and the Used Uniform Committee. Thank you also to Eileen Gilhousen, Kelly Hrabak, Lynn Tobon, and Kathy Ruffing for all of their help welcoming our newest angels at the New Family Picnic.

Be sure to mark your calendars for these future PTU activities: Catholic High School Night on Sept. 29, PTU meeting on Oct. 21, and Donuts for Dad on Oct. 22. Please look for more information on these upcoming events.

Thank you,
PTU Leadership Team

Health and Wellness News

We just received our award from the Ohio Department of Health and the American Cancer Society naming Saint Ambrose School a "Buckeye Best: Healthy School Bronze Award winner for the 2009-2010 school year. We continue to review and evaluate our health and wellness programs and plan for new and interesting ways to assist our children in making healthy choices. As part of our programming, our Student Council has taken on a project called "Too Sweet". They will be working with the staff and students on awareness and action when it comes to making healthy food and beverage choices. Of course our health curriculum addresses variety of health and wellness topics and issues on a regular basis.

Nurses

We have a nurse on staff every day between 10-1. Our volunteer nurses will be assisting us throughout the year, filling in during times when our staff nurse is not here, at the beginning and end of the day. If you are a nurse and would like to assist, but have not given the office your available times, please do this so we can complete our scheduling. Please remember that volunteers must have the appropriate Virtus training, background check, and paperwork complete.

Thank You and We Love Our Nurses!

Important Reminder – All Family/Student forms are due in the school office by Friday, September 3rd. Thank you for your cooperation.

Morning and Afternoon Car Riders

Just a friendly reminder.... For morning drop off and afternoon pick up, cars should enter and exit by way of Ambrose Dr. to the rear of the property. Due to the many buses we have and the need to keep our children safe, the front lot and drive are not accessible after 1:15 PM.

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to attend Virtus training sessions and had the BCII check completed. Knowing that many might consider this an extra hoop to jump through, I am so grateful that so many of our families have taken the time to learn about the importance of keeping our children safe and volunteering to do so. Please call the office if you need volunteer materials.

Please be sure to sign in at the office when you are volunteering during the school day. We thank you for your cooperation.

St. Ambrose School Annual Magazine Drive

The school's annual Magazine Drive will begin on September 13, 2010. If you wish to renew a magazine subscription or subscribe to a new magazine, please call the school office for an order form. Information and order forms will be sent home the week of September 13th.

Please help support our school!

Save the date!!! Spread the word!! St. Ambrose Kalahari Nights will be on Thursday, Nov. 4 and Friday, Nov. 5. Special rates apply for all St. Ambrose families, staff, and friends and a portion of each room booked will benefit St. Ambrose PTU. Just mention "St. Ambrose Group" when making reservations by calling 1-877-KALAHARI. Look for more information in next week's family folder.

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We wish to welcome the following newest angels to St. Ambrose School

Abigail Balentine, Amelia Biller, John Borkowski, Taylor Brousek, Jereme Campagna, Mercedes Candow, Rebecca Cigany, Colton Clark, Brooke Clark, Dylan Cobb, Sylvia Connors, Ryan Coulehan, Matthew Erhbar, Alissa, Emery, Christian Foth, Anthon Galata, Mary Gill, Michael Gill, Paula Gill, Christopher Gnezda, David Grant, Nathan Grassia, Michael Hankey, Aidan Hanlon, Clare Harley, Grace Harley, Matthew Harley, Jr., Katelyn Holzheimer, Alyssa Homady, Alana Hudy, Emily Johnston, Zackary Kacinari, Anna Kalka, Jonathan Kashou, Caitlyn Keller, Nathan Keller, Mallory Kendrick, Hailey Kiernozeck, Keira Kirkpatick, Celia Koch, Kendall Kohler, Danyelle Komar, Alexander Lawrence, Olivia Marcovitch, Mariella Mason, Tyler Mason, Ethan McAndrew, Keith Michaels, Ryan Miklich, Jameson Mills, Donovan Mills, Amanda Mirt, Riley Mitchell, Michael Mog, Kate Monnin, Emma Nemet, Jacob Nose, Ryan O'Donnell, Trinity Park, Emma Petrus, Tyler Pozsonyi, Alaina Quinn, Ethan Ragazzo, Mackenzie Ritter, Brandon Robey, Nathan Ross, Carilyn Ruggiero, Ava Sikora, Natalie Skonieczny, Shauna Slezak, Julia Soprek, Chloe St. Pierre, Amanda Strmac, Hailey Strnad, Jenna Thompson, Taylor Thompson, Elizabeth Tobon, Emma Volle, Adam Weber, Evan Yarmesch, Joseph Yarwood, Kyle Zahniser, Caesar ZKiab, Johnathon, ZKiab and Joseph ZKiab

We wish to welcome the following preschool students to our Littlest Angels Preschool Program!

3 Year Olds ~ Isabela Adrovet, Camille Begley, Jacob Chalhoub, Luke Cigany, Luke Harrington, Brandon Homady, Tea Jerro, Ava Jerro, Matthew Johnson, Kaitlin Kennedy, Briana Kiernozeck, Tyler Kinnear, Addison Klotzsche, Nathan Kovach, John Kyle, VI, Dante Mendise, Casey Miller, Makayla Mocniak, Matthew Morgan, Paige Mounts, Ryan Murphy, Isabella Mueller, Jack Nemeth, Elena Osowski, Dillon Pinaro, Chloe Pistone, Ava Purgar, Christian Ruggiero, Kyle Tannehill, Ian Volle, Grace Yates and Sean Yates

4 Year Olds ~ Carter Ade, Jack Antonius, Christian Balassy, Joseph Cary, Samuel Chalhoub, Isabella DeBarr, Robert Dyer, Ruth Harley, Rebecca Herman, Trevor Horman, Christopher Johnson, Donnie Jones, Joshua Kell, Elizabeth Keller, Justin Kenney, Madeleine Knieriem, Ethan Koenig, Tana Mackovjak, Gannon Mantifel, Evan McColley, Logan McComas, Mitchell Miller, Thomas Morgan, Peyton Mounts, Blake Nettles Samauel O'Brien, Colin O'Neil, Madison Perchinske, Tyler Petrencsik, Bret Petrigac, Francesco Ragone, Ella Ross, Michael Samano, Jr., Evan Stracensky, Madison Venere, Sofia Veres, Gabrielle Vetrick, Paige White, Hannah Winar and Kaitlin Zgonc

*We wish all our students a
successful and blessed school year!*

“Teachers teach
because they care.
Teaching young
people is what
they do best. It
requires long
hours, patience,
and care.”

-Horace Mann

St. Ambrose School Mission Statement

*Saint Ambrose
Parish School is a
Catholic community
where Jesus Christ
is everything to us
and our students
are challenged to
reach their
potential.*