

2018-2019

March 8, 2018

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Ambrose Catholic School provides a foundation of religious truth and values. Students will leave with the knowledge and skills necessary for life in the modern world.

CURRENT STATISTICS

St. Ambrose is a coeducational, PK-8 Catholic school. Its status of “fully recognized” by the State of Illinois was reviewed in 2010, and also by the Diocese of Springfield.

Total number of students: 260
Teaching Staff: 20 +
Average class size: 16

2018-2019 Tuition Information Parishioners

\$3,700 (1 child)
\$5,4570 (2 children)
\$5,950 (3 or more children)

Non-Parish families

\$5,150 (1 child)
\$6,850 (2 children)
\$7,350 (3 children)
\$500 each for additional children

Registration Fee per child:
\$250 Grades K-8

The proceeds of the yearly Auction and the SCRIP program assist the parish with tuition costs.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Core Subjects

Religion Mathematics
Science Social Studies
Language Arts

Encore Subjects

Technology Fitness
Library time Fine Arts
Spanish

Faith Formation

- Comprehensive Religious Education Program
- Faith Formation Experiences
- Sacramental Preparation
- Preparation for the Liturgy
- Opportunity to participate in Mass
- Opportunity to assume liturgical roles at Mass
- Daily all school prayer
- Classroom prayer experiences
- Monthly stewardship opportunity
- Family Life Education

Extra-curricular

- Illinois Riverwatch (Grade 8)
- Children’s Christmas Choir (Grades 4-8)
- Athletics (Grades 3-8)
- Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, Track
- Girl and Boy Scouts
- Middle School Choir
- Drama Club (Grades 5-8)
- Student Council (Grades 5-8)
- Read, Right, Run (Grades K-5)
- Young Authors
- Science Fair

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

Standardized Testing

Students in grades 3-8 take the IOWA test. Results show that most students are achieving average to above average scores on these tests.

Students in grades 5 and 8 take the ACRE religion assessment.

Academic Talent

- Many of our students go on to be successful in honors programs in area high schools.
- Grouping is provided for all subjects in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade

TECHNOLOGICAL INTEGRATION

St. Ambrose provides a systematic curriculum in computer education beginning in preschool. The program has been designed and implemented by our computer instructors with the guidance of Mr. Larry Thompson who orchestrated the original computer program for the Alton Public Schools. Under his leadership, our school is fully networked.

Our students use Apple computers. The computer lab has up-to-date models (iMac and eMac) for students to use during their computer classes. Students have classes two days each week

A 1 to 1 iPad program was initiated in the 2012-13 school year. Students in Grades 6-8 use iPads in their classroom studies.

Many of our graduates are able to test out of entry-level computer classes in area high schools due to the fine preparation provided at St. Ambrose.

Our school website for the community may be viewed at: www.stambrosegodfrey.org

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Our school parents are involved in school activities in a variety of ways:

The Parents' Association, SAPA, meets monthly to plan various activities for the enrichment and enjoyment of the students. These activities include but are not limited to:

- Annual enrichment assemblies
- Fat Tuesday Celebration
- Christmas shopping at Santa's Secret Shop
- Grade level parties
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Hot Lunch program
- SCRIP fundraising to help with special school purchases
- Catholic Schools' Week activities
- Uniform Resale

The Athletic Association provides our children with the opportunity to participate in Catholic League athletic teams. All parents are invited to participate as leaders and/or coaches.

Volunteers staff the school library and are invited to participate during the school day as volunteer librarians. Volunteers are also encouraged to assist with serving the school lunches each day.

WAYS TO HELP OUR SCHOOL

At St. Ambrose, we are committed to making fund raising an adult activity. Our students are not asked to go door to door to raise money for our school.

Each year, the Parents' Association orchestrates our dinner/auction. Proceeds help to keep tuition as low as possible. A golf tournament is held each year to assist with the cost of educational supplies.

Other fundraising efforts include:

- Library memorial/gift fund for book donation
- Sale of SCRIP gift certificates to local businesses after weekend Masses
- Aluminum can collection for computer supplies
- Paper recycling
- Computer cartridge collection
- Boxtops for Education
- Land's Ends percentage of purchase of school clothing
- Target Visa percentage of purchase for those enrolled
- Papa John's Pizza night

For more information, please call the school office at 618-466-4216

GENERAL INFORMATION

Faith Formation

- Continue to provide supplementary materials to enhance student participation in the weekly liturgies.
- Provide professional development courses for all full-time teachers.

Behavior/ Discipline

- Work toward greater reinforcement of good behavior
- Provide additional leadership opportunities for upper grade students.
- We are a Virtue Based Restorative Discipline school

Teamwork

- Work toward greater sharing of leadership within the staff.
- Work toward sharing leadership in the stewardship program.

Leadership

A Board of Education oversees the functionality of the school.

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Staff Credentials

- All teachers continue to pursue catechist certification.
- All teachers are certified at the time of hiring.

School Day

School begins at 7:50 AM and dismisses at 2:45 PM. Before school care begins at 6:30 AM and after school care ends at 6:00 PM. The cost of before school care is **\$4.00 per day and after school care is \$4.00 - \$10.00 per day** depending on length of stay. Call Phyllis Erwin at 466-7217 for more information.

New Students

New Pre-K and Kindergarten students may register if they will reach 3, 4, or 5 years of age by September 1 of their kindergarten school year. Students **MUST** be completely potty trained before starting preschool. Older students are enrolled following screening if there is room in the class. Transfers are allowed at the beginning of the school year. Families wishing to enroll new students may call 466-4216 for an appointment.

New families pay \$50 towards the registration fee at time of registration, which is refundable only if the child does not meet the screening criteria or moves out of the area.

School Uniform

All students may wear navy blue or khaki pants or shorts with a red, gray, white, or navy blue polo style shirt.

Shorts and pants must be the style available at Fischer's uniform store or Land's End catalog. A red/blue/white plaid jumper, culottes, or skirt may be purchased at Fischer's or Lands End. Khaki or navy skirts, culottes, or jumpers may also be worn at St. Ambrose. Plain red, white, navy blue, or gray turtlenecks or sweatshirts may be worn in the winter. Students must wear athletic style shoes and socks to school. Girls may wear black, navy, gray, red, or white leggings under their skirts.

Grading

Progress reports are issued to all students in **grades K-4** mid quarter. Upper grade students receive progress reports **if their average is 75% or below**. Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. Parent conferences are held for all parents at the end of the first quarter. Ongoing communication by telephone, Fast Direct, or appointment is invited and encouraged.