



# St. Ambrose School



January 8, 2009

## Newsletter

May the blessings of a new year be with you! We offer thanks for all that has been and the courage, faith, hope and love to move through a challenging New Year! Mrs. Brown and I extend a wish for a great New Year and offer "Thanks" for your wishes and gifts!

Our primary grades are on a count down for the first 100 days of school.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Math Pentathlon and Geography Bee** contestants are busy preparing for their contest dates! Those trying out for the Geography Bee will soon have their winner who in turn will take the entry

test to be submitted to the state. We wish them the best of luck and a big **thanks** to the teachers and parents who have been working with them. Regretfully, we were not able to participate in the Math Bowl this year. We needed 8-10 participants before comfortably challenging the other schools. Some have been trying to challenge themselves with some of the problems!

### Geography Bee News

Practices for the Geography Bee Club for next week are: Monday, Jan. 12th and Tuesday Jan. 13th. Both days will meet from 3:15-4:15. Monday snack and drink

person is Tim Molinari and Tuesday snack people are Jack and Maddie Lucas. **Have you taken your Quiz today???**

### INFORMATION

Please keep us informed! If phone numbers or an address has changed, please inform the school so that we will be able to contact you when necessary. Also, if you are being affected by downsizing or a layoff at work, please let us know. This could run into extended time and as I have mentioned before, you may want to consider applying for Free and Reduced Lunch.

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ Extra Curricular Activities
- ✓ Geography Bee News
- ✓ New Information
- ✓ Catholic Schools Week
- ✓ PTO Meeting
- ✓ Upcoming Events

Is anyone interested in a nativity set? It has several pieces. Please contact the school.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We are looking forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The National theme is "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service." We will share with you some of the many areas of service that we do participate in and may

be looking for a few new opportunities! Some new activities are being considered. You will receive information shortly! Our biggest celebration as a community will be on Sunday, January 25th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

You will be receiving a sheet requesting your volunteering as a special part of the Mass. Please return this paper immediately, so that we may begin selecting the students and parents for this special part in the Mass.



## Catholic Schools Week (Continued)

### “Catholic Schools Celebrate Service”

January 24-31, 2009

PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY TO BEGIN OUR CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

#### HOW? WHAT? WHY?

St. Ambrose Catholic School and other Catholic schools around the nation are celebrating and sharing their influence and contributions to their communities and the world around them. This is the perfect opportunity to “showcase” St. Ambrose to our families as

well as the Parish and community. You are invited to be a special part of this! When was the last time you encouraged someone to enjoy a school that has reached the “**Exemplary Status**” by the state as a result of their “**ISTEP+**” scores.



*Time will be spent sharing our school with you and the community.* Please take this opportunity to invite and accompany your neighbors and friends and to consider “**St. Ambrose**” anytime for a private tour! We feel we have many wonderful things happening here that are an asset for the church and the community!



## PTO MEETING

**This next PTO meeting is of great importance for attendance!** We will meet this next Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Science Room. The officers will discuss the upcoming auction and events that will make this a success. This year’s auction and chili theme will be “Mardi Gras”

PTO will be finalizing the schedule and will discuss the solici-

tion and follow up to the businesses in which letters were sent.

#### The list for the room baskets are:

- Preschool 3/4— Gift Wrap
- Preschool 4/5— Game Night
- Kindergarten—Hannah Montana
- 1st Grade— Princess
- 2nd Grade— Colts
- 3rd Grade— High School Musical

- 4th Grade— Spa
- 5th Grade— St. Ambrose Spirit
- 6th & 7th Grade— Chocolate Lover’s

#### Do you have any other ideas for the auction??



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 8th—Report Cards going home
- Friday, Jan. 9th—Dress Down Day
- Jan. 10th—K of C Free Throw Contest starting at 12:00 p.m.
- Jan. 12th—Market Day Pickup 5:30—6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 12th—9:00 a.m. Mrs. Karen Lenart will be here to discuss

- “physically challenged” children and their families.
- Jan. 13th - PTO meeting at 7:00 p.m. in science room
- Jan. 22nd—Teacher-in-Service 1/2 day of school. Dismissal at 12:30
- Jan. 23rd—Spirit Day
- Jan. 24th—Beginning of Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 27th— Kindergarten-7th will be going North Vernon for Mass with St. Mary’s. Leaving at 9:00 a.m. by bus



## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that pro-

motes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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## Inside Story Headline



This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon

new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

**"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."**

## Inside Story Headline



This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.



**Caption describing picture or graphic.**

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words. If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can

include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art

image or some other graphic.



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