



# St. Ambrose School



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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

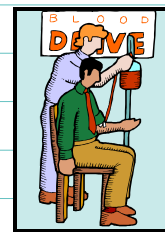
We hope that you will take the time and effort to be present for one of the functions of Catholic Schools Week. We have a great school but sometimes it seems like its light is under a bushel basket that is full of other priorities. We invite you to please make it a priority next week. There should be several references in the newspaper this weekend about our school. We are also sending home letters to potential Kindergarteners and preschoolers. The pink flyer sent home from school as well as an insert in the weekend bulletin should keep you informed of our activities. The families who sent in

their names will receive their information on Friday the 23rd. We ask you to especially help the children with their readings for the 10:00 Mass. Thanks  
**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
These are scheduled for Wednesday evening Feb. 3rd and in the morning on Thursday, Feb. 4th. You will see the slight change in scheduling on the sign up sheet that is being sent home. Please return this paper by Monday, January 26th. Parents will receive their child's progress reports at this time. If you cannot come and would like to arrange another time, please indicate on the

sign up sheet so that we do not call you. **There is no school February 4th.**

### BLOOD DRIVE

Unknowingly, two blood drives were scheduled this month almost back to back. If you missed the first chance, you may have the opportunity to give this coming Monday evening January 26th from 4:30—7:30 p.m. in the school gym. A \$10 gift certificate to Wal-Mart will be given to all blood donors. You must have a photo ID.



### Special points of interest:

**The 5th grade girls basketball team have advanced to the semi-finals of the city tourney. Show the Falcon Pride and support the Falcons. They will play on Friday at Cortland School at 5:00 p.m.**

**They will also compete in the Finals or Consolations on Monday at SHS. The time will be announced on Monday.**

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## SPECIAL NOTICE TO SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Our diocese has established a policy that any volunteers in our school whether it be for coaching, tutoring, teacher's aide, scouts, driving students, substituting, Xeroxing, etc. **must** take the **Virtus Training** and

have a background check done by the archdiocese. We will schedule another Virtus Training class. We had two this fall and **Many** did not come that should have. Actually, we have too many good people volunteering at

our school. We would hate to have to tell one of you **No** if you do not complete this paper and return it to school. It will be sent to Indianapolis for checking. The "Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit



### SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NOTICE (CONT.)

Reporting Act" which this is referred to is included. You may keep that section. Return the completed sheet to school if you will be doing any of the volunteering that we have listed and some that we may not have not listed.

Drivers are also encouraged to have at least \$50,000 insurance coverage on their vehicle and passengers. If you do not need to complete one of these forms, please return it to the school and let us know that you have seen it.

Just a reminder that you only need to take the Virtus Training **one time**. The background check needs to be done every 5 years.

Even if you have recently turned in your drivers license, we will still need for you to fill out the papers for the background check.

#### GEOGRAPHY AND SPELLING BEE

Our school will have the winner (Jan. 27) of the Geography Bee as the team has been preparing for the final test. The winner will have to complete the final written test. The snack and drink helper for Monday is Cooper Hensley and Tuesday is Garrett Dixon.

Good luck to everyone! Some of the classrooms have also been practicing for the Spelling Bee for a winner and a runner-up. They

will have a chance to move on for more competition. A list of challenge words to memorize will be going home with students today or tomorrow.

#### SCIENCE FAIR

Just another reminder that our Science Fair will take place on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. All St. Ambrose students are encouraged to enter. Information was sent home for students in grades 4-7. Any younger students should request information from their teacher. Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Gilbert at stambrose6gmail.com or call the school office.

### PTO AUCTION

**Our PTO Auction and Chili Supper is fast approaching. Here are a few reminders:**

**When: Saturday, February 7th Time; 4:30 p.m.—????**

**We will have a Dessert Auction and it will end at 8:00 p.m.**

**The Live Auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. until ????**

**We are also taking items for our "Silent Auction." It will end**

**at 8:30 p.m.**

**The 6th & 7th grade students are selling tickets. Please refer to the attached flyer. Each classroom is working on creating a "basket" of items. Items are due on Friday, Jan. 30th. If you have any questions, please call Kelly Stephens at 522-3007.**

**We are still in need for hall monitors during the auction.**

**We only had a few people who**

**signed up for this. Please consider giving 1/2 hr. of your time to keep our children safe in our school during this time.**

**DON'T FORGET !!!**

**BROWNIE TROOP # 219 IS COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY IN THE FRONT LOBBY BETWEEN THE DOORS. THANK YOU !!**

### FUNDRAISER NEWS

Our school will have a chance to win an extra 10,000 Box Tops for Education coupons! This is a contest in which other area schools are participating. If you have internet, please log on to the following website and register:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Promotions/>

We are now registered online to

collect the "Nestle" water bottle labels. We have already received some, so keep collecting these and tell all of your friends. We will receive our starter kit soon.

Thanks to all who collect our labels and turn them in to the school! Don't forget about the Campbell Soup Labels as well.

**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT !!**

#### YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

Our Religious Education Youth Group will be having a Mardi Gras on Sunday, February 22nd in the school gym from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The parish and public is invited for an evening of fun, food and games. There is no charge for this, but you will need to bring in pull tabs off of pop cans to play games etc. Call 522-2686

