

Dear 8th Grade Families,

It is so hard to believe that our kids are already in 8th grade... their final year at St. Ambrose! We are really looking forward to a great year filled with wonderful memories for them to carry with them when they go to high school.

One of the biggest events of the 8th grade year is their Washington DC trip in April!! We know this is a highlight for the kids and something that is greatly anticipated! We also know that this trip does cost extra for the students, so we have started to think about ways that can help each and every family!

We'd love to have different fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help support the cost of the trip. We have a variety of events that have been approved and supported by Mrs. Cinadr and Fr. Bob that can help bring the cost down for all of us! This will not only help with the cost of the trip, but will also provide so many wonderful opportunities for our students and families to work together for a great cause, to build character, teamwork and connectedness, and to create many lasting memories.

We need YOU to make this a great success for our kids! If we could have every single family help out in some way, imagine how amazing our year would be!! We know how everyone is so very busy, but if everyone did something, we can really make a difference!! Below is a list of the fundraisers that are planned for the year:

- *September 18 Car Wash from 1:00-4:00 pm, Bake Sale, Front School Parking Lot
- *October Pumpkin selling after all weekend Masses, as well as at the Harvest Festival/ Bake Sales
- *November 10 Sweet Frog Fundraiser 6:00-9:00; we receive 25% of all sales
- *December (date pending) Chipotle Fundraiser; we receive 50% of all sales
- *January 7- Parish/School Spaghetti Dinner
- *February (date pending) Marco's Fundraiser
- *March 25 3x3 Basketball Tournament
- *April 8 High School Prep Dance

Please mark your calendars and save the dates!! Further information will be forthcoming as each fundraiser approaches- be on the lookout soon for sign-ups for the Car Wash! If you are interested in helping to plan any of the fundraisers, or have any questions, please let us know- we'd love the help!

Looking forward to a wonderful 8th grade year!!

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