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SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL IS THE FIRST STEM DESIGNATED SCHOOL IN MEDINA COUNTY!

Saint Ambrose Catholic School was awarded our STEM Designation banner in September from Lisa Woods, State Board of Education, District 5 recognizing them with official STEM School designation equivalent status from the Ohio STEM Committee and the Ohio Department of Education. This recognition is for our existing and emerging initiatives happening throughout the school and in the community!

What Is STEM?

“STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, but it is more than an acronym. While originally designed to encourage students to pursue careers in these areas, STEM education has evolved into a unique approach to teaching and learning that fosters creativity and innovative thinking in all students.” www.osln.org

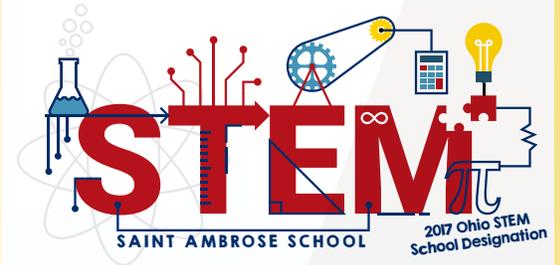
What Does This Designation as a STEM School Mean for Saint Ambrose School?

To receive this STEM Designation Equivalent Status, Saint Ambrose needed to go through a formal application process. This included seeking and building partnerships within the Brunswick community and greater Cleveland area; and developing an identity statement to focus on how we will work with the community to solve real world problems using Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. We had to show how we are using problem-based learning and cross curricular programming to solve problems to enhance our community.

Thank You to Our STEM Partners!

Saint Ambrose School would like to thank their STEM partners for their dedication and collaboration and celebrates this step forward for our school and students with them: STEM Accelerated Coding, the Ohio STEM Impact Network, Bob Gillingham Ford, Cisco, Cleveland State University, TRI-C, NOAA, Hyland Software, Rockwell Automation, Brownstone Realty, and many others.

Principal Lisa Cinadr stated, “We are preparing students to meet the needs of our community and become problem solvers and agents of change. We have the unique opportunity to equip them to handle and solve these world and community problems while keeping Christ at the center.” For more information on our STEM school or on becoming a STEM partner, please visit our website at www.saintambroseschool.us/STEM-education.



Saint Ambrose School proudly announces our

Ohio STEM School Designation!

Among the 1st schools in Ohio, and 1st in Medina County!



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www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us

MISSION STATEMENT

A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WHERE JESUS CHRIST IS EVERYTHING FOR US AND OUR STUDENTS ARE CHALLENGED TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

This isn't just a catchy saying. It is truly being learned and lived each day at Saint Ambrose School. We had a strong start to the school year and the momentum continues as we work and play in joyful excellence as a family of God. Teachers and staff spent valuable time connecting with each other and their students with fun community- and team-building games and activities in preparation for a rigorous yet warmly supportive year of faith and knowledge. We are saints in the making and our mission is extraordinary.

It was a joy to see and talk with so many parents at our Back to School Night on August 30. Our outstanding PTU (Parent Teacher Union) is in full force and in addition to helping us start the school year with great energy and excitement beginning with Spirit Day, the members have provided wonderful family events such as Special Person's Day and Donuts for Dad.

Thank you for your gifts of a new laminator for teachers, additional safety radios and new water fountains with water bottle filling stations! They are treasures and greatly appreciated by all! SAB (School Advisory Board) members have been meeting regularly to assist me in providing everything for every child every day. We are so blessed here at Saint Ambrose School with parents and friends who support us so generously with their time, talent and treasure!

Assessments are complete and the great work to which we are called continues: helping each student find and develop his or her unique talents and gifts. Our 21st Century students learn the basics of reading, writing, math, social studies, art, etc., with 21st Century skills such as: critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication, coding and computer science, College Credit Plus classes in geospatial mapping, makerspaces, problem-based learning and more. There are so many wonderful things happening on campus.

Mrs. Lisa Cinadr
Principal



AUTUMN BLESSINGS FROM LITTLEST ANGELS PRESCHOOL



Catherine Mitchell, Preschool Director

This verse reminds us that change is good, necessary and part of God's plan. Change is often difficult for young children so we celebrate with them the ending of summer, the beginning of school and the changes we see in fall. As we rake leaves and bundle up for football games, may we all be reminded of this verse and see the beauty and awe in God's amazing fall landscape!

We welcomed 132 new little angels to school this year. It is a blessing to see such excitement and wonder as they learn new things and make new friends. We are focusing on hands on science and math. Daily we continue to make the early connections between letter sounds and letters in print which will prepare the children to read. Our rooms are full of faith, fellowship and fun as we strive to teach the children about the life and teachings of Jesus through scripture, words and actions.



We had another successful Littlest Angels Preschool PTU Angel Dash this year! Our little ones had a blast walking, skipping, dancing and hopping laps around Hilkert Hall in order to raise funds for our preschool program. We are blessed with supportive, engaged families! Thank you for all you do!



Families enjoyed a warm, fall day at the apple orchard for our fall field trip! Hillside Orchard in Hinckley hosted our preschool classes on a trip to learn about apples, pumpkins and farming. We enjoyed a wagon ride and delicious apple cider and apple cinnamon donuts! Go out and enjoy this autumn season with your families!

If you are considering enrollment for your child for the 2018-2019 school year, we invite you to attend our Open House on November 12th. We are happy to provide an "Angels In Training" class for our two-year-olds and their parents, and a wonderful preschool for children ages 3-5 Pre-K. We would love for your little one to be part of our LAPS family.

Autumn Blessings,

Mrs. Catherine Mitchell

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS COMES TO SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL!

by Beth Szijarto, STREAM Research and Development Director

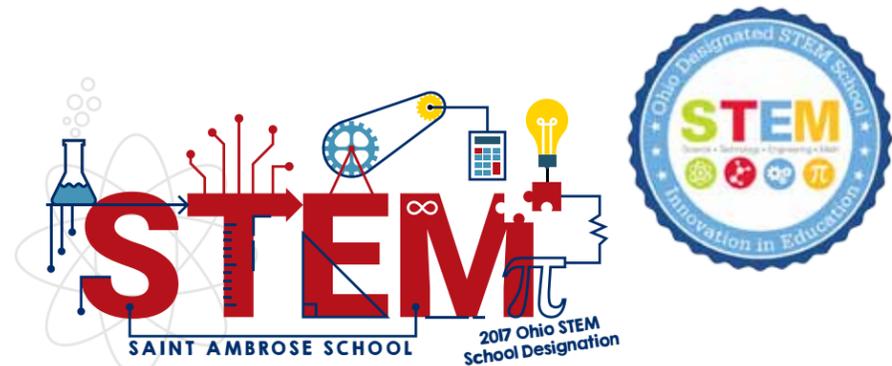
What Is College Credit Plus?

“Ohio’s College Credit Plus can help you earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. Taking a college course from a public college or university is free. That means no cost to the family of public and private school students for tuition, books or fees. If you choose to attend a private college or university, you may have limited costs.”
From OhioHigherEd.org.

At Saint Ambrose School we have 10 students in 7th and 8th grade that are a part of this incredible opportunity on campus! These students are taking Maps and Map Reading GIS 123 and 10 students are taking Programming Logic & Problem Solving CSE122 for dual credit (college credit AND high school credit) on-site at Saint Ambrose School!

Two CCP Classes Offered Through Saint Ambrose School for the 2017-2018 School Year.

- Students are learning the following while taking GIS 123 Maps and Map Reading: This course focuses on geographic concepts, history of map making, and cartographic terminology and processes. Students are learning how to georeference, research active satellites for GPS, and use geospatial tools: Google Earth, ArcGIS (with extensions, including 3D), and MultiSpec for remote sensing!
- Students are learning the following while taking CSE122 Programming Logic & Problem Solving: This computer science course has students implement program logic and problem solving techniques. Upon course completion, the student should have an understanding of how to develop the logic to solve a programming solution using structured flowcharts and pseudocode. Students use Visual Basic programming within Visual Studio!



It has been a fantastic start to the school year for HSP! The leaves are beginning to turn so that means HSP is in full swing with engaging and exciting classes and activities occurring on a daily basis. Here are some highlights from the first 5 weeks of school:

8th grade started the year being challenged with a theme of excellence. They were challenged to be excellent in their day to day lives. Our 8th graders are excellent people, excellent students, excellent sons and daughters. Excellence is what we will demand of one another. Excellence is rarely easy but we should expect nothing less! Since that time, our 8th grade has been living up to their call of excellence. They have already launched rockets in their studies of science and lead the school during numerous gatherings. I am excited to see the great things that our 8th grade will accomplish through the remainder of the school year and beyond.

6th and 7th grade have also started quickly. They have chosen ministries in which to serve during school liturgies. The 7th grade has already been on their class retreat and the 6th grade is currently planning their spiritual and educational Damascus Camp experience.

All of HSP organized a car wash to benefit hurricane victims through Catholic Charities. Over 90 HSP students participated after school and helped raise much needed funds for those in need. We are blessed to have our older students modeling great service for our younger students and letting their lights shine brightly.

Chris Dziedzicki
Assistant Principal

A SPECTACULAR YEAR FOR MUSIC!

Written By Mr. Joshua Wortman, Music Director

Greetings, I've had the chance to meet some of you in person, but for those have not, I am Joshua Wortman, the new music teacher at Saint Ambrose School. I have been teaching all general music classes, as well as assembling this year's school choir and helping coordinate contact with our partners in music education: Padua Franciscan High School.

This will be my 6th year teaching and I feel passionately about empowering young people today with the expressive and creative tools that help us define our culture and history. Already the students have begun to learn to integrate expressive movement, folk dancing, and instrumental music to their, already well developed vocal abilities!

Speaking of musical instruments, through a very generous donation, the school has already received a set of 6 standing drums (tubanos) and received a 15-piece Orff Instrumentarium (pictured below) from a very generous donor!

These xylophones and glockenspiels will form the backbone of music learning as students will begin to compose and improvise their own music to accompany songs we sing in class. Orff is one of the three primary methods of music education and fits very strongly with the school's philosophy and methods. It fosters curiosity, creativity, and offers every student a variety of means to express themselves within the class ensemble! I am looking forward to a spectacular year of music making!

- Mr. Joshua Wortman





WE ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE OUR AUXILIARY TEAM!

They have been busy getting to know our students, observing in the classrooms and working with the teachers to collect data to provide proper services.

Ann Manzi, Intervention Specialist/Remedial Tutor; Brent Holt, School Psychologist; Melissa Massery, Speech Therapist; Amanda Dreher, School Nurse. Missing from photo Stephanie Garvin, JP Scholarship Intervention Specialist. Please welcome them and look for more information coming from them this year!

PINWHEELS FOR PEACE

On September 21, we celebrated International Day of Peace as a school family. We kicked off this new tradition with Father Bob leading us in a prayer service the day before. Throughout International Day of Peace, we prayed together and practiced peaceful behaviors. At noon, we prayed a Hail Mary in unity with people across the world as they prayed or observed a moment of silence.

From Littlest Angels Preschool through Eighth Grade, our students, faculty and staff members placed their pinwheels and prayers to form the word, "Peace" on the lawn in front of Saint Ambrose School. The gathering of our school family standing in a circle with linked arms as we prayed the Hail Mary and sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and our alma mater, was truly awe-inspiring.

Mr. Dziedzicki reminded us to pray for children everywhere who struggle with less than we have. How blessed we are to be in a school of faith that gives us the privilege of praying for others in Jesus Christ who is Everything for us!



PRAYER OF SAINT AMBROSE OF MILAN (AD 339-397)

*O Lord, who has mercy upon all,
Take away from me my sins,
And mercifully kindle in me
The fire of the thy Holy Spirit.
Take away from me
The heart of stone,
And give me a heart of flesh,
A heart to love and adore Thee,
A heart to delight in Thee,
To follow and enjoy Thee,
For Christ's sake.
Amen.*



THE STUDENT WRITER'S SPOTLIGHT

"Saint Ambrose Students Help Hurricane Victims"

Written by Mollie S.- 8th grade

From Aug. 17 to Sept. 3, Hurricane Harvey devastated the coast of Texas among other areas near the Gulf of Mexico. Then, from Aug. 30 to Sept. 15, Hurricane Irma made its way through the Caribbean to Florida, where it struck with wind speeds of up to 175 miles per hour.

The people affected by these hurricanes were ravaged, their lives literally pulled up by the roots. So, the community of Saint Ambrose School decided to help.

On Sept. 19, countless students gathered together to participate in our hurricane relief fundraisers, which included a car wash, bake sale, and lemonade stand. The High School Prep students put together a car wash. There was a myriad of students lined along the four wash stations and more waving signs, all happy to help. While the car wash was going on, the first-grade students ran a lemonade stand, selling the refreshing beverage to raise donations. Furthermore, the third-grade students ran a bake sale, offering a plethora of delicious treats and bakery.

Emily Johnson, an eighth-grader who volunteered at the car wash, said, "It was really great to see all the students that helped, and all the people who came to have their car washed. So many people were there to either help or donate, or both. What's even better is knowing that all the money goes to a good cause." In total, the students raised more than \$3,500 for the hurricane victims.

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE

For All Prospective Students
Preschool - 8th Grade

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Littlest Angels Preschool
Ages 2, 3, 4, & Pre-K

Elementary Education Program
Grades K-5

High School Prep Program
Grades 6-8



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 20
End of the First Quarter

October 31
School Harvest Festival

November 5
Saint Ambrose Event:
"Magic Gives Back!"

November 6
No School- Parent Teacher
Conferences

November 7
No School – Election Day

November 12
Fall Open House
10am-1pm

November 22-24
Thanksgiving Break

November 30
Kindergarten Information Night

Visit our school website often for information
on upcoming events and great resources for
current and prospective families.

www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us

