



Everything.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

2018 promises to continue the momentum we began in 2016.

We are working very hard to provide “Everything for every student every day”. I believe that there is no better faith and educational experience available than Saint Ambrose Catholic School. With the Holy Spirit leading the way and guiding our steps, we are helping God’s children let their lights shine!

We are excited to welcome four new families to Saint Ambrose school this past month and continue to look forward to welcoming more new families next weekend at the Winter Open House.

We welcome everyone to come see the exciting things happening at Saint Ambrose School and find out more about why families continue to choose our school for excellence in education!

Please join us next Sunday, January 28th, 10am-1:30pm for our Winter Open House!

May the light and peace of Christ radiate in your hearts and homes. I hold you all in my prayers daily.

Blessings,

Mrs. Lisa Cinadr
Principal



MISSION STATEMENT

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

SAINT AMBROSE STUDENTS SHINE!

Saint Ambrose faculty nominated students who are shining bright! Here's what they had to say about their students...

ZACHARY E, KINDERGARTEN - includes those at lunch who do not have a buddy to sit with. He welcomes others each day so no child feels excluded. Continue to shine, Zachary!

MAEVE M, GRADE 1 - Maeve has been an exemplary student since the day I met her. She is not only successful with her own work but always goes out of her way to help others to be successful. She is a wonderful friend and cares greatly for others. Keep shining, Maeve!

SYDNEY C, GRADE 8 - Sydney always goes out of her way to be helpful in the classroom. She is always willing to give of her own time to help other teachers and students during the school day. She is a great example for her peers! Keep shining, Sydney!

JACK T, GRADE 3 - is a student who is always truly giving it his all. In class he helps us stay on track and is always positive to everyone about everything. Keep shining, Jack!

MICHAEL O, GRADE 5 - Michael always offers to help with our Tuesday folders, passing out papers, straightening desks etc. He is always willing to do whatever is asked of him. Keep shining, Michael!

JACOB R, GRADE 4- Jacob is always offering to take care of others and our classroom. He is a wonderful inspiration of how Jesus wants us to treat others. Continue to shine, Jacob!

LAUREN P, GRADE 3 - is a student who pushes through it all, no matter what is going on in life. She always has a huge smile on her face and supports everyone else in her class. She gives every second of school 120%. Keep shining, Lauren!

ALAINA J, KINDERGARTEN - continuously puts her needs aside to make others feel important. For example, if a child lost an eraser, she is the first to give up her eraser to the other student in need. Alaina is so giving of everything she has, especially sharing her sweet disposition each day. Continue to shine, Alaina!

KACIE B, GRADE 2
- She is always willing and ready to help her teacher and classmates with whatever needs to be done. Her kindness is seen each and every day. Continue to Shine, Kacie!

ADAM S, GRADE 1 - Adam is always the first person to try to help when someone is feeling down. He speaks so kindly to them and offers words of encouragement. He is a true example of what it means to "Let Your Light Shine". Continue to shine, Adam!

IAN C, GRADE 2 - Ian is an extraordinary example of self-control and hard work for other students. Continue to shine, Ian!



BELLA D, GRADE 6 - Bella consistently makes a difference in my life in the lives of her fellow classmates by continuously following Christ in practice. She seems to always be making the right decisions even in hard situations when it may not be cool to do so. She is one of those unsung heroes that probably does not get recognized enough for her actions and her kind words. I have witnessed her including others who are left out and helping out students when it may be inconvenient for her. She's always the first one to show respect and give gratitude. Isabella makes a difference in the lives of others every day. Continue to shine, Bella!

PAUL S, GRADE 4- He is always the first to offer to help sweep, clean lockers, hold the door or assist others in any way he can. Continue to shine, Paul!

JACOB B, KINDERGARTEN - is the first to walk into the classroom each day asking how everyone else is doing. His sweet personality and positive energy make children want to be his friend. He is always happy to help a friend in need and others love his help. Continue to shine, Jacob!

ELAINA G AND OLIVIA M, GRADE 2- These young ladies both use their talents to sing in the choir. They also sang to the elderly this Christmas. Continue to shine, Elaina and Olivia!

OLIVIA C, GRADE 4 – I nominate Olivia for her gentleness and patience with others. Her actions have made a positive impact on the culture of our classroom. Continue to shine, Olivia!

DOMINIC G, GRADE 1- Dominic always puts great effort into his work to do his best. Dominic always uses his manners, is kind to others and helps his classmates and teachers without being asked. He sets a great example for other students in class. Continue to shine, Dominic!

MOLLY S, SPANISH GRADE 8- is a student who makes a difference in Spanish class. Molly kindly comes frequently to tutor and helps me tutoring 6th and 7th graders with enthusiasm, dedication and success. Keep shining, Molly!

EMMA T, GRADE 5- goes above and beyond to help with classroom jobs and recruits others to do the same. She makes sure everything gets done! Continue to shine, Emma!

BROADCAST TEAM: They show up every day to broadcast with a smile on their faces and deal with the pressure of a whole show each and every day! We have a wonderful, dedicated team! Keep on shining, Team!

MARY T, GRADE 7- is truly making a difference. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to teachers and classmates, and she is the first to include someone who may feel left out. She is kind, caring, smart, respectful and responsible and a true role model! Keep shining, Mary!

DEAN S, KINDERGARTEN - comes to school each day with a smile and is always ready to learn. When the work is tough, he perseveres and gets the job done to his best ability each time! Continue to shine, Dean!

CHRISTIAN S, GRADE 5 - stays late every day out of the goodness of his heart to help make sure our classroom is clean! He encourages others to help keep our classroom tidy! Continue to shine, Christian!

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

- Matthew 5:16



SAINT AMBROSE STUDENTS REACH

In an effort to enrich our 21st Century school culture and align with our school STEM designation as an identified best practice, Saint Ambrose Catholic School is proud to announce our school “Habits”. A “Habit of Mind” means having a disposition toward behaving intelligently when confronted with problems in our day to day lives. When people experience choices, are confused by dilemmas, or come face to face with uncertainties—our most effective actions require drawing forth certain patterns of intellectual behavior. These behaviors are rooted in two fundamental ideas:

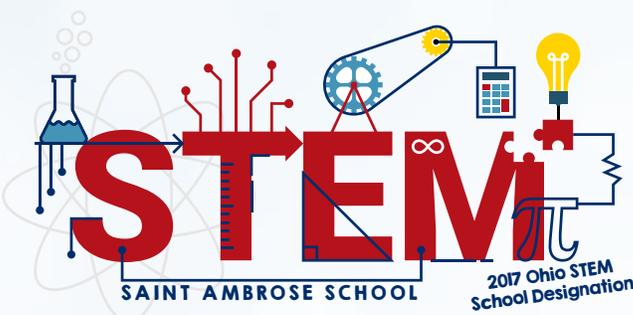
Growth Mindset

Reflects the belief that a person’s most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work.

Habits of Mind

The dispositions that are skillfully and mindfully employed by characteristically successful people when confronted with problems the solutions to which are not immediately apparent.

Our goal of employing, “Habits of Mind” is to help our 21st Century students behave more intelligently. If students are capable of behaving more intelligently, they are more likely to be successful.



At Saint Ambrose School, we...

R Resilient

Stick to it! Persevering in a task through to completion; remaining focused. Looking for ways to reach your goal when stuck. Not giving up.

E Empowered

Take your time! Thinking before acting; remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberative.

A Accurate

Check it again! Always doing your best. Setting high standards. Checking and finding ways to improve constantly.

C Creative

Try a different way! Generating new and novel ideas, fluency and originality.

H Harmonious

Work together and understand others! Being able to work with and learn from others in reciprocal situations. We are devoting mental energy to another person’s thoughts and ideas. We make an effort to perceive another’s point of view and emotions.

WINTER BLESSINGS!

As we embrace winter, the ice and snow will be with us for a season. Some of us enjoy this time more than others! As we scrape our car windows and shovel our driveways, may we all be reminded of this verse and see the beauty and awe in God's winter wonderland!

Praise and thanks for cold air, wind, a warm coat and hot chocolate, children's rosy cheeks and big, cozy hugs! The children are always fascinated with the slippery ice and the sparkling snow! We will be making snowmen, igloos and matching mittens! We are focusing on science, math and cooking activities to keep us busy indoors. Daily we continue to make the early connections between letter sounds and letters in print which will prepare the children to read.

Last month, we had a wonderful opportunity to share in many family and parent engagement activities including the Saint Nicholas and Friends breakfast, singing to our senior group, our Littlest Angels Preschool Family Event and classroom parties. **All to praise and celebrate God's greatest gift to us, Jesus!**

Our Special Person's Day focused on baptism, when we received the light of Christ, and celebrating the Baptism of our Lord. Parents, grandparents and godparents enjoyed attending mass together and hearing the little ones sing. A gathering was held in the preschool rooms. Our theme was to let our light shine and be a light to the world. Wouldn't it be amazing if we all let our light shine for the whole world to see? What an amazing way to honor God, the gifts and talents and blessings He has given and His love for us!

It is inspiring to see how many preschool parent volunteers let their light shine. The preschool families always pull together to get the job done for the children, preschool and parish! Working with the families is a privilege and a vital part of what we do. What a blessing to be able to share in this journey of faith and parenting!

If you are considering enrollment for your child for the 2018-2019 school year, please plan on attending our Littlest Angels Preschool open house on Sunday, January 28th from 10:00am-1:30pm. We would love to see you there!

Winter Blessings,

Mrs. Catherine Mitchell



"Ice and snow, bless the Lord; praise and exalt Him above all forever!"

Daniel 3:70

HIGH SCHOOL PREP(HSP): DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT.

As I look back upon the first half of the HSP school year (grades 6-8), I am truly in awe of the great things that our young people do. **Our students are excellent and continually strive to be at their best. One small example of this display of excellence occurred just this past week.** A group of students were working under a deadline for entry into the Future City competition. In a discussion about the potential for a snow day the next day, the decision was made that they all would come to school come what may. Wouldn't you know it? School was canceled because of snow, and at 2:00 on a day off of school, seven students worked for about three hours to perfect their entry submission for the competition. Seven teenage students came to school on a day they didn't have to, to work on the beginning steps of an intensive competition in which no one has forced them to compete! Our students are doing what it takes to be excellent!



“Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”

Proverbs 16: 3

This story is just one small example but whether it's working on a team science competition, turning the social studies classroom into ancient Egypt in a grade level project, or providing an example for our younger Saint Ambrose students during Mass... our HSP students strive for excellence each day!

Mr. Chris Dziejicki
Assistant Principal

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT:

Susan Zambo

Susan Zambo is a proud graduate of Saint Ambrose Catholic School and Brunswick High School. You can find her often laughing with her fourth grade students as they learn something new every day. *“I am excited and blessed to be back at Saint Ambrose Catholic School; a parish and school community that I have always considered home.”* We feel the same way!

The first decade of Susan Zambo's professional teaching career included some long-term teaching experiences in North Royalton City Schools, Lorain Community Charter School, and Saint Richard's Day School in North Olmsted. After that, she took an eight year break to be a stay-at-home mom.

During her return to teaching, she developed a greater interest in gifted education, multiple intelligences and differentiation in the classroom. As a parent of two amazing, but completely different, young boys, she became more convinced than ever that every child's educational experience is unique.

“I truly believe that teachers need to work together to deliver the best education for each individual student. It is my goal to continue to collaborate with the amazing staff here at SAS, and to find ways to help each student find their potential to shine! I am grateful to the teachers, staff, parents and students for making me feel genuinely welcome and appreciated over the past few months. I am blessed to be a part of such an amazing parish community.”

- Mrs. Susan Zambo



SAINT AMBROSE COMPETES IN LEGO ROBOTICS COMPETITION!

First Lego League is an international competition organized by FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology). First Lego League is comprised of elementary middle school students ages 10-14 with adult coaches and mentors. We had two teams this year!

The competition is comprised of three major components. The students had to complete a project with:

1. a presentation
2. a core values presentation,
3. complete a robotics game.



The project consisted of researching a real world problem with the season's theme Hydrodynamics. The students chose the topic, researched the topic, and then came up with an innovative solution that they shared with the judges. The core values presentation involved the students explaining to the judges how they used the core values throughout the season to prepare for the competition. The robot game is where the students showcase the missions they were able to accomplish with their LEGO Mindstorms Robot. It was exciting to watch our STEM students in action!

- Mrs. Amy Morgan. Technology Director

SAINT AMBROSE NEWS

JON PETERSON SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP

APPLY TODAY!
Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program

An alternative to public education for K-12 students with disabilities.

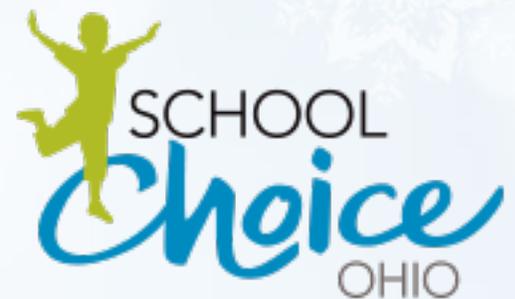
Up to **\$27,000** awarded annually for IEP services.

A photograph of two smiling students, a boy in a green shirt and a girl in a pink shirt, looking at each other.

Please do not hesitate to contact Principal Cinadr at 330-460-7350 or LCinadr@StASchool.us if you want to learn more about these new scholarships and programs as we continue to strive to provide "Everything for every student, every day".

EDCHOICE EXPANSION SCHOLARSHIP

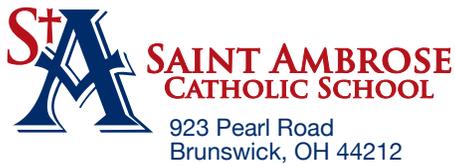
Saint Ambrose School is now an EdChoice Expansion School which can assist parents in working class families afford Catholic Education!



SMART CART SALAD BAR

Now available as part of our Daily Nutritional Lunch Program!





NOW ENROLLING FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE

**For All Prospective Students
Preschool - 8th Grade**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018
10:00 am - 1:30 pm**

**Angels in Training
2 Year Old Program**

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

**Elementary Education Program
Grades K-5**

**High School Prep Program
Grades 6-8**



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

www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

January 28

Winter School Open House
10am-1:30 pm

January 28-February 3

Catholic Schools Week 2018

February 6

State of the School

February 13

Last Day for Priority Enrollment

March 10

School Gala and Auction
"Around the World"

March 26- April 4

Easter Break

April 19

STEM Family Night

April 21

Father Daughter Dance

April 27

PTU Muffins With Mom