

FULL STEAM AHEAD!

We are officially the first STEAM School in Ohio!

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math. The Ohio Department of Education is a partner in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). STEAM schools are schools that emphasize the Arts in the STEM model. “

This designation specifically recognizes the role of Arts in our existing STEM status. Fine Arts are an important element in our mission and a catalyst to continue challenging our students, faculty, and partners for continuous improvement in all areas. The Arts play an important role in the school’s mission and vision of educating the whole child.

Just a few examples of Arts integration include Graphic Design, Band and Orchestra curriculum and MIDI (electronic musical instruments). This STEAM designation status is new, but Saint Ambrose has been using a comprehensive K-8 STEAM-based education model for several years now.

I was thrilled to be in Columbus representing our Saint Ambrose School community with Mrs. Wendy Parente, Saint Ambrose School Fourth/Fifth Grade Science/Fourth Grade Reading Teacher and STREAM Team Member. **To God be the glory as we continue to provide Everything for every student every day!**

We excitedly thank Battelle, the Ohio STEM Learning Network and the Ohio STEM Committee for recognizing and honoring the innovative and critical education happening every day at Saint Ambrose School. I am so proud and always energized to work

with the caliber of faculty and staff members here. This designation is a great testimony to their creative and hard work, and a confirmation for our school parents, parish family and all partners who support the mission of Saint Ambrose School. Supported by Fr. Bob, we are a team that continually seeks and implements researched best educational practices for our 21st Century learners.

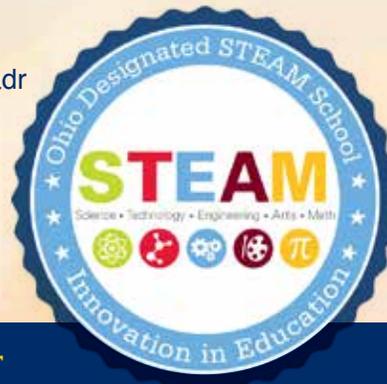
Our STREAM (inclusion of Religion) identity guides our work: Saint Ambrose School educators and students are innovative leaders using their faith, skills, talents and knowledge to solve humanitarian and technological issues affecting our world.

We are the first to be named and 1 of only 2 schools in the State of Ohio with this designation.

We heartily thank our STEAM partners for their dedication and collaboration, and celebrate this step forward with them. To learn more about opportunities for your business to partner with Saint Ambrose School, please visit our website at www.saintambroseschool.us/STEM.

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.

STICK TOGETHER, SAINT AMBROSE!

While STEAM is important, the most important work we do is guiding and supporting our students in their personal journeys closer to Jesus Christ who is Everything for us. We live in a challenging world that requires all of us to be strong companions on the journey toward Him and our best selves. We continue to seek, practice and affirm the children in our care and recently hosted the, "Stick Together" program sponsored by Duck Tape and Project Love. Students and staff in Kindergarten through Grade 8 pledged to stick together as a family in support of positive behaviors and "throwing kindness like confetti." Bullying stops with me!



START TALKING!

We also welcomed Hank Harned and the "Start Talking!" program to Saint Ambrose students and parents. Launched by Governor Kasich and First Lady Kasich, this resource offers a plethora of tools for parents, guardians, educators and community leaders to talk with our young people about living a healthy, drug-free life. Be informed!

Go to starttalking.ohio.gov.

Start Talking! 
Building a Drug-Free Future

What Inspires Me? Students R.E.A.C.H.

We asked our students what quotes and people inspire them.

This is what they had to say...

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." - Maya Angelou

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

"One mile at a time- my race my pace." - Unknown

"You get what you get and you don't throw a fit." - Mom

"Have the courage to go against the tide." - Pope Francis

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."
- Wayne Gretzky

"Let your light shine!" - Matthew 5:16

"Always remember you are smart and handsome." - Mom

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible!"
- Audrey Hepburn

"If you put your best effort forward, there is no failing."
- Dad

"When you are a kind person you're not only helping others you also are helping yourself too." - Michael (student)

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." - Oscar Wilde

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
- Philippians 4:13

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." - Albert Einstein



The world is full of good people. If you can't find one be one. - Mother Teresa

"GOD IS LIFE." - Isabel (student)

"She believed she could, so she did." - Unknown

"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think!" - A.A. Milne

Saint Ambrose Ambassadors Give Back!

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” - Colossians 3:12

Our Student Ambassador group had a rewarding experience volunteering in our community at The Cleveland Food Bank on April 11th. A group of 6th and 7th graders along with several parent volunteers unpacked, inspected and repacked 3635 lbs of donated frozen meat, chicken and other products in under two hours! Overall we contributed to the 57,800,000 meals provided by The Cleveland Food Bank throughout 6 counties annually! Wow! We are blessed to be in the position to help those within our community and humbled by the amount of donations as well as the great need for these items by children, families, and others right here in our own communities. We give thanks to God for EVERYTHING that we have and for the opportunity to play a part in service to others!



Father Bob Recognized Nationally for Outstanding Contributions to Catholic Education

Father Bob Stec, was recognized nationally for his outstanding contributions to catholic school education by the national catholic educational association this week!

In April, the National Catholic Educational Association-NCEA held its annual Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Awards reception in Cincinnati, Ohio, as part of their Annual National Conference, where select recipients from across the United States were recognized for their outstanding contributions to Catholic school education. NCEA is the largest, private professional education association in the world.

Membership include more than 150,000 educators serving 1.9 million students in Catholic Education. Father Bob Stec, was one of 25 educators, and one of only four pastors across the U.S. to receive this distinguished award. This is an incredible validation of his leadership and support for Saint Ambrose Catholic STEAM School. It is also a validation for all SAS faculty and staff, and everything they are doing each and every day for their students and families to provide an innovative environment of excellence in education. It is truly a reflection of their mission “to be a community where Jesus Christ is everything for us and students are challenged to reach their potential.”

“As I look at our school and its students, it is inspiring to see our Catholic school passing on strong values, offering an amazing education, and mostly empowering our students to develop their gifts, talents, and God-given potential.” - Father Bob Stec

Principal Lisa Cinadr, who attended the awards presentation, commented “I know how blessed we are to have a pastor who cares greatly and supports our school community with the vigor, wisdom and patience that he does.”



Jesus Met Me at Camp Damascus. 7th Grade Reflections.

The Damascus Outdoor School offers a unique adventure-based learning program that is proven to help increase confidence, commitment, and leadership among students.

"I sought the LORD, and he answered me." - Psalm 34:4

SAS 7th Grade Students had the opportunity to participate in the leadership retreat to Camp Damascus. Below are some of their reflections and experiences.

"This retreat made me feel stronger about my faith. Some of the stories that the missionaries told about their experience with meeting Jesus were very touching. All the songs we sang made me feel more connected with God and the missionaries were so passionate when they sang. I believe Adoration brought me closer with Jesus."

"I believe that all of the experiences brought me closer in my faith. After each activity we talked about how that related to God. I also like the Adoration and the small group talking time. All of this gave me time to think about my faith and gave me a chance to pray and learn more about God and how much he loves each and every one of us."

"The 13 foot wall made me feel stronger physically and mentally. It helped me gain trust in my friends and my missionaries. It was a great experience because we conquered something that wasn't easy at all and we were able to do it together."



"In small group, we not only talked about our feelings, but God's great power as well. I liked when we prayed in small group and it felt like Jesus was taking those worries off our shoulders. I also felt a powerful experience with God during Adoration when the deacon made the sign of the cross over me with the body of Jesus. It almost felt like God's love rushed over me right when he made the sign of the cross. This retreat was not only fun, but also spiritual and powerful at the same time."



High School Prep

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, and kindness in your smile."

- Mother Teresa

As warmer weather approaches it is a perfect time to initiate changes for the better. Now more than ever, in a world that is torn by bigotry, hatred, and intolerance, we must live by Saint Ambrose School's mission of allowing Jesus Christ to be **EVERYTHING** for us. Christ demands we act in his likeness. This means treating all people (friends, family, teachers, students, similar, different, big, small, short, tall, Christian and non-Christian) with **respect, kindness, and compassion**. May God bless you all as we enter into an exciting end to the school year!



Special Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2018!

Bright futures are ahead of you! Our 8th graders are heading to the following high schools:

- Brunswick High School
- Buckeye High School
- Holy Name High School
- Magnificat High School
- Medina High School
- Padua Franciscan High School
- St. Edward High School
- St. Ignatius High School
- St. Vincent/St. Mary High School
- Walsh Jesuit High School

What Saint Ambrose Means to Me.

Readying the Way

An Eighth Grade Reflection



By: Carmen K. 8th Grade

It is remarkable to realize how much one person can experience by spending nine years at grade school. Learning how to count to one hundred in kindergarten or dissecting a frog in eighth grade are just the beginning of the learning experiences that Saint Ambrose students are able to cherish during this time. Field-trips to the historic Hale Farm, Cuyahoga river on the Goodtime III, government buildings in Columbus, Washington, D.C., and more were not only educational,

but also bonded my peers closer than before. Student-led projects such as the eighth grade Christmas play have taught us leadership skills.

I have also been able to practice my faith in a variety of ways, from Tuesday Masses, to Lenten Bible Lunches, to live student adaptations of the Stations of the Cross. Camp Christopher and Camp Damascus have empowered me to pursue my faith by connecting me to God through nature and those around me. The eighth grade versus teachers volleyball and basketball games, field day, and the color run gives every student something to look forward to with each year that passes them by. Glazed donuts from Donut Land became the highlight of every important celebration. However, when I was doing these things, I didn't realize that I was learning life lessons and making memories; I just knew that I was having fun.

The time that I have spent at Saint Ambrose has readied me for my next journeys in life. I feel that fellow students and myself are thoroughly prepared for the next level of education. Beyond typical education standards, I have been able to develop my writing, problem-solving, social, and STEAM skills further than at any other school. STEAM activities, like the NASA Powered and Pumped Up competition, interactive distance learning calls, and building prototypes for Invention Convention, have given me an opportunity to adopt a love for STEAM.

I am confident that I can succeed in high school and beyond with what I have learned at Saint Ambrose. I have been able to grow spiritually as well through religious programs. Religion class has guided me to have an understanding of church history, Catholic laws, and, most importantly, a foundation of faith to live by. I have learned how to maintain personal connections to God through retreats, to the community, my family, and the parish through service hours. Finally, Saint Ambrose has provided me with life skills to carry throughout life.

An economics and money-management class taught me how to invest and plan for retirement. Leadership Day, coming up in May, will take me to downtown Cleveland to explore different career paths and cultures. Milan Monthly lunches inform eighth graders about occupations, colleges and STEAM programs, applications to Catholicism in our lives, and more.

Attending Saint Ambrose School has made me a better Catholic and implanted a desire to learn inside of me. During my seven (short-lived) years at Saint Ambrose, I have been able to meet many influential people and make memories that I will forever appreciate.



Welcome Spring!

It is wonderful to see the signs of spring all around us! The warm sun, green grass, flowers blooming and brighter, longer days! All are a gift from God. Seasons change and so do we. It has been amazing to see how the children have grown so far this year. The little ones who came to us in the fall were a little nervous and unsure. We now have classes full of children eager to learn, full of hope and curiosity. The children have a zest for learning and a love of life that they share with us daily. They have learned so much in all academic areas, have made friends and have grown closer to Jesus. The children inspire us to learn new things and challenge us to be better every day. What a blessing!

This spring we studied how caterpillars change into butterflies. Growing, changing and becoming it's better self. We followed with a unit on insects, gardens and growing. We will be planting a garden with view of the root system so the children can see what is going on under the soil. The life cycle of a plant will be a topic of discussion. How amazing that God places a little new life inside each seed! We hope to share some of the herbs we grow with the community meal. The children are learning to share what they have with others. They are learning to give back to God, who gives so much to us.

"The children grew and became strong."
Luke 2:40

Spring Blessings,

Mrs. Catherine Mitchell



Kindergarten Kindness

**We asked our Kindergarten students...
What Does Kindness Mean to You?**

"Kindness means being nice to one another, to pick each other up." - Kelsey

"Sharing a toy with someone else."- Collin

"Kindness means helping others, especially when they are hurt."- Sean

"Helping someone who needs it most."- Greyson

"If someone is on the buddy bench, you ask them if they would like to play with you."- Jade

"Being nice."- Emma Clare

"Loving others."- Bridget

"Helping my mom."- Salvatore

"Helping my friends when they need me."
- Carson



May Flowers

As are all flowers, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Early in May, a statue of the Virgin at church is crowned with a wreath of roses, and the same are laid at her feet. Little girls and boys dress up in their best, often in blue; one child carries the crown on a cushion to the statue and another child is chosen to crown the statue. The flowers remain throughout the month. May Crowning was celebrated on May 15th and led by our 2nd and 8th graders.

Shipwrecked...Rescued by Jesus

Vacation Bible School July 9-13, 2018

Morning Session 9am – 12pm | Afternoon Session 1pm – 4pm

Join us for the best week of the summer which will be filled with an imaginative and impacting adventure. At this year's "Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible School, kids will discover that in every situation, Jesus rescues them! Children will learn through Bible stories, songs, videos, crafts, snacks and new Bible buddies!

Participant and Volunteer Registration are available in the Parish Life Center, Church vestibule and online at www.StAmbrose.us/VBS. Please contact the PSR Office at 330-460-7302 with questions.



Will You Be My Valentine?

Student Ambassadors Host Parish Seniors for 1st Senior/Student Valentine Social

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Saint Mother Teresa

Our Student Ambassadors (grades 5-8) worked hard to prepare and plan for hosting senior members of Saint Ambrose parish for a special Senior/Student Valentine Social on the afternoon of February 14th.

Together the group made and decorated over 100 chocolate covered pretzels for residents at Pearlview Care Center. The students created a photo booth and everyone enjoyed taking pictures of an afternoon gathering that will be fondly remembered by all in attendance.

"The seniors could not say "Thank You" enough - what joy the students brought to them." - Helen Sheradin

Our Student Ambassador group truly demonstrated their leadership skills and warmth for others and we discovered they are quite good event planners and hosts/hostesses as well!



Peter Pan, Jr.

On May 5 and 6, the SAS cast and crew of Peter Pan, Jr. WOWED audiences with their acting, singing and dancing abilities!

What great fun to enjoy our school musical that thinks bigger - on the scale of a high school musical! With great thanks to Directors Chris Monczewski, Joshua Wortman and April Kacinari, Helen Lanzarotta, Holly Emery and Lynn Tobon among many others, our student actors and actresses (and Assistant Principal Mr. Dziedzicki as Mr. Darling!) gave a stellar performance complete with great costumes, scenery and music! Special thanks to Padua Franciscan High School staff for their assistance and for allowing us to use their auditorium for our production, and to students from Brunswick High School for their assistance.



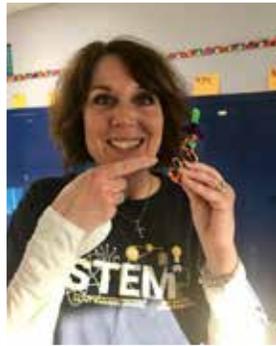
NOW ENROLLING FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

Saint Ambrose STEAM School is now enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. Please call to schedule a personal tour at 330-460-7318 or visit www.saintambroseschool.us. **Come visit with us and see how we can offer “Everything for Every Student Every Day”.**



STEAM Night

On April 19th, the Saint Ambrose School families had a wonderful STEAM night together! Thank you to everyone who came especially our guests, The Cleveland Zoo, Holy Name High School, and Classroom Antics.



SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL Summer Camp 2018

June 11 - August 3

Monday – Friday 7:00am – 6:00pm

TBA – Weekly Field Trips (subject to change based on availability)

- June 11-15 Coding and Sand Art Week
- June 18-22 Camp is Closed. . . Come to the Saint Ambrose Parish Festival!
- June 25-29 Technology Week
- July 2-6 (Closed on the 4th)
Habla Español? and Spanish Art Week
- July 9-13 Fun School Yard and Back Yard Games
- July 16-20 S.T.E.A.M. Week
- July 23-27 Every Day Is A “Holly” Day
- July 30-Aug 3 Science Week and
Back to School “Book” Camp

**List of field trips to be included in camp registration packet.*

Register Online!

www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us/summercamp

