



SAINT AMBROSE ACADEMY
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Dear Saint Ambrose Academy Parents and Guardians,

Today marks the first day teachers are back in the building to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to welcome you and the children back for another year of **learning, growing** and **sharing** our talents with one another. I want to begin with an introduction of this year's faculty and staff.

Preschool 3 – Ms. Susan Schuler

Preschool 4 – Ms. Margaret Alfieri

Kindergarten – Ms. Tracey Routly

First Grade – Ms. Nancy VanPutte

Second Grade – Mrs. Brittini Harris

Third Grade – Mrs. Regina Fabbro

Fourth Grade – Ms. Eileen Shea

Fifth Grade – Mr. Daniel Pitnell

Math AIS – Ms. Jenna Ehmann

Reading AIS – Ms. Annetta Maenza

Art/Music – Ms. Melinda Weeks

Phys. Ed./Health – Eric Stevenson

School Advocate – Ms. Bridgit Donaldson

Nurse - Mrs. Emily Reese

Secretary/Library – Mrs. Renee Campbell

Food Service – Ms. Deb Pecorella

Admin. Assistant – Ms. Calleen Chambers

BOCES Consult – Mrs. Carol Harrison

Principal – Ms. Christine Deutsch

School Theme

This year's school theme is from Psalm 40, "**Here I am Lord, I come to do Your Will**". Everything we do at Saint Ambrose Academy is rooted in our faith that God has a plan for us. We teach all members of our community strengthen their relationship with God through prayer, action, and word. Saint Ambrose Academy prepares the children for their future in higher education and guides them on their path to heaven.

Welcome Back Picnic

We invite you to celebrate the start of the year in community at our Welcome Back Picnic on Thursday, September 2. The grill will be set up behind the Gymnasium, in the large church parking lot from 5:30-7:00. Hot dogs and snack bags will be provided. Please bring chairs and drinks for your family. During this event, we will be respecting the following health and safety protocols.

- Wear a face covering when you are within six feet of anyone who does not live in your home.
- Wear a face covering if entering the school building.
- Maintain social distancing of six feet of space from anyone who does not live in your home.

The faculty and staff will be hosting you at the Welcome Back Picnic. Each faculty and staff member are anticipating the joy that comes with seeing the children and their families after a few months away. We are excited to provide you with a school calendar that includes social opportunities for the children and adults.

Notable items

Ms. Chambers and Mrs. Campbell will have a table for you to visit to acquire your red office folder. This folder will be used throughout the school year to send home important information from the school office. All contents in the folder must be returned on September 7th during Meet the Teacher or on the first day of school, September 8th. Some examples of what you will find include the consent to perform a Covid-19 rapid test (non-invasive nose swab) at school, acknowledgement of receipt of the School Handbook, located on the school website, your child's method of transportation at dismissal, and the Technology Use Agreement.

Daily health screenings will be used again this year. Pick Up Patrol app will provide each family with an electronic version to be used each day. Please be patient as we update and prepare the app for the 2021-2022 school year. All students, car riders and bus riders must have a completed health screening before entering the building. If you are not comfortable using the electronic form, please send your child to school with a hard copy each day. Copies of this form are included in the red office folder.

Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation

Ms. Schuler, Ms. Alfieri, and Ms. Routly will be hosting an orientation event for their students on Thursday, September 2 from 4:15-5:15. This will end just on time to join us for dinner during the Welcome Back Picnic. Please bring all items on the supply list with you to orientation. Everything needs to be labeled with your child's name for storage purposes. All students will have individualized supplies provided to them daily.

Orientation is a time for the students to meet their teachers, listen to a story or play a game before starting a new schedule. Parents and guardians are welcome to come into the classroom to meet the teacher, but her time will be devoted to giving her attention to the students. Each teacher will have information she will share with you. If you have any questions after orientation, please arrange a time to speak to the teacher at another time.

Attached you will find a health screening form. Please bring this form with you on September 1st. Please complete this form on September 1st after taking your temperature and before entering the school building. Everyone entering the building must wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status.

Meet the Teacher, K- Grade 5 students

Meet the teacher will be held on Tuesday, September 7th from 10-12:30. At this time, all teachers will be in their classrooms ready to receive all students' school supplies. If you have not received the supply list, please contact the main office at 288-0580 or look under the Parents tab on the school website.

All school supplies should be labeled with your child's name. Each child will be using their own individualized supplies throughout the school year. Each teacher will have information to share with you. If you have any questions after orientation, please arrange a time to speak to the teacher at another time.

Attached you will find a health screening form. Please bring this form with you on September 7th. Please complete this form on September 7th after taking your temperature and before entering the school building. Everyone entering the building must wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status.

First Day of School

The first day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th. Arrival begins at 8:00AM unless your family has registered for Before Care which begins at 7:00AM. **All students are expected to arrive by 8:15 by car or bus.** This is a time adjustment from last year! Morning prayer and announcements will begin at 8:20 and formal instruction will begin at 8:30. Breakfast is provided to the students between 8:00-8:30. Dismissal will begin at 2:45. All students must be picked up by 3:00. Any students in the building after 3:00 must sign up for After Care which is available from 3:00-5:30. Please contact the main office at 288-0580 or the business office at 288-5000 if you are interested in registering for Before Care and/or After Care Programs.

Arrival and dismissal:

The car line will enter from Empire Blvd. onto Waldo Ave. The first car should pull all the way forward as far as possible to help clear traffic on Empire Blvd. Faculty and staff members will greet the students at their car to take their temperature and receive confirmation of a completed Health Screening form. Forms will be available until Pick Up Patrol is up and running for daily use during arrival and dismissal procedures this year.

Adults must remain in their vehicle during drop off. Faculty and staff will be taking pictures throughout the day. We will compile pictures in a Google Photo Album to share access will you. Please communicate with the main office and classroom teachers how your child(ren) are going home.

If you have not received confirmation from your home public school district with a bus schedule, you must provide transportation for your child(ren). Please contact the transportation department in your local public district if you are planning to have your child(ren) bussed to and from school.

Uniforms:

Please schedule an appointment at Stitchworks if you have not already purchased the school uniform. Classroom teachers will provide you with the weekly schedule so you know when your child will wear the dress uniform and when they should wear the Phys. Ed uniform. Anytime your child(ren) attends Mass they will be required to wear the dress uniform with the black sweater vest regardless of their Phys. Ed schedule. Mr. Stevenson will accommodate the students wearing their dress uniform. Black twill shorts are permitted during the months of September, May, and June. Dress pants and Phys. Ed. sweatpants are required from October-April.

We are blessed to begin a new year of in-person instruction and look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks. Please call the office at 288-0580 if you have any questions before the Welcome Back Picnic on September 2nd.

God Bless,
Ms. Christine Deutsch
Principal