

St. Ambrose School - H.S.A. Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Welcome, Opening Prayer, and Updates

Old Business and Recaps

- **Catholic Schools' Week** – was held the last week in January. The students, teachers, and families all experienced so many great activities, events, and more! It was a spiritual, academic, and truly FUN week for everyone!
- **Chick-Fil-A Dine Out Event** – was held in January. Many St. Ambrose School and Parish Families attended the event throughout the night and enjoyed delicious food! The profit check has not yet been received, but the event was successful in getting kids and families together for a fun time! Thank you to Jen Venetucci for organizing this fundraiser!!
- **Sweetheart Day** – this was a huge success! The Daddy-Daughter Brunch brought in over 100 people and the Mother-Son Bowling hosted another 90 people! Based on feedback, we plan to do this “Sweetheart Day” again next year...keeping it the Sunday before Superbowl was a hit, because it was in line with Valentine’s Day, while not inconveniencing parents who would want to be watching football games on a regular Sunday! Thank you to Donna, Romita, and Eileen for Chairing the events!!
- **Meli’s Pizza Fundraiser** – ended this past week. Deliveries are scheduled to arrive at the school on Valentine’s Day. We sold over 60 heart-shaped pizzas! Thank you to all who participated and to Jen Venetucci for chairing the fundraiser!

• **New Business and Looking Ahead**

- This year’s **Gift Auction** is scheduled for February 28, 2025!! Thanks to Beata Zatorska and Alicia Brandt, this event is sure to be an amazing success!! We are SOLD OUT with 430 guests! At this time, we are asking for volunteers to assist during the hours of the event, 5:00pm-11:00pm. You can sign up online at Sign-Up Genius, or contact Beata at beata78@aol.com.
- We have some great **Family Dine-Out nights** scheduled for the next few months – Texas Roadhouse on March 3rd, Buffalo Wild Wings on April 28th, and Meli’s Pizza on May 14th. If you have time, please try to stop in, or order take-out, to support those restaurants, and St. Ambrose School!! Please direct any questions to Jen Venetucci or the Main Office.

- Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will run from March 3rd through March 6th. This is a wonderful event to foster literacy and a love of reading! A detailed letter and schedule were emailed out to all the classes. Each class will attend with their teacher on a specified day; parents and families are encouraged to attend on Wednesday evening! Each teacher will have a “wish list” for parents and students who would like to contribute a book to the classroom library. Please contact Kathleen at kathleenvitale913@gmail.com with any questions.
- Our **Read Across America Week** will run from March 3rd through March 7th. Details will be available soon from Mrs. Naviello and your child(ren)’s teachers. Stay tuned!
- The school’s **Science Fair** is scheduled for May 8th – details from the teachers will be sent out to each grade. It’s sure to be an exciting night for everyone!
- **Appreciation Days** – we have listed the appreciation days on our Save the Date for this school year. Thanks to Romita DiMarco for handling the hospitality for each of these dates. Although they don’t do anything for the recognition, we have an amazing maintenance crew, lunch staff, nurse, officer, and administrators and we like to recognize them on their special days!
- **Spirit Wear** – our new Spirit Wear site is on the school website and features great St. Ambrose gear, including tee-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, polo shirts, backpacks, scarves, and more. Personalization on the items is free and if you choose “ship to school”, you will also enjoy free shipping. The items look great and we are love to see our SAS families in their St. Ambrose gear! The school receives a percentage back for all sales, so this is a great way to raise money for the school while wearing your SAS pride!
- **School Masses and Outdoor Rosary** – the dates throughout the school year are listed on the Save the Date. We invite our school families to come join us in prayer. If you have any questions about the Masses, or about your child training to be an altar server or lector, please reach out to Lisa O’Keefe. We have such pride in which the way our students of all ages worship so beautifully together!
- **Silverball Passes** – are available in the Main Office. They make great gifts for kids and are a fun way to enjoy an event with family and friends. Thanks to Jen Venetucci for coordinating this fundraiser!

Open Discussions

- The HSA page of our school's website is updated with contact information, meeting notes, and more. Please take a look and let us know if we can help you in any way.
- Our St. Ambrose Family truly recognizes the spirituality and sanctity of the Easter Season. The springtime also brings us so many beautiful, important, and fun events, including First Holy Communion, Graduations, End-of-Year Parties, and more!
- Romita and Matt will be looking into the possibility of hosting a Father Son Day at the Park at one of the local Old Bridge parks, sometime in the spring or summer. We look forward to having details available over the next few weeks. This could be another very fun event!!
- **Our next HSA General Meeting is scheduled for May 7th at 6:00pm.** As always, there will be a virtual option provided. Just for attending the meeting, your student(s) will receive a special treat!

Closing Comments

Thank you for your support of St. Ambrose School!
May God bless you and your families always.
Enjoy a healthy and wonderful Easter season!