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# St Ambrose Catholic School



## January II Newsletter

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### DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS & GUARDIANS:

#### Newsletter & Calendar Notes

Please note that we will be publishing a newsletter twice a month. You will notice that we have a second January calendar on the reverse of this letter with a few added dates. One special date is our "New Year" school mass on Wednesday, January 21 at 10:45. We would like to extend a warm welcome to any family members who would like to join us for this mass.

#### Ice Skating

Please find a copy of our skating schedule attached to this newsletter. We have added more dates for our classes. This is an important part of our physical education program. Parents please note that bike or hockey helmets are required for all children attending these activities. Please contact the school if your child needs to borrow skates for these dates.

#### Chess Club

Mrs. Davis and Mrs Otten have organized chess clubs for grades 4-8. Grade 4-8 students will meet on Mondays- seniors in Mrs. Davis' room and Juniors in the library. Play downs will determine the students who will represent our school in the tournament.



#### Basketball is Here!

B-Ball season is here. Students will be participating in both basketball house leagues and have a chance to try out for the school rep teams. On Thursday's after school we will be playing pick-up basketball for more fun and practice. Permission slips for after school B-ball will be distributed this week.

#### Free Tickets!!

Thanks to the Stratford Cullitons for providing our students with free tickets to Sunday's January 25 Junior B hockey game. Go Cullitons!

#### Confirmation Meetings

Students who are being confirmed this year are reminded of the meetings on January 28 (St. Joseph's Parish students) and January 29 (Immac Parish students). Both meetings are at 7 pm.

#### Bordenball

Mr. Antonio is pleased to announce that Bordenball practices have begun. These sessions are open to junior students who want to play this exciting sport. Try-outs for the school rep team will be scheduled late in the month. For more information see Mr. A.

#### Pick-Up Drop Off

We appreciate that during cold weather many of our students are getting rides to and from school. We respectfully ask that parents do not stop in the bus zone marked by the large traffic cones. Many of our students dropped off in this area have special needs which make it necessary to have easy access to our playground. Thanks!

#### Teacher Professional Learning Communities

On January 23 our teachers will be participating in the monthly meeting to share and discuss student achievement. The goal for these meetings is to assist teachers in using successful strategies to instruct students in reading and writing. More information on these strategies will be shared at our February Catholic School Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00

Enjoy the last two weeks of January,

Principal, John McCarroll

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