

# S.A.S. Connections

February 4, 2009

Dear Parents and Students of St. Ambrose School,



**Please remember that report cards for the second marking period went home yesterday on Tuesday, February the 3<sup>rd</sup>, for students in grades one through eight.**

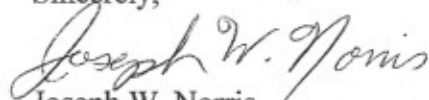
A reminder about phone calls for school closings and emergencies: The phone chain used by class parents is now considered obsolete and will no longer be used.

The school now uses the Honeywell Instant Alert System. We also inform WCTC 1450 AM of school closures (on radio or [www.wctcam.com](http://www.wctcam.com)), and alert News 12 New Jersey (on cable or [www.news12.com/NJ/closings](http://www.news12.com/NJ/closings)). All three systems will be used in the future. We are aware of the delays caused by the Honeywell System and are in the process of reconciling the issues. As many high school parents know, the Honeywell Instant Alert System is now considered the de facto communications standard for such emergencies. Practically all the elementary schools in the diocese of Metuchen now use this system.

Finally, please remember if Old Bridge Township has closed schools - we are also closed. Since the Transportation Department of the township determines whether or not busses run, St. Ambrose will close if busses are not available for student transportation.

May God continue to bestow His many blessings on us all.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph W. Norris

Principal of St. Ambrose School

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## Important School and Community News and Notes

Dress Down Days

**Wednesday February 4th**— Free for all who donated to the “Souper Bowl.” Students are to wear their favorite team jerseys. If no team wear is available, they may wear their favorite team’s colors.

**Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** - \$1 Dress down to support the American Heart Association.

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### Upcoming Protecting God’s Children Video:

**Tuesday Evening, March 3 – 7 PM to 10 PM Parish Room**

To Join: Register Online at [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org)

Click on Protecting God’s Children link on lower right hand side to sign up.



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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuition Payment Due

Parents who have chosen the two-tuition payment plan, please remember that your second and final payment is now due. Please call Mrs. Crocco if you have any questions or special needs.

### Pre-K Tuition Payment Options and Registration

If you have a child entering Pre-K you must use a Pre-K registration form for that child. Also, Pre-K tuition is not covered by FACTS; Pre-K tuition is paid monthly to the office. Please contact the office for Pre-K forms.

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Congratulations go to Janelle Thomas who was accepted to the Middlesex County Academy for Allied Health and Biomedical Sciences. The Academy is part of the Middlesex County Scholars Program.

It is with great pleasure that we announce Team St. Ambrose in the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the State and **was the highest ranking parochial school**. All areas of academia were included in the Quiz Bowl and, in order to achieve maximum points, all questions had to be read, answered, and entered in under 60 seconds. We scored 1206 points with a 94%. We are so proud of our students’ hard work. They practiced many hours and deserve much credit for their diligence and perseverance. It is with great pride that we thank all our teachers, and in particular, Mr. Delaney and Mr. Vorsky, for assisting in preparing and proctoring the exam.

Again, heartfelt congratulations to our wonderful Team St. Ambrose!

Captains: Matt Meehan      Kelly Sciora  
                  Nicole Ventrone    Christina Service  
                  Molly Balsiero

Keyboardists: Holly Junice  
                      Katrina Federico

### Thinking Cap Bowl Team Members:

Dan Fehl  
Brielle Winters  
Kate Ahearn  
Jodiann Atienza  
Lauren Matrale  
Kelsey McCartney  
Alyssa Monera  
Matt Greene  
Anike Chowdhuri  
James Abreu  
Alana Perrotta  
Janelle Thomas  
Katrina Dy  
Jonathan Carlin  
Michelle Basto

-Mrs. Vorsky  
Moderator