



Amherst Middle School Weekly Email

October 19, 2020

Calendar

Mon., Oct. 19: Open House, grades 5/6
Wed., Oct. 21: Open House, grades 7/8
Wed. Oct. 21: Outsiders Day, grade 7
Mon. Oct. 26: -30: Spirit Week
Mon. Oct. 26: Segment 4 begins
Wed. Oct. 28: Tentative day for Picture Re-takes
Mon., Nov. 2: Parent Teacher Conferences, No School
Tues., Nov. 3: In-service day/Election Day, No School
Thurs., Nov. 5: Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
Wed., Nov. 11: Veteran's Day, No School

Attendance Reminder

Daily Attendance for all students is taken in Launchpad/Morning Meeting.

Please call the AMS office 673-8944 x1 or email ams@sprise.com if your student will be absent, tardy or dismissed early whether your student is in-person or remote.

Empower Parent Portal

SAU39 uses Empower to report and monitor student learning. All students and parents have their own accounts in the system to log in and review scores and potential missing work. You can login at <https://empower.sau39.org>. Directions, tutorials and help are available at <https://www.sau39.org/Page/2777>.

Entering the Building

Starting Wednesday, October 21 we will no longer be using door R and P. to enter the building as students arrive. Please remind your student to use the front door off the Gaga pit area or the front door to enter the building each morning. Thank you.

Food Services Update

The NH Dept. of Child Nutrition has approved SAU39's request for an Area Eligibility Waiver, which authorizes our school district to offer free breakfast and lunch for all students through December 31, 2020. Regardless of meal benefit status (Free, Reduced, or Paid), all complete meals will be offered at no cost. The Free meal designation will also be applied to all transactions retroactive to the beginning of the 20-21 school year. When reviewing myschoolbucks accounts, please be aware that the reversal of prior transactions will take some time to complete, and no low balance notifications will be sent until finalized. It should also be noted that a la carte purchases are not Free, and applicable pricing will still apply.

Also, beginning Sunday, Oct 18th, the Daily Student Lunch Selection survey will be available at 5pm the day prior to school. Please continue to complete this survey if your student needs a lunch for the following day.

We have the courage to care!



Spirit Week at AMS: October 26-30



Red Ribbon Week and SOAR Kick-off!



MONDAY

Eagles Pride- Students Rise up against drugs. Our School is proud to be drug free! Wear red/school colors to help kickoff Red Ribbon Week.



TUESDAY

Be a team player, collaborate and include others. Team up against drugs. Wear your favorite sports shirt or jersey.



WEDNESDAY

"Have good character and make good choices." Dress up as your favorite character.



THURSDAY

"Your choices are the key to your dreams." Dream of a world where everyone puts forth their best effort and accept and learn from mistakes. Pajama day!



FRIDAY

"Say Boo to Drugs" Turn tricks into treats and treat others with kindness. Wear a Halloween Costume!
*Please no weapons, face paint, and protective masks must be worn.



October 26-20

Spirit Week combines our AMS celebration of Red Ribbon Week and launch of SOAR...ask your student how they SOAR (Success, Ownership, Acceptance and Respect) as an AMS eagle!

Points for Spirit Week: Each day, students and grade levels will be awarded points for their display of school spirit. These points will count toward 'Launchpad' and 'Grade Level' prizes of Launchpad breakfast and quarterly grade level events. These will be judged by Mrs. Jennings and Mr. Schuttinger during lunch/recess walkthroughs. The point breakdown is as follows: 1st most spirited student 15pts, 2nd most spirited student 10 pts and 1st most spirited grade level 20 pts.



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AMS Open House: **You're Invited!**

Please join us at our 2020 Virtual Open House

During the evening's event you will have the opportunity to meet AMS Teachers and learn more about our curriculum. Teachers will share an overview of the year and ways you can support your student. We look forward to an incredible year of collaboration!

5th/6th: TONIGHT, October 19th, beginning at 6:00pm Please note that we begin at 6pm and the agenda is approximate. We encourage you to sign in early so you don't miss a thing. See below for all the details!

•6:00-6:15 pm	Welcome from AMS Leadership
•6:15-6:20 pm	Meet the School Nurses
•6:20-6:35pm	Integrated Arts
•6:35-6:45pm	Grade 5 STEM
•6:45-6:55 pm	Grade 5 Humanities
•6:55-7:05pm	Grade 6 STEM
•7:05-7:15pm	Grade 6 Humanities
•7:15-7:30pm	Q&A with the AMS Leadership team

Please join us by registering for the webinar here:

https://sau39.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eSggsknLSd6xOvcr7toDHA

7th/8th: Wednesday- October 21st, beginning at 6:00pm Please note that we begin at 6pm and the agenda is approximate. We encourage you to sign in early so you don't miss a thing. See below for all the details!

•6:00-6:15 pm	Welcome from AMS Leadership
•6:15-6:20 pm	Meet the School Nurses
•6:20-6:35pm	Integrated Arts
•6:35-6:45pm	Social Studies Team
•6:45-6:55 pm	Science Team
•6:55-7:05pm	Math Team
•7:05-7:15 pm	English Team
•7:15-7:30pm	Q&A with the AMS Leadership team

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