



Amherst Middle School

Weekly Email

February 12, 2021

Calendar

February 16&17: 6th Grade NWEA Testing
February 19: Early Release, School Dismisses at 11am
(see details below)
February 22-26: No School, February Vacation
March 1: Segment 8 Begins
March 4: 8th Grade Parent Info Night (details TBA)
March 4 & 5: Course selection presentations to 8th gr
March 4-14: Online course selections (8th grade)

LAST WEEK for our

Food Drive For Veterans

As part of our February Kindness Month, AMS has been participating in a Veterans' Food Drive. We have collection bins outside of the school's main entrance for drop offs and inside by the front office.

LP/MM will be awarded points per item toward their monthly kindness points. Canned goods are requested, and protein based foods are preferable, such as peanut butter, tuna fish, stews, etc.

March Basketball at AMS

Basketball is back!!! This program will be run with instruction/fundamentals as the primary focus and will be conducted by AMS basketball coaches. Players will have the opportunity to work on and improve their basketball skills. The number of athletes may be capped to avoid over-crowding.

This **WILL NOT** be run as a typical intramural or open gym. Only players wishing to compete on the AMS or SHS basketball teams next season should attend.

In Person Students: Sign-up sheets will be posted outside the Main Office

Remote Students: Sign-up via email Coach Wing, jwing@sau39.org

<u>DATES</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Grade</u>
March 1-5	Girls	6 & 7
March 8-12	Boys	6 & 7
March 15-19	Girls	8
March 22-26	Boys	8

Time: 2:30pm-4pm, NO LATE BUS, parents must arrange pick-up

Guiding Athletic Protocols for AMS Afterschool Sports Activities:

- When not on the court stay 6 feet apart
- Masks on at all times while in **orange** status
- While in **yellow** masks off while playing (determined by coaches), side lined students need masks on
- Use your own water bottles
- No gum chewing or spitting
- Balls will be washed in accordance with CDC guidelines
- Wash hands before and after practice and avoid touching the face and eyes

We have the courage to care!



AMS Weekly STEAM Challenge Design a Valentine for the Birds



We would love to see your creation. Take a photo, and send it to Mrs. Hargreaves at Shargreaves@sau39.org

Trace and cut a heart out of cardboard. Punch a hole in the top and tie a ribbon through it. In a bowl, pour birdseed. Lightly smear SunButter or peanut butter on both sides of the heart. Then, dip it in the bird seed. Let it set on a plate for an hour. Then hang the heart on a tree. Take photographs, or draw the birds you see.



Other Notes...

[Daily Covid Screening](#)

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EARLY DISMISSAL Friday, February 19

Early Release Schedule for Friday, February 19

Launchpad/Morning Meeting = 7:30 - 8:00am

AM Core/IA Class= 8:00am - 9:30am

PM Core/IA Class = 9:30 am - 11:00am

Students will be called out of PM core by grade to pick up brown bagged "to go" lunches from the cafeteria if they have ordered them in advance. Students are not to eat in the classroom or on the bus.

We will make regular dismissal announcements beginning at 11:00am and will conduct our **usual staggered procedure**, with students being released for buses at 11am.

- Parents of students with last name A-G will enter the AMS parking lot as usual for an approximate 11-11:05am dismissal time
- Parents of students with last name H-G will temporarily line up on Cross Road before being released to enter the AMS campus for an approximate 11:05-11:10am dismissal time