



# Amherst Middle School Weekly Email

September 18, 2020

## Calendar

Friday, Sept. 18: Last day to sign up for fall sports  
Friday, Sept. 18: Last day to change modality for segment 3  
Saturday, Sept. 19: 8am-10am Remote Learner Supply Pick Up and Pictures  
Monday, Sept. 21-Friday, Oct. 2: NWEA testing  
Monday, Sept. 28-Friday, Oct. 23: Segment 3  
Friday, October 9: No School, In-Service Day  
Monday, October 12: No School, Columbus Day

## Remote Learner Pick-Up/Photo Reminder

There is another opportunity for material pick up/ school pictures for our remote learners on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8AM-10AM. You will drive to AMS, enter the main driveway proceeding past the front of the building and pick up materials without getting out of your car. Your child will be directed to a photography station to quickly get out of the car, sit for their picture to be taken and then return to the car for your return trip home.

If you weren't able to come on Thursday, please come on Saturday, September 19 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Please email our Assistant Principal, John Schuttinger, and he will work to find a better time and day for you to pick up materials if neither date works for you. You can reach him by email at [jschuttinger@sau39.org](mailto:jschuttinger@sau39.org).

## AMS Weekly Updates: Mondays

AMS weekly updates will be sent on Mondays going forward.

## Morning Arrival

Morning drop-off has been working well and thank you to students and families for being so incredible about mask wearing and quickly and safely exiting vehicles. Thank you for reminding your students to have everything ready when exiting your vehicle. We are seeing some students taking extra time to get out of cars and that is holding up the line. Also, please pull as far forward as you can. Your child will get inside with plenty of time. The drop off line is lengthy and we want to get every student in the building to start their day on time.

If you are dropping off your student, 7:25am or later, we will direct them to use the main entrance to AMS as the other doors will be secured at that time. Thank you again for your cooperation and patience.

## Visitor Parking

Thank you for your support in our new traffic and parking patterns which are supporting greater use of our grounds by classes! There are 2 designated visitor parking spots in the parking lot closest to the driveway leading in front of the building. Please use these if you need to stop by the school to drop something off or dismiss your student early. The driveway in front of the school will be closed to traffic from 8:00am-2:00pm.

*We have the courage to care!*



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## NWEA

Each fall, students in grades K-10 take the NWEA MAP Growth assessment. This tool is used to help determine your child's instructional level and measure academic growth either throughout the school year or from year to year in the areas of math and reading. During the month of September, both in-person and remote students will be taking the NWEA MAP assessment. Remote families have already received specific information about supporting their child remotely.

Grade 5 will test on Tuesday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 23

Grade 6 will test on Wednesday, September 23 and Thursday, September 24

Grade 7 and 8 will test the week of September 28

## AMS Reminders

- Technical issues? please contact [remotesupport@sau39.org](mailto:remotesupport@sau39.org)
- Daily COVID Screening and lunch orders are accessed through Powerschool: [sau39.powerschool.com/public](http://sau39.powerschool.com/public)
- In Person/Remote absences and tardies: call attendance line at 673-8944, x-1 or email us at [ams@sprise.com](mailto:ams@sprise.com)
- Dismissals: Come to front entrance vestibule and let us know who you are picking up; your student will be called down for dismissal. Be sure to bring your ID as we are working to get to know all our parents!
- Dropping off forgotten items: We have a table at the front entrance where items can be dropped off, buzz to let us know what you've left and we'll get the item to your child

## Recess

On Wednesday of this week we started providing some items for activities. Frisbee in one area, kickball in another designated area, jump ropes and hula hoops in yet another designated area. All of these activities include wipes for students to use as they obtain the items and return them to a container for the next group to use.

## Notice Regarding the Use of Livestreaming Digital Platforms

This school year, we will continue to use Zoom, and other forms of electronic video and communication [digital platforms] to support your child's education and related services. These forms of communication will often have a group feature with participation by many students. Parents or guardians may also be present supporting their child in the remote classroom at home. If your child is participating in group instruction utilizing a digital platform, please note that it may be possible for parents and family members of other children in the classroom or event to see your child. Please maintain confidentiality and respect the privacy of all students during their participation in remote classroom instruction and other remote educational activities. If a parent, guardian or other family member is present during a student's remote participation in remote classroom learning, they will be considered a "visitor" in the classroom or event and will be expected to respect and not interfere with the educational process. Please also note that it may be unlawful for you to make audio recordings of these sessions, unless your child's IEP or Section 504 Plan includes an accommodation that specifically authorizes your child to do such, and the recordings must be made, used and maintained in accord with FERPA and state law. See RSA 189:68, V.