



**AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
"We have the courage to care."

# Amherst Middle School

## Weekly Email

April 9, 2021

### Calendar

April 12: Spring sports tryouts begin  
April 19: MV 6th Parent Info (zoom), 6:30pm  
April 23: Early release for all students  
April 26-April 30: April Vacation, No School  
May 12: MV 6th Grade Parent/Student Transition Meeting, 6pm  
May 19: Wilkins 4th Grade Parent/Student Transition Meeting

### Modality Selection DUE

The Segment 10/11 modality selection form is now available in the Powerschool Portal. This form only needs to be completed if you plan to change the modality for your student/s for Segments 10 and 11 (May 3 - end of school year) or if your transportation plans (drop off/pick up) are changing.

The form is due no later than Monday, April 12 at 4 p.m.

### NH SAS Assessment

#### Testing Dates

Grade 5: May 17, 18, 19, 21  
Grade 6: May 11, 12, 13  
Grade 7: May 19, 20, 21  
Grade 8: May 18, 20, 25, 27

Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will be taking the NHSAS state assessment this spring in English Language Arts, Math and or Science. All testing will be done in person as there is no remote option. RSA 193-C:6 permits parents to exempt their public-school student from taking the New Hampshire statewide assessment.

If you do not want your child to participate in the NHSAS assessment this spring, please complete [this form](#) by Friday, April 9th. **If your child is remote and will not be coming on site to take the assessment, please complete the above exemption form.**

### EARLY DISMISSAL Friday, April 23

#### Early Release Schedule for Friday, April 23

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

There will be no afterschool sports or activities .

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.

### Course Selection and Placement for 21-22

Earlier this week, rising 5-8th grade families received information regarding:

- Our annual student placement information letter from Dr. Bernasconi, found on [our website](#)
- [Course selection](#) for 21-22 for rising 5th and 6th graders
- [Course selection](#) for 21-22 for rising 7th and 8th graders



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### Spring Sports

**Monday, April 12:** is the first day of tryouts for Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse (Grades 7 & 8)

- The **health & contract forms** (in the [Athletic Handbook](#)) must be completed and returned to the AMS office or coach before tryouts

Tryouts are every day next week (April 12-16) until 4pm.

- Pick up is at your practice field, NO late bus
  - LAX at the Bean Fields, Softball is behind AMS teacher parking lot, Baseball is at SHS rear field
- Equipment may be stored on the front porch, taking care not to block entrances to the school

Parents should see important [guiding protocols](#) for spring sports around covid considerations on our website, including NHIAA guidance on face coverings for [baseball](#), [softball](#), [boys lacrosse](#) and [girls lacrosse](#).

Questions to AD Jeff Wing at [jwing@sau39.org](mailto:jwing@sau39.org)

**This week's:** [STEAM challenge](#)

### AMS Wellness Fair

During the week of April 12-16 and April 19, AMS will be hosting a Wellness Fair for grades 5-8 with the theme "Stop the Stigma, Stomp out Stress." The fair will consist of several booths for students to visit with various social/emotional topics to provide students with support and resources.

We are also excited to welcome Shannon Daniel to facilitate a Teen Yoga Workshop for those that are interested during the week of April 19! Students will be provided with take home resources and tools from the fair. Be sure to ask them about it! Check out our resource links below!

AMS Calming Center: <https://sites.google.com/d/1e8T4wtZEJaPBD2voNwUIT1CEwrFTubib/p/1ofWvYnrKBnJ1PeuxFgzJEak2xUESwhRY/edit>

Parent's Social/Emotional Resource Page: [https://sites.google.com/d/16d9F5YOSm1qil-hC\\_NISEZtJRPV8XmgB/p/1v5xRO5THEBytOrPrASyIpYDzNUOGPjkX/edit](https://sites.google.com/d/16d9F5YOSm1qil-hC_NISEZtJRPV8XmgB/p/1v5xRO5THEBytOrPrASyIpYDzNUOGPjkX/edit)

### April Vacation Travel and Quarantine

If you are traveling outside of New England over the April break using public transportation (bus, plane, etc.), your student must quarantine for 10 days, as per school district guidelines, before they return to school. If you are traveling and wish your student to be in-person once their travel quarantine is complete, please complete this [survey](#).

Please know that we will not be able to place your student in a remote class during their quarantine if you wish them to return to in-person learning once their 10 day quarantine is complete. Students will have access to their GoogleClassrooms and need to complete asynchronous work posted by their teachers during this absence. Teachers are available during Eagle for students to check-in.