

Amherst Middle School



AMS Weekly Email (1/4/2019)

Next Amherst School Board Meeting: ASB Public Hearing-Wednesday, January 9 at 6pm in the SHS Learning Commons.

Calendar:

January 7: Student Leadership and Service Meeting, 2:20pm
January 8: **Late Start** Day, school begins at 9:25am
January 8: 7th grade Rwanda presentation
January 8: Theater Club Parent Costume Info Meeting, 5:30pm
January 9: PTA Meeting, 6pm
January 9: WMUR weather presentation for grade 8
January 9: Hotel Rwanda for grade 7 after school with parent permission
January 10: AMS Spelling Bee Finals, 8am
January 11: Movie Night sponsored by Student Leadership and Service, 6pm
January 17: AMS Geography Bee, 8am
January 18: School Dance, 7pm, grades 6, 7, 8
January 21: **NO School**, MLK Day
Jan. 28-Feb. 8: NWEA testing
February 6-8: Field Trips, Gr. 5
February 8: Winter Carnival, grades 5/6, 2:20-4pm
February 11: Winter Sports Banquet
February 12: **Late Start** Day, school begins at 9:25am
February 13: PTA General Meeting, 9am
February 15: Semi-Formal (optional) Dance, grades 7 and 8, 7pm

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful holiday break spending special time with friends and family. Time away from our everyday tasks can be remarkably restorative. Whatever it is that your family chose to do for the holiday break, we are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. We are all looking forward to a productive and positive year in 2019.

AMS winter sports is more than halfway through their regular season. Each team and organization have been working thoroughly on producing a successful season. We have lots of home games and home meets coming up. We hope that many of you will be able to attend our end of season events and activities.

Coming up next week, we have the Student Leadership and Service group organizing a movie night on Friday, January 11th with doors opening at 6:15. We hope your students can join us!

Lastly, we are excited to announce that AMS will continue to offer school breakfast every day throughout the remainder of the school year between 7:00-7:20am for a \$1.50. Students can continue to use their lunch accounts to purchase a variety of healthy items that are prepared by our wonderful food service staff.

As always, thank you for your commitment to our community of learners and to entrusting us to guide your children's educational journeys.

Regards,

Jesse Haarlander

Chess Club

Chess Club is beginning again next Wednesday, January 9. All grades and all levels are welcome! Chess Club meets with Mrs. Epstein afterschool in the library from 2:30-3:30pm. Meeting dates can be found on the [website](#).

Movie Night, Friday January 11

Student Leadership and Service is sponsoring Movie Night, next Friday January 11.

Time: 6:30 – 8:30, Doors open at 6:15pm

Movie Choices: Wonder, Incredibles 2, Small Foot

Wear your pajamas and bring a folding chair, blanket, or sleeping bag if you like

Younger siblings are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent

Suggested donation \$3

Snacks and drinks available for purchase

7th Grade Math Collecting Your Greeting Cards

Grade 7 Math is in need of new or used GREETING CARDS of any kind! Don't throw away your holiday cards after the season's over, instead drop them in the office and we will put them to good use. Our students use them to make ICOSAHEDRONS around the holidays! Thanks in advance!

Important AMS Reminders:

Check out our [website](#) to see some friendly reminders about procedures for absences, tardy arrivals, bus passes, afterschool plans, signing up for **SNOW** day cancellations, etc.

8th Grade Yearbook

- **Order Information** Order your 8th Grade Yearbook: <https://commpe.pictavo.com/PictavoSchool/FindSchool> Parents should click on the link, type in our school code of 77801 and click LETS GO.

Amherst PTA

Tickets for the "Under the Stars" Daughter's Choice Dance are currently available on MySchoolAnywhere. There is also a form to print and send to school (website below). All girls at CW and AMS are invited to attend with their father or special role model. The dance will be on 1/26 from 6-8pm at Wilkins (snow date 2/2). Online signups for refreshments and volunteers are on MSA.

Great job to everyone who auditioned for Mulan Jr! There are many ways to support this spring fundraiser. Purchasing an advertisement in the playbill, working on stage and costumes, and coming out to see a performance all support the enrichment opportunities that the Amherst PTA can continue to offer our students.

We're always looking for parents interested in joining as committee members, committee chairs, and executive board members. Email for more information.

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Community News

Souhegan Valley Lacrosse: Middle school players looking to work on your game before tryouts this spring can come to SVL Winter Skills...for details and to register go to www.SouheganValleyLacrosse.com to register.

Amherst Town Library: January Programs: The Amherst Town Library has lots of children and family programming for our community members. Check out the [Library website](#) for details, but some programs include:

Tech Time at the Library Friday, January 18 from 3:00-4:30pm

Come and explore our collection of S.T.E.M.-based activity kits: Snap-Circuits, Citiblocks, Ozrobots, and more...we make them available, you enjoy an opportunity for make-your-own fun!

Book Clubs Continue and new members are always welcome:

For book club details, please go online to www.amherstlibrary.org and go to the Children's Room page, call us at 673-2288, or come on down to the Children's Room and get a copy of our Book Club Brochure. Please register online for book clubs.