

Amherst Middle School



AMS Weekly Email (11/9/2018)

Next Amherst School Board meeting: Tuesday, November 13 at 6pm in the SHS Learning Commons.

Calendar:

November 9: Veteran's Walk-a-thon
November 12: **NO School**, Veteran's Day
November 13: **Late Start** Day, school begins at 9:25am
November 13: Wrestling sign up meeting, afterschool with Coach Lacroix
November 14: PTA Meeting, 6pm at Wilkins, presentation by SRO Knox
November 16: School Dance, grades 6, 7, 8, 7-9:30pm
November 21-23: **NO School**, Thanksgiving Recess
November 28: PPT Meeting, "Take Back Your Calm", 6-7:30pm AMS Library
December 1: Lion's Club Craft Fair, AMS Gym and Café
December 3: Last day of Trimester 1
December 10: 7th Grade Field Trip to Theater in MA
December 11: **Late Start** Day, school begins at 9:25am
December 11: Gr 5/6 Band and Chorus Concert
December 12: PTA Meeting, 9am AMS Café
December 12: Gr 7/8 Band and Chorus Concerts
December 24-Jan. 1: **NO School**, Holiday Recess

From the Principal:

Dear Families,

This morning, the entire Amherst Middle School community gathered at the SHS track and held a brief ceremony recalling the service of our Veterans to our nation. The American flag was lowered to Taps (played by Band Director Kevin Swift and 8th grader Matthew Cobleigh), the National Anthem was performed by Autumn Fichera, 8th grade, and we had a few words from former AMS Principal Porter Dodge. Our student body and staff then walked the track to honor our local veterans, each grade wearing a different color and carrying a service flag.

As is our tradition for the past several years, we have been collecting donations to support the Manchester VA Hospital Outreach Program through the purchase of gift cards for groceries and gasoline. We have collected over \$2,000 to date. Thank you all for your support. If you haven't had the opportunity yet to contribute, we'll continue to accept donations through next Friday, November 16. Grocery and gasoline cards will be delivered to the VA in time for the Thanksgiving holiday!

Have a wonderful long weekend with your families!

Regards,

Dr. Bethany Bernasconi

PTA Meeting on Nov. 14

Officer Knox, SRO for the Amherst elementary/middle schools, will be the featured speaker at the next PTA meeting on Nov. 14 at 6pm at Wilkins School. Officer Knox's presentation entitled, "Successful Navigation of Social Media and Adolescence" will offer parents valuable information as you negotiate social media/safe internet use with your children.

Breakfast in November

AMS will be offering breakfast for the month of November! Breakfast will be served from 7-7:20am, at a cost of \$1.50.

8th Grade Yearbook Cover Art

Calling all 8th graders: the yearbook committee is now accepting artwork to be used for the yearbook covers. Submissions should be turned in to Mrs. Sheldon in the computer lab.

Wrestling Sign up Meeting

If you missed our earlier sign up meeting, and you are curious about wrestling, come on Tuesday, November 13 afterschool and meet with Coach Tom Lacroix (tblwpi2014@gmail.com). Wrestling is open to all grade levels.

Zentangle Club

Do you like to doodle? Then Zentangle is for you! Join Mrs. Bowler on Tuesdays afterschool from 2:30-3:45pm beginning December 11. Zentangle is open to all grades and drawing abilities! Materials are provided and dates are posted on the school website. Questions? Email Mrs. Bowler: lbowler@sprise.com

Take Back Your Calm

Everyone from student to parent, feels stressed at some time. On November 28th from 6:00-7:30pm, bring your child/children to an interactive workshop to learn at least 5 different methods to help cope with stress in healthy ways. Take a break to have a fun enjoyable and educational experience with your child and staff from their school. See our [flyer](#) for all the details.

Student Leadership and Service Collection for SHARE

Student Leadership and Service will continue to collect non-perishable food items for SHARE. A box for donations is in the AMS lobby.

SHS Theater Presents “Almost, Maine” Nov. 15-17

“Almost, Maine” by John Cariani, is the most widely performed play in American high schools for the past eleven years, and the students of Souhegan’s Theatre Department are thrilled to be bringing it to local audiences this November. The play inventively explores the mysteries of the human heart, touching audiences with laughter, heartbreak, and hope.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors and are available at The Homestead, Moulton’s, The Black Forest, the Souhegan High School Welcome Center and at the door. Performances are Thursday November 15th, Friday November 16th and Saturday November 17th at 7:00pm at the Souhegan HS Theatre. Concessions at all performances will be provided in partnership with the Souhegan High School PTSA and will support both the theatre program and Project Graduation.

Souhegan Scholarship Foundation Trivia Night

A Team Trivia Night will be held on Wednesday November 14 to benefit the Souhegan Scholarship Foundation. See [our flyer](#) for more details.

Amherst PTA

PTA Meeting on Nov. 14: Book your calendars for a night you don't want to miss! Officer Knox is the School Resource Officer for Clark-Wilkins and Amherst Middle School. He has a wealth of knowledge about keeping our kids safe from many types of harm and is a great resource for all parents. He speaks at PTA presentations each year, and the feedback is always "I wish I brought my friend!" - "My husband should have heard this, too!" - "Will he come back again to speak?" We invite parents of ALL aged children to attend as his presentations have proven timely for all.

- Wednesday, November 14th
- Wilkins Library 6-8pm
- Limited babysitting spots are available. Please email amherstptanh@gmail.com to make a reservation.

Dine and Donate: Make plans with friends or family for Friday, November 16th. Bertucci's will donate back a portion of the day's sales to the Amherst PTA. Simply show them this email or the PTA calendar. These small fundraisers add up to a lot over the course of the year! Orders throughout the day count too- arrange for lunch at your workplace!

The Arts Matter! Theater Experience for Amherst Children This Spring: As part of a 67-year tradition, Amherst PTA will bring Mulan Jr. to the stage in April. The cast will be made up of students from 3rd-12th grade. NO experience necessary- lots of group ensemble roles available and lots of lead roles to try out for, too! Best part? Everyone who auditions gets a part! For all of the information, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/mulanjrauditions2019/>.

Community News

Amherst Town Library: November Programs

The Amherst Town Library has lots of children and family programming for the month of November! Check out our [website](#) for details.

Pat's Peak: Pat's Peak 2019 Learn to Ski & Ride Program has begun registrations for their annual 5-week program beginning in January. Please see the [flyer](#) for all the details.