

Amherst Middle School



AMS Weekly Email (12/07/2018)

Next Amherst School Board meeting: Monday, December 10 at 6pm in the SHS Learning Commons.

Calendar:

December 10: 7th Grade Field Trip to Theater in MA
December 10-15: Scholastic Book Fair in AMS Library
December 11: **Late Start** Day, school begins at 9:25am
December 11: Grade 5 Band and Chorus Concert, 6pm
December 11: Grade 6 Band and Chorus Concert, 7pm
December 12: PTA Meeting, 9am AMS Café
December 12: Grade 7 Band and Chorus Concert, 6pm
December 12: Jazz Band, Grade 8 Band and Chorus Concerts, 7pm
December 24-Jan. 1: **NO School**, Holiday Recess
January 8: **Late Start** Day, school begins at 9:25am
January 8: Theater Club Parent Meeting, 5:30pm
January 9: PTA Meeting, 6pm
January 18: School Dance, 7pm, grades 6, 7, 8
January 21: **NO School**, MLK Day

From the Principal:

Dear Families,

It has been an exciting week here at AMS. Between visits from engineers and scientists in 5th grade to new integrated arts classes, play rehearsals, and sporting events students have been engaged in and out of the classroom. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing the hard work of our talented students in next week's band and chorus concerts. We hope that many of you will be able to attend and enjoy as well! Community engagement is crucial to building strong schools and resilient students ready to solve the world's problems. Thank you to the many families that attended our SAU39 Facilities Committee report to the Amherst and Souhegan joint school board Monday evening and also the School Start Time Forum on Wednesday. Your questions, ideas, and feedback help to refine our work to ensure that the schools reflect the values and commitments of our community. Please continue to keep an eye on our website and e-mails for opportunities to partner with SAU39. Thank you and I hope you all have a great weekend!

Dr. Bethany Bernasconi

AMS School Store

The AMS School store is open on line in time for your holiday shopping! **Order by Monday** to receive your items in time for the holiday recess: <http://varsiteeink.tuosystems.com/stores/amshol>

At checkout, you can choose to have items delivered to school for handout to your student or you can choose to pick up items at Varistee Ink, located at 50 Route 101A in Amherst. Questions? Contact Jayma Robinson at jrobinson@sprise.com

Scholastic Book Fair, Dec. 10-15

The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Monday December 10th and runs through December 15th in the AMS Library View the details: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/amherstmiddleschool2> Come in and see all we have to offer! We're open Monday to Friday from 8am to 3pm.

If you don't want to send cash or a check to school with your student, you can set up an e-wallet.

E-Wallet set up: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/parent-how-it-works.html>

You can also shop the book fair online, however books will not arrive until the new year:

Online shopping: <http://onlinebookfairs.scholastic.com/entrance.aspx?FID=3892701&direct=Y>

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.
- **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.

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

Festive Friday

AMS is celebrating December with Festive Fridays! Wear your most festive sweaters on Fridays for the month of December.

Student Leadership and Service Collections

- Student Leadership and Service will continue to collect non-perishable food items for SHARE through the month of December. A box for donations is in the AMS lobby.
- Student Leadership and Service is also collecting new, unwrapped toys for needy children in our community through Friday, December 14.

Reminder to sign up for Snow Day Messages

SAU-39 is using Nixle to communicate with our school community. For all non-emergency communication, including **snow day** notifications parents/guardians need to sign up to receive messages. To receive text notification of snow day delays/cancellations, text SAU39SNOW to 888777. For additional information or to receive texts, emails and/or phone calls, please see our school [website](#) or the SAU 39 [site](#).

Amherst PTA

- There are a lot of great things happening around the school district. We hope you join us for a coffee chat with Clark-Wilkins and AMS administration in conjunction with the General PTA meeting on Wednesday, 12/12 at AMS from 9-10am.
- Information regarding purchasing tickets for the Daughter's Choice Dance will be online next week. 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).
- As part of a 67 year tradition, Amherst PTA will bring Mulan Jr. to the stage in April under the direction of much of the production team from last year's hit, The Little Mermaid. The cast will be made up of kids 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! Rehearsals are on Sundays beginning in January with additional groups called on Tuesday evenings (YES- you can do the Rec ski program and the play!) until the final weeks before the play. For all of the information, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/mulanjrauditions2019/>.
- We're always looking for parents interested in joining as committee members, committee chairs, and executive board members. Email for more information. Amherstptanh@gmail.com www.amherstnhpta.org

Community News

Amherst Tree Lighting Festival, this weekend!

This weekend (Dec. 7-9) is the Amherst Tree Lighting Festival! The festival kicks off with the tree lighting ceremony on Friday at 6 pm, followed by many festive events around town all weekend. The schedule can be found at <https://amhersttreelightingfestival.weebly.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/AmherstTreeLightingFestival/>. Be sure to check it out as there is truly something for everyone!

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