



Amity Middle School Bethany Campus



Mission Statement

*Our mission is to provide a safe, healthy, and caring environment
that maximizes the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual
growth of the young adolescent.*



AMSB Principal



**Welcome to
the Class of
2031!!**

Dr. Jason Tracy



Orientation Goals:

- **Welcome you to our Amity Middle School community**
- **Familiarize you with classrooms, facility, and student work**
- **Introduce key staff and ways to communicate with them**
- **Give you an overview of our team organization**
- **Give you an overview of the academic program including the life arts program, and extracurricular activities**

PORTRAIT OF THE GRADUATE

The BOWA Portrait of the Graduate illustrates a self-aware citizen who, through a determined course of scholastic experiences, displays the following characteristics...



COLLABORATOR

A collaborator is a learner who is an active contributor and works inclusively with others toward a goal while being aware of their presence in the world and the world's impact on them.

- Listens openly to various perspectives
- Self-advocates respectfully for one's own ideas
- Establishes meaningful and appropriate connections
- Recognizes themselves as a steward of a greater community
- Demonstrates humility



COMMUNICATOR

A communicator is a learner who is able to clearly, confidently and effectively read, write, speak and listen across various formats and contexts.

- Connects and understands their own thoughts, needs, and perspectives as well as those of others
- Engages and empowers others
- Takes an active role when listening and in expressing thoughts and opinions
- Takes risks to have difficult and courageous conversations to communicate divergent perspectives
- Understands their audience and adjusts the message



EMPATHIZER

An empathizer is a learner who continuously grows their capacity to understand multiple perspectives.

- Acknowledges the feelings of others
- Demonstrates compassion
- Respects differences
- Helps and supports others



PROBLEM SOLVER

A problem solver is a learner who embraces challenges with curiosity, passion, and creativity while thinking critically to arrive at a variety of possible solutions.

- Observes and ask questions willingly
- Analyzes and synthesizes information
- Perseveres through adversity
- Acknowledges limitations



PLANNER

A planner is a learner who is able to independently balance demands, responsibilities, and priorities to fulfill their goals, obligations, and aspirations.

- Manages time
- Makes choices that promote their own wellness
- Engages in reflection for individual improvement
- Understands financial responsibility
- Seeks joy and contentment



Assistant Principal



Thayer Doyle

- Student Handbook
- Keys to Success
 - Respect
 - Responsibility



The Third R... ...Registration

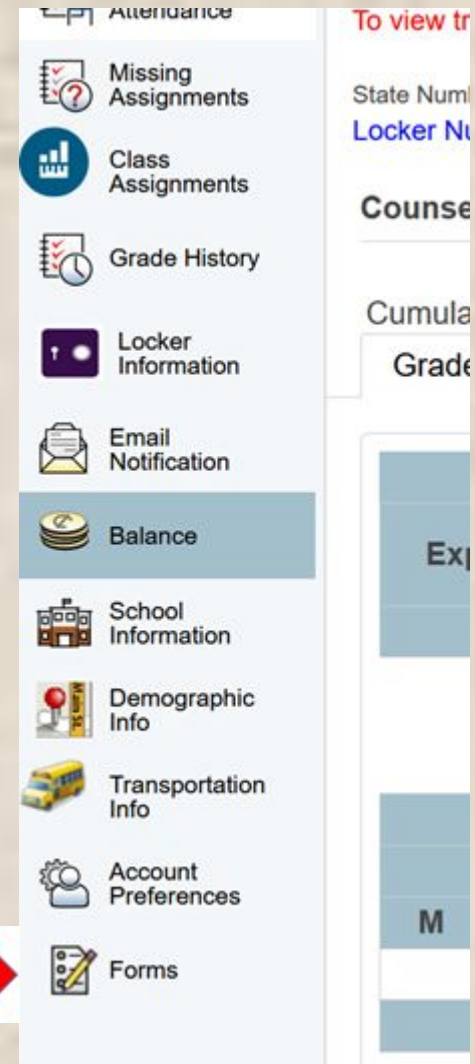
- Amity is a separate school district from the elementary schools and require registration.
- The first step in the transition to middle school process is registration.
- We cannot build a schedule or have your child attend until this is done.

The Registration Process

- The registration information is on the Amity website:
[Registration - Amity Regional School District #5](#)
- Complete the 7th grade pre-registration form. Once complete you will receive an email mid March with instructions on how to complete the future forms in PowerSchool.

The Registration Process Cont'd

- Enter the username and password that you will be emailed in mid-March, This is not the username and password that is automatically generated when you completed the pre registration form.
- Navigate to Forms menu and complete all the New Student Registration forms.
- There will be several different forms to fill out.





Team Leaders



Mrs. Nall
(Blue Team)



Mrs. Ortiz
(Green Team)





Green Team

Tom Newman, Jennifer Blais, Caitlin Magnan, Michelle Ortiz, Nick DaPonte



Blue Team

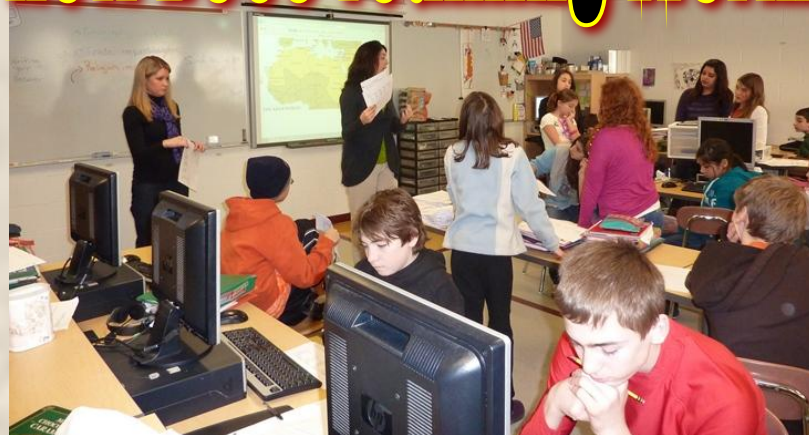
Caroline Camera, Teresa Garrity, Keith Smolinski, Marissa Nall, Heather Goldstein



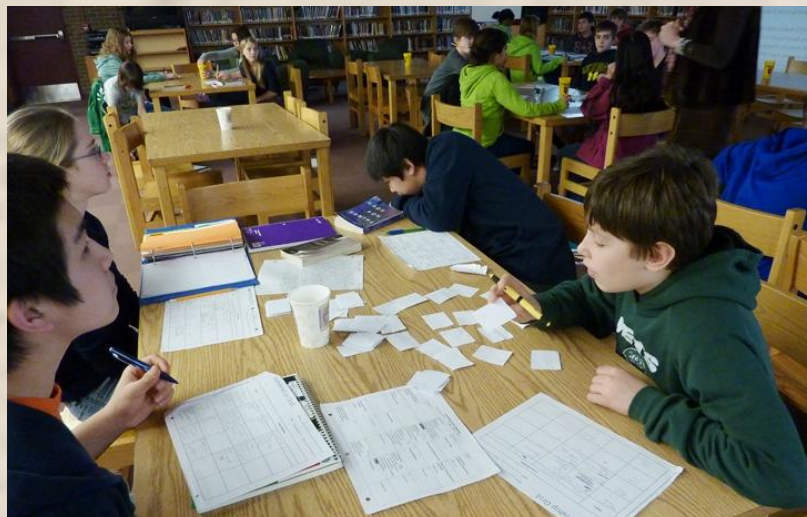


8th Grade Team Activity – “I Am” Posters

How Does Teaming Work?



7th Grade Cross Team Activities –SS and English (Global Studies Project)





Core Academic Classes (Team Classes)

Math - 7th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra

Science - Advanced, Comprehensive

English (ELA) - Non Leveled

Social Studies - Non Leveled

Spanish - Non Leveled



Quarterly Life Arts Courses



Art

Technology & Engineering Education

Digital Media

Health



Rotate Quarterly - 45 Day Cycle





Life Arts Courses (Choice)

- **Year Long Alternating Days**
- **Physical Education (Every other Day)**



OPPOSITE

- **Band/Choir/Strings**
- **General Music**
- **Mandarin Chinese**



AMITY



Band



Strings



Chorus

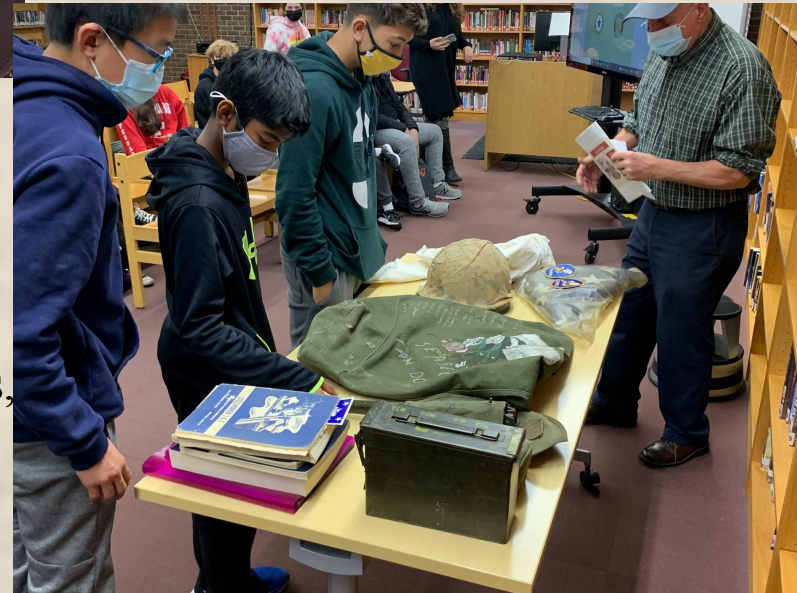


Media Center



The Hub of the School

- Over 10,000 books
- Research and Digital Literacy Training
- Daily use for projects and research
- Special presentations such Veterans Day speakers, Team Day events, and after school meetings





One to One Devices

- Amity is a One-to-One device district (7-12)
- Students issued laptop on first day of school
 - Return at end of each school year
- Monitoring Software while on school network
- Device insurance is recommended
 - Explained in online registration



A Typical Student Schedule

7:34AM – 2:18 PM

- Period 1 - English
- Advisory (12 minutes)
- Period 2 - Art; Technology; Health; Digital Media
(45 Day Rotation)
- Period 3 - Math
- Period 4 – Science
- Lunch
- Period 5 – Spanish
- Period 6 – (ACE) Physical Education
(BDF) Band/Stings/Choir/Chinese/General Music
- Period 7 – Social Studies
- Period 8 –Academic Success

AMITY



AMSB Office Staff



Elizabeth Mazzabufi



Kristen McNamara



Heidi Gianquinto- Counseling Dept.



Barbara Cassesse – Media Center



AMSB Security Team



Dr. James Scott (ASSO Evenings)



Elisa Tracy (SSO)



**Scott Boulton (ASSO)
District Security Supervisor**



AMSB Support Team Members





The School Nurse



Katherine Stavens, RN

- Physical Exams
- Vaccinations
- Medications
- Emergency Forms
- Illness Policy



Attendance Policy



Jessica Simone, LMSW
School Engagement
Specialist

- Daily attendance is very important and helps build good habits!
- Parents can excuse the first 9 absences.
 - Must send in a note/email to attendance clerk Mrs. MacNamara
- All absences beyond 9 must have a note from a medical provider
 - Blanket absence notes are NOT accepted.
- Engagement specialist is available for home visits as needed.



School Support Staff



Kara Lanziero
8th Grade School Counselor



Danielle Parillo
7th Grade School Counselor



Jenna DiLorenzo
School Psychologist



Katie Donroe, LMSW
School Social Worker



Clubs at AMSB

- Student run (staff supervised) clubs
 - Meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - Late bus for rides home!
- Currently over 25 active clubs:
 - Student Council & Student Government
 - Math Club & Science Bowl
 - No Place for Hate (ADL)
 - KFC - Kosher Food Club
 - CROME - Community Recognizing Open-Mindedness and Expression
 - Dungeons and Dragons & Magic The Gathering
 - Garden Club
 - Literary Magazine & School Newspaper Clubs



Interscholastic Athletics

Ernie Goodwin, Amity Director of Athletics

Robert Murphy, AMSB Athletic Liaison

Fall Season

Boys Soccer

Girls Soccer

Cross Country

Girls Volleyball

Girls Field Hockey

Winter Season

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

Wrestling

Spring Season

Boys Baseball

Girls Softball

Boys and Girls Track

Boys Volleyball

All Year - After School Intramurals for all students (Mr. Orie)



Sports Registration Process

- Complete Sports Interest form - sent prior to each season via newsletter
- Complete sport forms 1 & 2
- Fall Sports Participants - Physical must be dated November 15, 2024 or later (End of Fall Season)
- Hand in forms to school nurse



AMSB PTSO

Parent Teacher Student Organization 2024-2025

Sandra Maher, Presidents AMSB PTSO

Alex Sanchez, Secretary AMSB PTSO

Amber Durkin, AMSB PTSO Treasurer

Amber Durkin, Hospitality

Adeline Marzialo, Amity Wear

Nell D'Andrea, Graphic Designer

Daniel DelPrete, AMSB Fun Run



Student Fun

Ice Cream Sundaes after SBAC!



Treats before School Breaks!



Field Day!!



Other ice cream treats!



Please Support Our School Programs

Graduation Activities



Class Trips Donation



Color Fun Run



Evening Events



Teacher Appreciation



Teacher Appreciation Week



Staff Meeting Snacks



Staff Requests





Everyone is a member!

- No Forms, No Fees, No Buying Access to Student Directory
- Join the PTSO and Donate online! amsb.ptboard.com
 - Account gives access to important info
 - student directory
 - Purchase Amity Wear (delivered to students in school),
 - Access to signups
 - Pay for student events
- Facebook
 - AMSB PTO Group (closed group)
- Email: amsbptopresident@gmail.com





Woodbridge Youth Services

Nancy Pfund - Youth Services Director

Laney Alexander - Youth Program Coordinator

Jeanette Glicksman - Human Service Director

*Positive Youth Development Programming

*Prevention Programming

*First Selectman's Youth Award



Email: NPfund@woodbridgett.org or youthone@woodbridgett.org

Phone: 203-389-3429



Sixth Grade Transition/Orientation Schedule – 2024

- February 28 & March 3: AMSB principal/staff meet students for Q & A
- March 4: Parent/Guardian Orientation @ AMSB
- May 27: Sixth graders visit AMSB for orientation/field day
- Mid-July: Letter emailed with classes
- Mid-August: Parents notified of student teams, schedules, bus info.
- Late August - WYS/AMSB/PTSO - 7th grade party at AMSB
- August 25: First day of school (Half Day 12:12)



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DISTRICT SCHOOLS

AMSB INFO

REGISTRATION

STUDENT LIFE

ATHLETICS

TIP LINES

DIRECTORY



AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL - BETHANY



AMSB NEWSLETTERS



ATHLETICS



MYPAYMENTSPLUS



POWERSCHOOL



SCHOOL CALENDAR



STUDENT SUPPORT



Let's hear it from the students!

- What is one thing that you wish you knew before you came to MS?
- What is one experience you would like to share with the parents?
- How have you changed or grown in middle school (personal, clubs/sports/emotionally, friends)
- Is there any advice you have for the parents?



We look forward to working with your children!





Communication

- Weekly Newsletter
 - Importance of Power School Registration
- Email/Phone
 - firstname.lastname@amityregion5.org
 - Main office - 203-393-3102
- Twitter
 - @AmityMSBethany
- Closings
 - Local Media Outlets; School Messenger
- Website
 - www.amityregion5.org



Any questions please contact us:

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