

AMSB Principal's Weekly Newsletter

August 8, 2024

Message from Dr. Tracy

It is hard to believe that we will be starting school in just over two weeks! I hope that you are all continuing to enjoy your summer and are as excited as I am for the year ahead. Things have been moving ahead quickly here at AMSB this summer!! Our custodial staff has been working hard to prepare the building for the students, our teachers have been busy writing curriculum and readying their classrooms, and the administration has been working to recruit and hire some wonderful new staff. Final preparations are being made and we are excited to welcome our students in the weeks ahead.



Student schedules will be OFFICALLY released next week. I understand that students may have been inadvertently able to see schedules a couple weeks ago in PowerSchool, but would like to reiterate that those schedules were not complete and significant work has been done on schedules since that time. The official schedules that are released next week may differ from what was viewed prematurely weeks ago. Please contact the counseling office (information below) if your child has a missing class or if you have any questions. We will spend the first week of school acclimating your child to their new schedule and making sure that they can find all of their classes!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to reach out to me or a member of the office staff. The office is open daily M-F from 7:00am-2:00pm.

Important Dates

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- **August 22nd** – [7th Grade Open House/Woodbridge Youth Service Picnic 5:30PM - 7:30PM](#)
 - **August 26th** – First Day of School - Early Dismissal at 12:12PM

- **August 27th** – Early Dismissal at 12:12PM
- **September 2nd** – Labor Day - No School
- **September 5th** –
 - Picture Day & PTSO Meeting 8:30 East Café
 - [8th Grade Field Trip Payment is Due - Pay through Destinations Unlimited](#)
- **September 7th** - Hulley Arts Foundation Gala - [More Info](#)
- **September 9th** – Board of Ed. Meeting - 6:30 ARHS Lecture Hall
- **September 10th** – STAR Math & [Back to School Night 6:00PM](#)
- **September 11th** – STAR Reading
- **September 20th** – Early Dismissal at 12:12PM
- **October 19th** - [AMSB PTSO's Color Fun Run](#)

Weekly Highlights

Website Update

Our Website is being updated! Please utilize the top navigation as many of the drop downs will be removed if they have not been already. Thank you for your patience and support and check it out for new updates, events and happenings.

AMSB's Website



Event Information

Back to School Night

All parents are invited to our Back to School Night, September 10th starting at 6:30pm! Parents may come to the school at 6:00 for a brief tour of the building, conducted by our student volunteers.

The program is designed to provide you with information about the classes your student attends, the middle school teaming model, and will give you a chance to meet some of the staff at AMSB.

The information will help you better understand the middle school years, class expectations, and will help lay the foundation for a successful school year. We will send more information about this event in future newsletters.

When?

Tuesday, Sep 10, 2024, 06:00 PM

Visit AMSB's Calendar for More Dates & Information

There are many important dates throughout the school year, including half days and days off for the students. Please note the early dismissal days at the start of the school year.

Student Life Updates

Fall Sports Registration

Students considering participating in a fall sport at AMSB must begin the registration process by clicking the link below.

Once you begin the registration process you will receive information from the athletic department and coaches. The fall sports at AMSB are B/G Cross Country, Field Hockey, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball.

Fall Sports Registration

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be released next week. At that time students will see their team, teachers, and classes by period. This is often a time of great excitement for middle school students (and parents) and comes with a range of emotions!

Please help to reassure your child that they will see their friends and maintain old friendships even if they are on separate teams, they may even make some new friends! If your child has missing classes or if there is an error on the schedule, please reach out to your school counselor.

Student Support At AMSB

There are many support services available to students at AMSB. A school counselor works with a class of students and remains with the class for seventh and eighth grade. This year, the school counselor for the seventh grade will be Mrs. Lanziero (kara.lanziero@amityregion5.org) and the counselor for the 8th grade is Mrs. Parillo (Danielle.parillo@amityregion5.org).

More Information on Student Support

Please refer to the counseling section on this page for more information

Summer Reading

This year, Amity Reads, Amity's summer reading program, will again be linked to the Portrait of the Graduate, asking students in grades 7-12 to begin thinking about how each characteristic plays a role in their summer reading book of choice. This fall, we will ask students to share their books and think about how their books showcased one or more of the POG characteristics. Students should select one book that suits them in terms of topic and reading level. It can be fiction, nonfiction, graphic novel, audiobook – any book that interests them is fine.

Summer Math

Just like reading, regular practice over the summer with problem solving, computation and math facts will maintain and strengthen the mathematical gains you made over the school year.

- Students entering the course, GRADE 7 MATH, should be proficient in topics A-D. Students entering the Pre-Algebra course, GRADE 7 PRE-ALGEBRA, should be proficient in topics A-N. Practicing these topics is **not mandatory** for students entering 7th grade.
- Please be aware that Pre-Algebra students should be proficient in topics A-N as they are pre-requisite skills for the course.

More Info about Summer Work

7th Grade

The 7th grade teams have created an Amazon List for the 7th grade supply list. Feel free to substitute similar items; however, please note quantity & style. We do not recommend “trapper keepers” or accordion-style binders.

7th Grade Supply List

8th Grade Supply List

Student Health Updates

7th Grade Mandatory Immunizations Due

If you have not done so already, please submit proof of required immunizations and most recent physical with your physician’s documentation. Immunizations must be submitted to the District Office **by Aug. 2, 2024**.

Per State law, students who do not have the required immunizations or an appropriate waiver, will be excluded from school. Please visit [our website](#) for answers to most frequently asked questions and health forms and refer to the Resources tab.

Physicals & Medical Forms

If your child requires any medications to be administered during school hours you are required to submit a completed 2024-25 [Medication Administration Form](#). Please hand in the completed medication authorization to the school nurse. Any submitted medical documents are required to be hard copies, please keep a copy of any medical documents.

If your child will be participating in sports make sure your child's physical meets the Amity Regional School District's athletic requirements. **For Fall sports eligibility a physical must be dated after November 15, 2024.** If you have any, questions please reach out to our school nurse at: katherine.stavens@amityregion5.org

Physical Ed Uniform

During Physical Education class all students will wear a reversible Amity Pinny. Your student can use one from previous years if you have one already.

If you do need to order one go to PowerSchool-Forms- Activity Fees-AMSB PE Pinny 2024/25 the **\$16.00 Fee will be on My Payments Plus after August 19th.**

- Log into PowerSchool
 - Go to Forms - Student Activities - AMSB Gym Pinny 2024/25
 - Click the box and the Submit button
 - In 1-2 Business Days your charge for \$16.00 will be on My Payments Plus
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Woodbridge Youth Services

Volunteers Needed!

- Adults, College Students, and high school juniors and seniors may call or email to help. We need chaperones, help at the registration and food tables, and with games. Community Service hours approved for high school students.

Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge and Bethany Teens Who Want Work:

- The Job Bank guides teens ages 13-18 as they apply, interview, and earn money doing odd jobs for Woodbridge residents. Teens are needed now, especially for yard work. Contact the Job Bank to schedule your interview. Other jobs include babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.

Red Cross Babysitter Training - 8/20 & 8/21

- Class covers all the basics to get you ready to babysit. This 2-day class for teens, ages 12-17, will be held on Tuesday, August 20 and Wednesday, Aug 21 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Woodbridge Library Meeting Room. Must attend both days. Snacks provided; bring your own lunch. Fee: \$60 for Woodbridge residents, \$65 for non-residents. Discount for siblings. Advance payment required. Call Youth Services at 203-389-3429 for more information.

Welcome Picnic for 7th Graders-Thursday, August 22nd

- Incoming 7th Grade residents from Bethany and Woodbridge and non-resident AMSB 7th graders are invited to join us for the Annual Picnic on **Thursday, August 22nd** behind AMSB

from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Rain location is in the gym.

- \$10.00 fee includes DJ, "Caution Loop" inflatable obstacle course, games, pizza, and free raffle ticket. Call Youth Services or email Youthone@WoodbridgeCT.org to register.

Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org for information or to sign up for programs.

Sign up for Youth Services Notifications: <https://www.woodbridgect.org/list.aspx>

See Youth Services' Website: <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeYouthServices.CT>



7th Grade Welcome Picnic Flyer



Woodbridge Youth Services - Babysitter Course Flyer



Woodbridge Youth Services Note to 7th Grade Parents

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Asbestos/Pesticide Management Plans

Federal and state statutes require that we notify parents/guardians on an annual basis about the existence and location of our Asbestos Management Plan and our Pesticide Plan for the Bethany and Orange campuses of Amity Middle School. Please be advised that this comprehensive plan is available in each school principal's office.

Asbestos & Pesticide Plans

Thank You!



Dr. Jason Tracy's Weekly Newsletter

Amity Middle School - Bethany Principal