

# AMSB Principal's Weekly Newsletter

August 30, 2024

## Dear Parents/Guardians

We had a wonderful start to the school year at AMSB!

The students all showed up ready to go on the first day, and the nervous energy quickly turned to positivity and rekindled friendships. Our 7th graders settled in and used the first two days to orient to the school, new routines, and LOCKERS! I was so pleased to see several of our 8th graders helping to escort lost 7th graders, while others stopped by the 7th-grade hall to help with lockers and others demonstrated kindness and leadership.

On day two we held our first whole-school gathering and spoke with the students about middle school expectations, highlighted the accomplishments of our school, and encouraged our students to make the best of middle school by getting involved, doing their best, and practicing respect and responsibility.

The next few days were full days, and by noon it was clear that it would take some time to build stamina to get through the day...and that was just the teachers!

We wrapped up a great week on Friday with our POG-A-PALOOZA, an introduction, and celebration of our Amity Portrait of the Graduate. Students heard from a speaker, participated in fun activities, and ended the long week with a movie.

In the words of Aristotle: "Well begun is half done. I would say we are off to a great start, and we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead at AMSB!"

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

Enjoy the long weekend!



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## Important Dates

- **September 2nd** – Labor Day - No School
- **September 5th** –  
Picture Day  
[PTSO Meeting 8:30 East Café](#)  
8th Grade Field Trip - **Form in PowerSchool & Final Payment is Due** - Pay through Destinations Unlimited - [More Info](#)
- **September 7th** - Hulley Arts Foundation Gala - [More Info](#)  
The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation's upcoming *Evening for the Arts* gala featuring FACE OFF: A Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel.
- **September 9th** – Board of Ed. Meeting 6:30PM ARHS Lecture Hall
- **September 10th** – STAR Math & [Back to School Night 6:00PM](#)
- **September 11th** – STAR Reading
- **September 20th** –  
Early Dismissal at 12:12PM  
Woodbridge Youth Services: Back to School Blowout - 7:00PM - 9:00PM - [More Info](#)
- **September 26th** - Mid Marking Period Q1
- **October 19th** - [AMSB PTSO's Color Fun Run](#)  
This is a family event and is a great way to spend a fall morning, running the streets of Bethany, while being sprayed with colored water packets and powder. If you are a local business owner and would like to be a sponsor of this event, please reach out to the PTSO.

### AMSB's Calendar

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## Weekly Updates

### Bus Stop Safety

Please have your child remember their bus number. This will make the afternoon easier for them as they attempt to find their bus ride home. Buses will be lined up in the same place every day at

dismissal and security, administration, and support staff will help students find their bus for the first few days.

## **AMSB Transportation**

If your child is taking the bus to and from school, please refer here for bus information under the Transportation Tab on this page (Routes, Schedules, etc.)

### **Fall Sports Registration**

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, and Girls Volleyball.

## **Start The Fall Sport Registration Process**

### **Parent Drop off & Pick up**

If you plan to drive your child to school or pick them up after, please adhere to a few “rules of the road” in the parking lot:

- As you enter campus, please make your first left into the teacher parking lot. Please do not enter the bus lane in the front of the school. If you arrive early, we ask that you park in an open spot. This will help us avoid a traffic buildup on Luke Hill Road and will allow our buses to enter the bus loop.
- Once the drop-off line reaches the entrance, anxiety builds and chaos ensues! Please do not give in to the urge to pass cars or form two lines, as this creates a very unsafe situation for the students who are more interested in finding friends than watching for cars! We ask that you follow the same procedures for the end of the day if you are picking up your child; park in a spot if you arrive early, and resist the urge to pass the car line.
- Please note, that students are not permitted to enter the building until 7:25 am and should remain in their cars until security gives “the signal”. If we cooperate, this will all make a safer morning and afternoon.

### **MyPaymentsPlus**

Please make sure that your child’s My Payments Plus account is set up and has money in it if they want to make lunch (or snack) purchases.

## **MyPaymentsPlus**

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## From the Nurse

### Student Health

If your child requires any medications to be administered during school hours you are required to submit a completed **Medication Administration Form**.

For **Fall sports eligibility** a physical must be dated after November 15, 2023.

**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.

If you have any, questions please reach out to our school nurse at:

[katherine.stavens@amityregion5.org](mailto:katherine.stavens@amityregion5.org)

### Medication Administration Form & Other Student Health Info

Please look under the tab "Health & Medical" for more information

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### Student Information

For Summer reading, school supply lists, PE Uniform information and other student information, please refer to the student page on our website.

### AMSB Student Page

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## Woodbridge Youth Services

Call 203-389-3429 or email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org) for information or to sign up for programs

### Save The Date!

Save The Date of October 25th for our Halloween Spooktacular. Stay tuned for details.

### Back to School Blowout for 7th and 8th Graders

7th and 8th grade residents from Bethany and Woodbridge and non-resident AMSB students are invited to the Back-to-School Blowout on Friday, September 20th at Amity Middle School-Bethany

from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm.

The \$10 fee includes DJ, "Hippo Chow Down" Inflatable, games, pizza, and a free raffle ticket. Call Youth Services or email: [youthone@WoodbridgeCT.org](mailto:youthone@WoodbridgeCT.org) to register.



**Back to School Blowout 2024 Flyer**

**Download**

293.1 KB

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Adults, college students, and high school juniors and seniors may call or email to help. We need volunteers to assist with registration, food tables, chaperoning, and games. We approve community service hours for mature high school students. Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany sponsor the Youth Evening Programs.

Many thanks to all of the students and parents who made the 7th Grade Picnic a success. We look forward to seeing you at future programs!

## **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. Contact the Job Bank to schedule your interview. Jobs include snow shoveling, yard work, Leaf raking, snow shoveling, babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring, and tech assistance. Woodbridge residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.

**Woodbridge Youth Services Website**

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**Thank You!**



**Jason Tracy's Weekly Newsletter**

Amity Middle School - Bethany Principal

