

AMSO Principal's Weekly Newsletter

September 13, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

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When adults ask a middle school student, "What did you do in school today?" The reply is often "Nothing." This is typical middle school behavior as they take steps toward independence. That said, parents still want to know and understand what your child is experiencing. A casual check-in, using open-ended questions, is a good way to get the conversation going. Asking questions like:

- "What is your favorite class right now?"
- "Who is your favorite teacher this year?"
- "What was the funniest thing that happened today? "
- "What was the best and worst part of your day?"
- "What is better and worse about middle school than elementary school

Keeping the conversation lighthearted will encourage sharing, provide some insight into your child's day, and serve to remind your child that although they are young adolescents who are striving to be Independent, they are not alone in their academic journey.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best Wishes,
Kathy Burke
Amity Middle School Principal



Note: The Next Newsletter will be published the following week on September 24th

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Important Dates

- **September 17, 2024** - Parent Coffee with AMSO Admin! - [More Info](#)
- **September 20, 2024** - Early Dismissal Professional Development
- **October 3, 2024** - Rosh Hashanah - No school
- **October 7, 2024** - Board of Education Meeting - [More Info](#)
- **October 14, 2024** - Columbus / Indigenous Peoples Day - No School

AMSO's Calendar

Weekly Highlights

Club Announcements

- **Student Council** - Students interested in planning activities for AMSO are invited to join the Student Council. The first meeting is after school on Tuesday, Sept. 17th for about 30 minutes.
- **Dungeons & Dragons Club** - Students interested in joining this club should see Mr. Derickson in room 41 for more information.
- **Newspaper Club** - The first meeting of the Newspaper Club will be on Tues. Sept. 17th after school in Mr. Simone's room.
- **Art Club** - The first meeting of the Art Club will be on Thurs. Sept. 19th after school in Mr. Simone's Classroom Room 11. If students are unable to attend the first meeting they are encouraged to stop by Mr. Simone's room for more information.

Students may arrange for a ride home or sign up for the late bus.

Parent Coffee with AMSO Admin!

Parents are invited to an informal Parent Coffee with Mrs. Burke on **Sept. 17th from 9:30-10:15 in the LGI**. The purpose of this parent coffee is to allow parents the opportunity to discuss challenges and concerns that are unique to middle school. The topic for discussion will be

"Settling into Middle School" We will talk about ways to build independence in your middle schooler, the benefits of productive struggle and addressing behaviors. Please [RSVP](#) if you would like to attend.

RSVP For Parent Coffee with AMSO Admin!

Student Spectators at Middle School Sports

Student spectators are welcome to attend games at AMSO. There are no staff members on duty to supervise student spectators. To ensure student safety, please note the following expectations for student spectators attending any after-school sports at AMSO.

- Games typically start around 3:45. Students who want to see the games must take the bus home at 2:18 and get a ride back to school to watch the games.
- No food or beverages are allowed in the gym.
- Students must stay in the gym or on the sports field throughout the game. Students are not allowed to walk the hallways, go to their lockers, or wander outside.
- Students who do not meet these expectations will not be allowed to attend future games.

View Middle School Sports Schedules

AMSO PTSO

Please consider joining as your support truly helps the PTSO run many great events and activities for the school community.

If you have any questions regarding anything PTSO related, or if you just have a question you'd like to ask a fellow parent without it being on social media, please feel free to email us at: ptsoamso@gmail.com

PTSO Membership

Thank You!



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