

AMSB Principal's Weekly Newsletter

September 23, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

This past week we had a typical “work week” at AMSB. I spent some time visiting classrooms and watching the wonderful lessons our teachers have developed. I was amazed at the focus and hard work that was demonstrated in every classroom I visited.

Our 8th graders were showing the academic maturity that is usually seen later in the year, and our 7th graders were attentive and showing that they are comfortable with the process and expectations of their teachers. I am looking forward to seeing how their year progresses and can't wait to see the product of their learning in the months ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to reach out to me or any member of the office staff.

Jason F. Tracy, Ed.D.
Principal - AMSB



Important Dates

- **September 26, 2024** - Mid Marking Period Quarter 1
- **September 27th, 2024** - Bus Evacuation Drill
- **October 3, 2024** - Rosh Hashanah - No School
- **October 7, 2024** -
8th Graders Nonnewaug / Platt Tech Presentation, Period 8 at the Gym

Board of Education Meeting - [More Info](#)

- **October 8, 2024** - Lockdown Drill
- **October 9, 2024** - 8th Grade NYC Hamilton Field Trip
- **October 10, 2024** - PTSO Meeting, East Cafe, 8:30 PM
- **October 11, 2024** - 7th Grade Salsa dance Lesson, Team Day!
- **October 14, 2024** - Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day - No School
- **October 19, 2024** - AMSB PTSO's Color Fun Run - [More Info](#)
- **October 25, 2024** - 8th Grade Music in Motion Trip to ARHS

AMSB's Calendar

Weekly Highlights

School pictures are ready!

To order, log in to your account on mylifetouch.com or create an account using your student's student ID number. All families can also log on and order a FREE Digital SmileSafe card. More about the Smilesafe program [here](#). Thank you!

Order Student Photos

Debate Club

Debate club is a low stakes environment for students to improve public speaking skills, critical thinking, research, & confidence through prep-ahead debate motions. This club is a hybrid between in-person and online: coaching is through zoom, but there will be in-person field trips, competitions, and parties!

Debaters will prepare for debate competitions hosted by the CT Middle School Debate League with the help from state and nationally awarded debaters. Past students have gotten awards and competed in the championships!

This club is welcome to ANY middle school student and we will walk you through the process (new debaters, don't be shy!) Meets on Wednesdays 7-8 PM over Zoom.

Register for Debate Club!

Absences

If your child will be absent for any reason, please be sure to contact the attendance line to report the absence. Each absence must be followed up by a note from a parent or guardian.

We are now accepting e-mails for follow-up notes as well.

Please send email notes to: Kristin.mcnamara@amityregion5.org. That note or e-mail will suffice to excuse absences 1-9 and subsequent absences will require documentation from a doctor or medical provider to be excused.

Learn More About the Attendance Policy

Please refer to the accordion on the District Info page under the "Attendance Policy" Tab.

Library Corner

- **Library Lunch:** Students are invited to come to the Library, after they finish eating their lunch, to relax, play quiet games, work on puzzles or hang with their friends. They can sign out in the cafeteria.
- **New Books:** We have a ton of newly published books, as well as student suggested books ready to check out! Our books circulate for 2 weeks and students can come down every day during Academic Success to find a great read.
- **Devices and Chargers:** Please remind your child to charge their computers every night to the fullest. Students were given a piece of tape to write their names on their chargers – if they have their name, they can bring in their chargers to school.
- **Public Library Cards:** If you have time during the weekend, head on over to your public library and sign up for a card. Students will have access to a HUGE library of audiobooks, e books and other great resources – and it is all free!

Notes from the Nurse

If your child requires any medications to be administered during school hours you are required to submit a completed **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, 2023.

Please reach out to our school nurse with any questions at: katherine.stavens@amityregion5.org

Medication Administration Form & Other Student Health Info

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

Woodbridge Youth Services

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

Sign up for Youth Services Notifications of our programs: www.woodbridgect.org/list.aspx

- **Community Game Night - October 17th -**

Join us for an all-age event night of games and goodies! This fun family evening will be held in The Woodbridge Center on the lower level of the Center Building at 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge.

The event runs from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The price for families of four or less is \$10. Each additional family member is \$5. Older residents (65+) are \$5. Admission includes games, prizes, pizza, drinks, and cookies. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Financial assistance is available.

The event is hosted by Woodbridge Youth Services. Call 203-389-3429 or email at humanservices@woodbridgect.org with family name and # attending.

- **Families In Need -**

Woodbridge resident families in need should contact Human Services to apply for food, holiday baskets, fuel assistance, and holiday toys. Call 203-389-3429 for more information.

- **Free Film Screening: America's Soul on Suicide -**

Sept. 26 at 7:00 pm at Cinemark in North Haven Offered by Alliance for Prevention and Wellness. - [More Info & RSVP](#)

- **Halloween Spooktacular!**

Youth Services will host the event for 7th & 8th grade residents of Woodbridge and Bethany and all AMSB students on Friday, October 25th from 7 – 9 pm in the Woodbridge Center Building gym at 4 Meetinghouse Lane.

\$10 fee covers DJ, games, donut-eating contest, costume contest, and raffle ticket. Come in costume if you dare. Don't miss the pizza and treats. Adult and mature high school volunteers needed! Sponsored by Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

- **Job Banks Seeks Woodbridge & Bethany Teens who Want Paid 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 leaf raking, yard work, snow shoveling, babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Woodbridge residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.

- **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.

- **Vaccine Clinics Offered** by Woodbridge Human Services - [More Info](#)

- **Trainings Offered:**

by BRIDGES, Milford- Youth Mental Health First Aid – [Register Here](#)

Narcan (Naloxone) Administration for Opioid Overdose Training – [Register Here](#)

Woodbridge Youth Services Website

Notes from AMSB – PTSO

Upcoming Events & Fundraisers:

- Color Fun Run: [More Info](#)
- Lyman Orchard Pies & Classic Cookie Dough Orders - [More Info](#), Due October 15th, Delivered November 26th.

Please join us on the first Thursday of every month, at 8:30 am, for our PTSO meetings. We share a ton of information at these meetings!

Learn more about the AMSB PTSO

Amity PTSO Apparel Store

Thank You!



Jason Tracy's Weekly Newsletter

Amity Middle School - Bethany Principal