

AMSO Principal's Weekly Newsletter

September 23, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

When you ask your child, "How was your day at school?" They may have mentioned some of the fun activities and discussions they had in advisory. Advisory is an important part of the day for AMSO students and staff. The purpose for advisory is to build community and allow students to make positive connections with adults and peers outside of the academic realm. Throughout the year, students will participate in lessons and activities that focus on social/emotional growth while fostering character development and a culture of connectedness within our school community.



Each staff advisor will have a group of 10-12 students. These advisory groups stay together for their two years at AMSO. Meeting daily for 2 years gives students a chance to bond and build friendships, many of which last beyond their time at AMSO.

Best Wishes,
Kathy Burke
Amity Middle School Principal

Important Dates

- **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

Weekly Highlights

Club Announcements

- **Student Council-** Students interested in planning activities and events for AMSO are invited to join the Student Council. Students who are interested in joining should see Mrs. Yeakel in the media center.
- **Dungeons and Dragons Club-** Students interested in joining this club should see Mr. Derickson in room 41 for more information.
- **Newspaper Club and Art Club -** Students interested in joining the Newspaper Club or the Art club should see Mr. Simone in Room 11.

Colorful District Wall Calendars Available for Purchase

These beautiful calendars are filled with student performance images and artwork from students across the district. The calendar also notes district wide events for planning purposes. The cost is \$10. (cash only please)

Dropping off items for students

Arriving at school with all your materials is an important part of the learning process and sets the tone for the day. Please encourage your child to pack up for school before going to bed. Giving your child this responsibility helps build independence and organizational skills. This will also help prevent the last-minute phone calls home asking you to drop off items during the school day. This will ensure less disruptions for both you and your child.

High School Options for 8th grade students

If you are considering alternative high school options for your student, please take note of the following:

Platt Technical High School and Nonnewaug High School's Agriscience Program will be coming to AMSO on Friday, October 11th to speak to students about their high school programs as a potential alternative high school options for students who may be interested.

Open Houses for Alternative High School Options:

- Platt Technical High School - Open House for New Haven County families will be held on, October 24th from 5-7pm.
- Nonnewaug High School Agriscience Program -Open House will be held on October 17th from 6-8pm
- The Sound School - Aquaculture and Agriculture Programs Open House will be held on October 24th - 5-7:30pm

Late Buses

The late bus allows students to stay after school till 3:30 for extra help or to attend after-school clubs. Late buses are available on most Tuesdays and Thursdays.

[View Late Bus Schedule](#)

Please refer to the "Transportation" tab on the AMSO Information Page for all bus schedules.

Parent Drop off/ Pick up

Although we encourage use of the bus, if you do choose to drop off and/or pick up in the morning and at dismissal, please use the outer parking lot closest to the road. Signs are in place in the parking lot to direct you. There are many students and staff who will be walking in the parking lot. Please drive slowly when entering or exiting. Students may be dropped off at 7:25. Students will not be allowed to enter the building before 7:25.

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

Sign Up for PTSO Membership

Thank You!



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