



THE BETHANY BROADCAST

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



AMSB ADVENTURES

by Nall's Grade 7 Social Studies Crew

The New York City Trip was long awaited for the 7th graders. In the week before the big day, everyone was making sure they got the Remind and Padlet apps downloaded, their alarms ready, and their backpacks packed. Shortly after the day began, the coach buses arrived and everybody scurried to get the right seats. The buses had TV's in every few aisles with more comfortable seats, and backpack holders/foot rests. The ride there was fairly long and a lot of people got comfortable on the bus, which included people sleeping, gaming, or chatting with friends. The group's first stop in New York was Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum in Times Square. Many were amazed by how real the wax figures looked. **(cont'd on page 3)**

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Broadcast Newsletter

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Intelligence plus character—that
is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
AMSB CLASS OF 2024!

ENTERTAINERS TRIP TO AGRAH- ALADDIN ON BROADWAY

On April 3rd, the Entertainers went into New York City to see Aladdin on Broadway. The trip was planned for 8th grade choir students and the Entertainers, but it was opened to a larger group when spaces were available. Students attended a clinic led by a performer who shared tips for students about how to dance and sing. She answered student questions about her experience performing and helped inspire future Amity entertainers. After the Q&A session, the group ate a delicious meal at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company. This gave students a chance to chat with friends and relax. Finally, it was show time. The show was outstanding and many students enjoyed it. After a great performance, people bought souvenirs from the gift shop and the group headed home.



The 2023-24 school year brought us another year of fun and competitive pep rallies in our AMSB Gymnasium. Kicking off the year with a Halloween-themed rally, students competed in a costume contest and a spooky Name That Tune. Our winter rally put us in the holiday spirit with Hungry Hungry Humans, Body Builders, and a Finish the Lyric contest. On Pi Day, we nerd-ed out with the digits of Pi and a somewhat sickening pie eating contest, plus rounded out the event with a Caterpillar Race. We ended the pep rally season with an 80s-themed rally to correlate with the opening of the AMSB Time Capsule, buried in our courtyard in 1988. Congratulations to all the Pep Rally contestants and winners throughout the year!

PEP RALLIES & SPIRIT DAYS

by Riley Maher

by Mrs. Nall

This year, AMSB had many fun and festive spirit days, so just in case you missed them, here is a little look back. One of our first spirit days this school year was the spookiest of all... Halloween! Students and teachers dressed up in their costumes, with characters ranging from aliens to jelly beans. This was followed by many more spirit days including PJ Day for the Kids, festive sweaters, and more unique days like Everyday is a Holiday, and Soulmate/Twins Day. AMSB students also took the opportunity to support their friends like Dig Pink for girls' volleyball and Pride. Some of the most unique looks were during the 80s Time Capsule Day, complete with big hair, side ponies, and even Mr. Fragione's piano necktie and keytar! Hopefully, you participated in some of these events because there are many more exciting days like these to come.

FROZEN JR. FALL MUSICAL

by Alexandra Palcic

In November, dozens of students, teachers, and staff members employed their talents and collaborated to present the musical, *Frozen Jr.*, to the community. The musical is based on the hit Disney film released in 2013. When their kingdom becomes trapped in perpetual winter, fearless Anna joins forces with Kristoff, Sven and Olaf, to find Anna's sister, Snow Queen Elsa, and break her icy spell. It is a compelling story about love, friendship, sisterhood, and of course,

a bit of magic sprinkled in. *Frozen Jr.* provided the Amity community with a wonderful story and useful lessons. The show was one of the most successful productions in AMSB history, with record-breaking attendance at all three performances. This project simply would not be possible without the passion and diligence of Dr. Smolinski and Mrs. Kennedy, whose involvement with the lines, singing, and staging made this very ambitious production a reality. Ms. Benton's costume and set vision shined bright on stage,



while Mrs. Nall, with the help of many parent volunteers, tackled the Playbill, concessions and "front of house" business. Finally, the acting talents of Maeve Culbertson as Elsa, Jane Nolan as Anna, Kane D'Amico as Olaf, Andrew Mordecai as Kristoff and Nathaniel DelPrete as reindeer Sven defined this production as one of the most memorable moments of the entire year. *Brava to the whole cast and crew!*



GRADE 7 IN NYC (CONTINUED)

The figures there ranged from Marvel superheroes, to favorite singers, athletes, horror movie characters, and even the Kardashians!

After the wax museum, students enjoyed lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe. The cafe featured things like an enormous guitar and a large screen displaying music videos. Lunch was reported to be delicious and there's nothing sweeter than a fresh-baked chocolate chip cookie for dessert.

Following lunch was the Blue Man Group show. Some chose to sit close to the stage with a risk of getting splattered with paint (or mashed up bananas) and others played it safe in the back. The show was incredibly interactive, loud, and stimulating! A few audience members were called up to be part of it and the faces of many Amity students appeared on the big screen during the show. Some favorite moments were when they launched toilet paper down into the lower floor from the mezzanine, played catch with paint & marshmallows, and drummed in paint. While slightly nauseating, the dinner date with an audience provided quite a few laughs.

After saying goodbye to the Blue Men & the city, the buses headed back to school. The energy of the students was clear, including Bus 4's mega Among Us competition and Bus 3's viewing of *Luca*, and *Monsters Inc.* Overall, the trip was a wonderful experience to have. Share any photos with Ms. Irwin for next year's Yearbook.

THANK YOU PTSO!

THE COLOR RUN

by Riley Maher

One of Amity Middle School Bethany's biggest fundraisers is the annual color run. This year's run was on October 14th. The runners started at AMSB where they were each handed a packet of color to throw during the run. Once given the signal, everyone came running through the poster and the games began! Volunteers set up throughout the trail and were ready to spray the thrilled joggers with color. All of the runners were equipped with their packet and had the chance to throw it up in the air and watch the wind guide them away. Finally, as runners reached the end of their run, they circled back to AMSB where they were sprayed with even more color and soon crossed the finish line, supported by the Bethany FD and Capasso Tree Services! Thank you to all the generous sponsors and runners for making this year's run a success.



FOR STAFF



The AMSB staff was treated to monthly snack bars and several gifts throughout this year. Thank you to all PTSO families for your generosity!

FOR STUDENTS



Thanks to the PTSO for providing all students with treats throughout the year. Every student was also given a string bag full of goodies for the all-school hockey game.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, May 24th
7th Grade Field Day



Thursday, June 6th, 1:00pm
8th Grade Graduation



Friday, June 7th
Last Day of School
All School Kickball

PORTRAIT OF THE GRADUATE

The BOWA Portrait of the Graduate illustrates a respectful, self aware citizen who, through a determined course of scholastic experiences, displays the following characteristics...

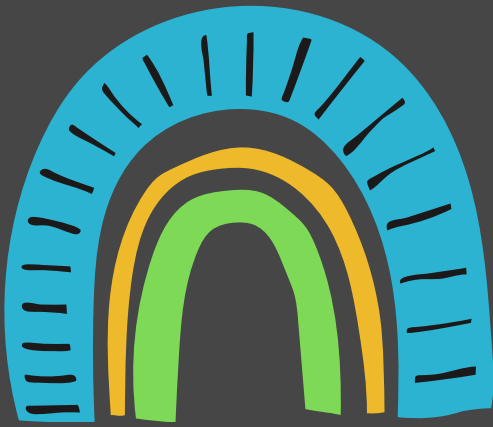


EMPOWERING AMSB

Some of the most important work of the year was done by the Student Council, No Place for Hate, and CROME clubs. The three groups took on the mission to ensure that AMSB was a safe, fun, and inclusive space for all members of the community. No Place for Hate, under the advisory of Ms. Wissink, prepared several student-led presentations. Students presented during Advisory blocks about microaggressions, the pledge, and self-care for students.



Student Council volunteered at the Color Run, spearheaded a cereal box collection, and supported Ray's Box of Socks. In addition, they planned fun events and activities to brighten the year like Advisory Olympics and the Spring Fest in March. CROME Club, led by Ms. Doheny and Mrs. Blais, provided a positive space to build allies and show support within our community. Some members attended the UCONN Multiply Your Options Conference in March, aimed to introduce these students to future academic and career opportunities within STEM and expose the students to female role models in the fields.



MEMORIES & MOVING ON

GREEN TEAM STUDENTS,

We are so very proud of you. You have worked so hard this year, and we have learned so much from you. Thank you for all of the laughs and smiles you gave to us and each other; they are priceless! You're going to rock 8th grade.

- With gratitude,
Mrs. Ortiz, Mrs. Magnan, Mrs. Blais, Mr. Newman, and Mr. DaPonte

DEAR BLUE TEAM,

What a great year! The Blue Team students came in to middle school ready to roll and grew in leaps and bounds. Thank you to each and every student for working hard. Remember the skills you have gained and take them with you as you move forward. Best wishes for a safe, happy summer and don't forget to visit us in the fall.

Mrs. Nall, Ms. Camera, Dr. Smo, Mrs. Goldstein, Srta. Garrity

LIFE ARTS

Great times & happy memories! We wish the best for a life enriched by the arts...from exploration of fine arts, to meaningful connections through digital media, to purposeful integration of technology, to a life of good physical health & well being. Here's to many melodious memories yet to come! Fei Chang hao! (Job well done!)

Mr. Orie, Mr. Frag, Mrs. Smo, Ms. Benton, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Dubay, Mr. Dennis, Mrs. Ma

TEAM BLACK

Congratulations to Team Black! We had a great year of learning together and we know that you will carry your successes forward into high school. Go Team Black!

Ms. Wissink, Mrs. Dowling, Mr. Goldstein, Ms. Galpin, and Señor Martin

GOLD TEAM STUDENTS,

You did it! Congratulations on a terrific year and on your remarkable accomplishments at AMSB. We are all so proud to have had you in our classes and to have been able to learn and grow alongside you. Best of luck as you move forward to high school and beyond. Stay Gold!

Mr. Ward, Mr. Murphy, Señora Silva-Patrano, Mr. Jackson, and Ms. Doheny

