

AMSO Principal's Weekly Newsletter

October 4, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are just past the midpoint of the first marking period. Now is a good time to check your child's grades on PowerSchool. I encourage you to review grades with your child. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's academic strengths and challenges.



Homework is an important part of the learning process and impacts your child's overall performance and grade. Homework helps reinforce what your child is learning in class, builds study habits, and promotes responsibility. These skills are essential to success as students continue on their educational path and beyond.

Here are a few homework tips and suggestions to support your child at home.

- Establish a consistent time and place for homework. A quiet, well-lit space with minimal distractions is ideal.
- Encourage your child to tackle assignments on their own first. Offer guidance when they're stuck but let them find solutions.
- Check the school's online portal or homework planner to stay updated on assignments. Knowing what's due can help you support your child more effectively.
- Teach your child to prioritize tasks. Using a planner or digital tools can help them keep track of assignments and deadlines. Encourage your child to view challenges as opportunities to learn. Praise their effort and resilience, not just their grades.
- Let your child know you're there to help if they need it. Sometimes, just having a supportive presence can make a big difference.

Reach out to your child's teacher or counselor if your child is struggling to complete assignments.

We appreciate your partnership and support in helping your child develop skills and dispositions that will help them continue to grow and thrive.

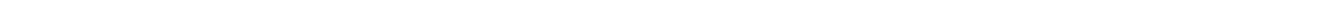
Best Wishes,
Kathy Burke
Amity Middle School Principal, Orange



Important Dates

- **October 7, 2024** - Board of Education Meeting - [More Info](#)
- **October 14, 2024** - Columbus / Indigenous Peoples Day - No School
- **October 17, 2024** - Early Dismissal, Professional Development
- **October 18, 2024** - PTSO Halloween Dance - [More Info](#)
- **October 23, 2024** - 8th Grade Boston Tour Field Trip - [More Info](#)
- **October 25, 2024** - 8th Grade Visit to ARHS, Music in Motion - [More Info](#)

AMSO's Calendar



Weekly Highlights

AMSO Spirit Week




Monday, Oct. 7-Friday, Oct. 11 - All students and staff are encouraged to participate!

- **Monday** - Jersey Day
- **Tuesday** - Any Age Day
- **Wednesday** - Team Color Day
- **Thursday** - Matching Day
- **Friday** - PJ Day

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Spirit week

October 7th - 11th 2024

Monday Oct. 7 th	Tuesday Oct. 8 th	Wednesday Oct. 9 th	Thursday Oct. 10 th	Friday Oct. 11 th
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[View AMSO Sports Schedules](#)

Attendance Updates

- **Absence Notes** - If your child is absent from school, for safety reasons, please email attendanceeamso@amityregion5.org to report the absence. If you do not email or send in a note, we are required to mark the absence as unexcused. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **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.

Club Announcements

- **New Lego Club** - The LEGO Building Club will have its 1st meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10. The club is open to both 7th and 8th grade students. See Mr. Stratton in room 79 if you are interested in joining. The club is limited to 15 students.
- **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.
- **Farm & Garden Club** - Student interested in joining the Farm and Garden Club should see Ms. Arents in room 94 for meeting dates and times.
- **Intramural Club** - Students should listen to the morning announcements to hear what days the club will meet. The club will meet on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays so student can take the late bus home. There is a limited number of spots available due to the limited number of ping-pong tables. Students must sign up to attend.

High School Options for 8th Graders

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
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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

Halloween Dance

Mark your calendars! The PTSO is sponsoring a Halloween Dance on Friday, Oct. 18th from 5:30-7:30 in the gym. Tickets for the event will be sold in advance during the lunch waves. No tickets will be sold at the door. Costumes are encouraged but not required. More information to follow.

Pie Fundraiser!

The AMSO PTSO is kicking off this school year with a great fundraiser! We need your support to make it successful.

We will be selling everyone's favorite pies from Lyman Orchards, along with Classic Cookie Dough and a variety of products from the Simply Shipped Collection.

Please click the link below to set up your personal shopping website and start selling!

<https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/MXZP>

Once you sign up be sure to share your unique link with friends and family members too! Reach out with any questions. The pie sales run through 10/07 and pickup will be on 11/6 at AMSO.

Orders are due: Monday, October 7th

Pickup will be: Wednesday, November 6th at 4pm

Questions? Contact the PTSO at AMSOPTSQ@gmail.com

Thank You!



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