

AMITY REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Bethany Campus
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Dear Students and Families:

The first month of school at the Bethany Campus was simply outstanding. There was a good "esprit de corps" among the staff. Students were extremely well-behaved and prepared. Everyone quickly settled down to academic work and school activities. Attendance at our "Back-to-School Night" on Thursday, September 15, was tremendous. Thanks to all the parents and guardians who attended. Outlined below is some additional information about a variety of upcoming activities and projects:

Enrollment: School opened in Bethany with a total enrollment of 433 students. We have 205 seventh graders and 228 eighth graders.

Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMT): The state mandated CMT tests will be administered this year in the spring. We will test all students in seventh and eighth grades during the first two weeks in March.

Parent e-mail: Parents/guardians who would like to be included in our new e-mail system should go to the district's website <http://www.amityregion.org>, click on the "Amity News" button, and follow the directions at the listserv site. We will e-mail information about school activities as well as emergency information.

Mid-Markers: The school will send notes of academic progress (mid-markers) to all students during the first week of October.

New Curriculum and Textbooks: This past summer the district revised the seventh and eighth grade mathematics curriculum as well as the eighth grade science curriculum. New textbooks were purchased this year for our entire seventh grade science program.

Construction Update: The district is moving forward aggressively with the renovations in the "old" junior high school. Most of the asbestos removal and demolition has been completed. Contracts for concrete, steel, mechanical and electric have been awarded. Completion date is still scheduled for September, 2006.

PTO Meeting and Fundraiser: The next meeting of the PTO is Monday, October 3, at 9:00 AM in the media center. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. The PTO is currently conducting a Cherrydale Farms fall fundraiser. Students will receive the information on Friday, September 30.

We are also conducting fire drills and planning for a host of fall activities including seventh grade trips to the Maritime Museum in Norwalk and our annual grade 8 fitness day at Amity High School. Please look over our enclosed activity calendar. Enjoy the upcoming activities as well as the cooler weather. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Richard Dellinger