

AMSO Newsblast

September 29, 2017

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Helping students make positive connections with peers and adults is an important part of the middle school experience. These connections to school foster higher levels of engagement and enhance the learning environment. As the new AMSO principal, it is important to me that I get to know your children. For the next several weeks I will be inviting small groups of 7th grade students to have lunch with me. I want to hear their thoughts and ideas about school and their outside interests. I am looking forward to hearing what they have to say.

Best Wishes,
Kathy Burke

Announcements

Students Attending Amity High School Sporting Events: We are so excited to see the awesome school spirit many middle school students have while attending high school athletic events, like at the recent football game. Parents, please note that in the interest of student safety, middle school students must be supervised by an adult while attending high school athletic contests. There are no staff members available to provide direct supervision. Horseplay, inappropriate language, or other disruptive behaviors are not permitted at high school athletic events. Any students engaging in this behavior will be asked leave the event immediately.

Parent University Oct. 3rd: Please join us for this valuable parent session led by Amity Regional High School Associate Principal Monica Kreuzer, Amity Middle School Bethany Assistant Principal Thayer Doyle and Amity School Psychologist Jenna DeRosa . They will share information on chronic absenteeism at Amity. They will be joined by psychologist Dr. Scott Hannan, from the Anxiety Disorders Center, Center for Cognitive Behavior Therapy.
For more information, please [click here](#).

Picture Retakes: Monday November 6th is picture retake day.

Note from the Nurse: We have seen several 7th grade students are participating in a game known as the Eraser Challenge. This is a game in which children rub an eraser on the top of their hand until the skin breaks down and leaves what appears to be a bad rug burn. Needless to say self-injurious games in can lead to infection and should be avoided. We appreciate your support in telling your children that these games should not played in school. The following link provides additional information about the Eraser Challenge:
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/health/ct-eraser-challenge-dangers-health-0323-20170323-story.html#share=email~story>

Orange Youth Services: Orange Youth Services will again be offering an Intergenerational Tutoring program for Orange students between grades 3 to 8. The program consists of adult tutors who commit once per week to assist students with a variety of subjects. Classes are held at Case Library on Thursdays with sessions from 3:30-4:15 and 4:15 to 5 pm in the 2nd floor art room. Youth Services has some openings for the program as well. Interested parents should contact John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203 -891-4785 or by email at julatowski@orange-ct.gov

Calendar

October 3 – Parent University, 6:30pm at ARHS. Topic: Chronic absenteeism
October 9 – No School-Columbus Day

November 6- Picture retakes

November 14- Drama Club student meeting 2:30 pm

November 16- Drama Club parent meeting

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