



AMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL

WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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AMS 'significantly exceeds expectations'

AMS Report Card



- Amery Middle School has been rated FIVE-STAR and 'significantly exceeded expectations' in academic performance in Wisconsin for **FIVE YEARS IN A ROW!**

-Our score of 90.9 placed AMS 18th out of 377 middle schools in Wisconsin (Top 5%).

-Our Growth Score (how much students improved from previous year) was 94.4, placing AMS 7th out of 377 middle schools in the state (Top 2%).

-AMS has been in the Top 5% for Overall Rating and Top 2% for Student Growth FIVE YEARS IN A ROW.

- AMS has shown the highest middle-school math growth in the state for THREE consecutive years.
- AMS has had the highest middle-school reading growth in the state for TWO of the past five years.
- AMS was designated a National Blue Ribbon School in 2024, placing it among the best schools in the U.S.!



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

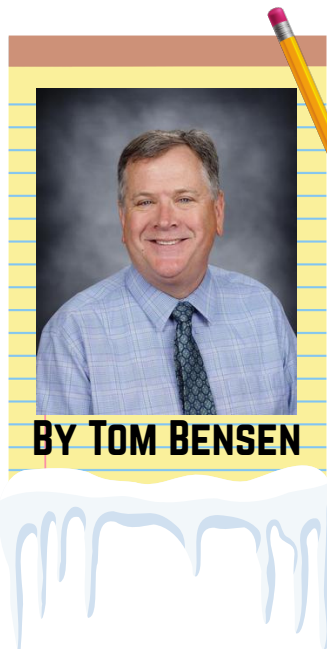
MONDAY, FEB. 9: 4-8 PM

THURSDAY, FEB. 12: 1-8 PM



Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences will be offered both over the phone or in person. Parents can sign up to schedule times with each teacher (the same format we ran in the fall).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the AMS office at clausenh@amerysd.k12.wi.us or (715) 268-9771, ext. 303.



Notes from the Principal's Desk

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming holiday season. We are excited to be closing out the first half of the school year, and we are pleased with how hard students have worked this year. In this newsletter, you will find some important dates coming up in the next two months that I want to bring to your attention:

Second Trimester

We are busy with the start of our second trimester; students have started their second set of classes and their third applied arts class.

First-Semester Reward Day

First-Semester Reward Day is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2026. Students who do not receive more than five Level 2 and/or 3 infractions over the length of the entire semester are eligible for the off-campus reward options. We are still working on plans for Reward Day, and a form will be distributed to students soon. In the past, we have held events such as skating at the Amery Ice Arena, skiing or tubing at Trollhaugen, bowling, etc.

Freshman Registration Night

To help our students transition from 8th to 9th grade, we will be holding Freshman Registration Night the evening of Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Amery High School. More information will be provided on this event at a later date. This registration session is for all 8th Grade students and their parents. In the past, parents and students had the opportunity to learn more about the high-school schedule, how the high school operates, what classes students must take, what classes students can choose from, and how the high-school credit system works. It is our goal for parents and students to leave Registration Night with a general understanding of what courses they must take now so they are better prepared to meet their personal goals and objectives. Students will also receive their high-school class registration forms at this meeting.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our second set of Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Monday, February 9, from 4-8 PM and Thursday, February 12, from 1-8 PM. Again, the format for conferences will be in-person and remote options like we had this past fall.

Forward Exam

Students at Amery Middle School will take the Forward Exam the week of April 6-10. In addition, 8th Grade students will have testing April 13-14. More information about the Forward Exam will come at a later date.

If you have any questions about these items or any other matter, please call the school at 268-9771, ext. 303.





DEC. 5 ... 6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS CHILDREN'S THEATRE,

"HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS"

DEC. 15 ... MS CONCERT: 6:30 PM 6TH GR & MS JAZZ BAND,
7:30 PM MS CHOIRS - HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

DEC. 24-JAN. 2 ... NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK



MARCH 24 ... LARGE GROUP MUSIC CONTEST @ TBD 4-9 PM

APRIL 6-14 ... 6TH-8TH GRADE STATE FORWARD EXAM

APRIL 16 ... MS FINE ARTS CONCERT 6:30 PM CHOIRS,
7:30 PM BANDS @ MS GYM

APRIL 16 ... 6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA, "YOUNG
PEOPLE'S CONCERT"

APRIL 22 ... END OF TERM 5

APRIL 27 ... NO SCHOOL/TEACHER IN-SERVICE

APRIL 28-MAY 1 ... SPRING FLING WEEK

MAY 2026 ** 8TH GRADE ALL SKILLS CAREER DAY ** TBD

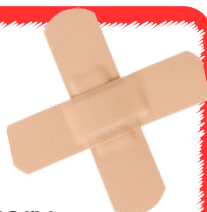
MAY 8 ... GENIUS HOUR COMMUNITY EXPO 9-10:30 AM &
8TH GRADE YOUTH JAM 11:30-3 PM

MAY 25 ... NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY - CADET BAND PERFORMS






JUNE 4 ... END OF TRIMESTER 3 AND TERM 6 -
2ND SEMESTER REWARD DAY

** = EVENT WINDOW - EXACT DATES TBD

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



'Tis the season for respiratory illnesses. Taking these actions throughout the day can help prevent the spread of germs that cause illness:

-  Wash your hands often, for 20 seconds with soap and water.
-  Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth.
-  Stay home and away from others if you feel sick.
-  Avoid being around others who are sick.
-  Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze; encourage children to do the same.



Enjoy a healthy holiday season!

Missing something?

Is your student walking around with just one shoe? Has their favorite comfy sweatshirt disappeared into thin air?

Your student's missing things might be hanging out in the AMS Lost & Found! Check the rack near the gym doors next time you're in the building, and let's reunite your student with their stray stuff!



FOR YOUTH

Ski/Snowboard Club -

Tuesday Trolls

Join Amery Middle and High School students on Tuesday nights starting December 9!

Register online for passes through Trollhaugen (Students should pick up forms in office or scan QR code)

Need Transportation? Amery Community Education has you covered all season for only \$50 per household!

District transportation departs AMS at 5:30pm and returns at 9pm.

Pass Program Costs:

- **Lift Ticket Only - \$115**
- **Lift Ticket + Rental (Under 12) - \$290**
- **Lift Ticket + Rental (13+) - \$340**

****Free Lessons the first 3 weeks!**

Register by November 24th!

Storybook Theatre - The Little Mermaid (January 2026)

For grades 3-8

Auditions will be held Monday, January 19th with performances Friday, January 23 and Saturday, January 24

Monday - Saturday, January 19-24
FREE

Auditions include grades 6-8!

Please register online for each child who plans to audition. This is to ensure we have each child's contact information.

WHO CAN AUDITION? Amery children in grades 3-8

AUDITIONS: Monday, January 19 from 3:30—5:30 p.m. in the Amery High School Auditorium.

PRACTICES: January 19-23 (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday everyone from 3:25-7:45 p.m.) (Tuesday will be scheduled rehearsal times depending on role assigned.) (Friday from 3:25 until after the show.)

Do not audition if you are not available to practice for the full week and if you cannot attend BOTH shows. Plans for bussing students after school from the Intermediate and Middle Schools to the High School will be provided via each school office.

PERFORMANCES - AHS Auditorium

- Friday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. AND
- Saturday, January 24 at 10:30 a.m.

OPEN GYMS



BASKETBALL OPEN GYM FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

- Grades 4-12; younger are welcome with an adult.
- Sundays 1:30-3:30p
- Middle School
- Enter through the North doors.
- Bring your own basketball & clean gym shoes.

POWER-UP FAMILY OPEN GYM

- Adults must stay.
- Bring clean gym shoes.
- Intermediate School
- Enter through the North doors.
- 2-4p
- 1st & 3rd Sundays Nov-March

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM

- Bring your own paddle if you have one.
- High School
- \$5 per night OR pre-buy a \$24 family membership. Bring exact change.
- 6-8p on Wednesdays through March 12
- Closed 11/26, 12/24, 12/31

FOR ADULTS

Winter Porch Pot Workshop

Meet downtown at Stems from the Heart Floral & Gifts to create your very own winter porch pot. The workshop includes complimentary drinks and treats, a 10" plastic pot, soil, assorted greenery, branches, bows, pine cones, ornaments, and a porch pot demonstration by the floral designers.

Wed Dec 3 6:30p \$70
Stems From the Heart Floral & Gifts

Cookie Decorating Holiday Themed

Unleash your inner cookie artist! Move step-by-step with the instructor. For adults and welcome to youth as young as age 12 who are registered with an adult. You will receive 8 baked sugar cookies, pre-colored and bagged icing, a scribe tool, an edible ink marker, and recipes.

Sat Dec 6 9-11a \$45
Zoe from Chaos & Coneflowers

Booster Sports

- **Little Dribblers Booster Basketball**
 - Boys Grades K-2
 - Girls Grades 1-2
- **Amery Youth Hockey**
- **Wrestling**

Amery Rec. Programs

- **Girl Scouts**
- **Scouts**
- **Dance**
- **Martial Arts**

Scan the QR code for more information!



Pre-register for classes through Amery Community Education.

Complete details for all offerings, supply lists, and images of sample projects available online.

Scan the QR code for full class details and online registration



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