



NOVEMBER 28, 2023

AMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL

# AMS WINTER NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 8, 2023	6th Grade Field Trip to Minneapolis Children's Theatre
December 19, 2023	MS Concert: 6:30 p 6th Gr & MS Jazz Band, 7:30 p MS Choirs - HS Aud.
Dec. 25-Jan. 1, 2024	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
Jan. 8 - 13, 2024	Storybook Theatre Auditions, Rehearsals, and Performances - Rapunzel
January 12, 2024	End of Term 3
January 15, 2024	Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL
January 19, 2024	Cadet Band Lock In 2:30-7:00 PM
January 26, 2024	First Semester Reward Day
February 6, 2024	Freshman Registration Night for 8th graders
February 12, 2024	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 8:00 pm
February 15, 2024	MS Solo & Ensemble @ Somerset 4:00 - 8:00 pm
February 15, 2024	Inservice Day am/ Conferences 1:00 - 8:00 pm
Feb. 15 & 16, 2024	NO SCHOOL
February 22, 2024	AMS Winter Dance 5:30 - 8:00 pm
February 26, 2024	End of Trimester 2 and Term 4
March 18 - 22, 2024	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
March 26, 2024	Large Group Music Contest @ TBD 4:00 - 9:00 pm
March 29, 2024	NO SCHOOL
April 2 - 12, 2024	6th - 8th Grade State Forward Exam
April 8, 2024	7th Grade Civics Field Trip
April 12, 2024	End of Term 5
April 15, 2024	Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL
April 18, 2024	MS Fine Arts Concert 6:30 pm Choirs, 7:30 pm Bands In MS Gym
April 22-26, 2024	Spring Fling Week
May 1, 2024	8th Grade All Skills Career Day
May 10, 2024	Genius Hour Community Expo 9:00—10:30 am
May 10, 2024	8th Grade Youth Jam 11:30—3:00 pm
May 16, 2024	6th Grade Pioneer Village Field Trip
May 24, 2024	End of Trimester 3 and Term 6 - 2nd Semester Reward Day
May 27, 2024	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day - Cadet Band Parade

\*\* = Event Window - Exact Dates TBD

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**Amery Middle School phone number is:**

**268-9771, x303**

**Check us out on Social Media!**



## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

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 started their second set of classes and their third applied arts class.

**First Semester Reward Day:** First semester reward day is schedule for Friday, January 26, 2024. 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.

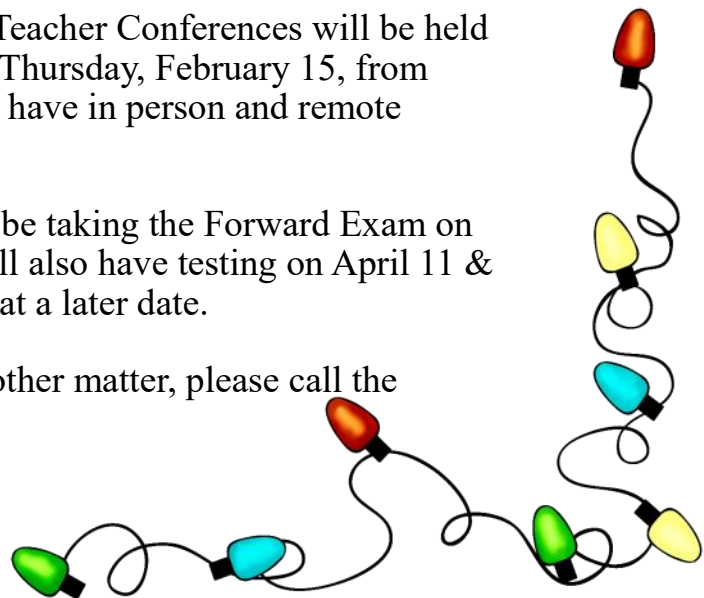
**Freshman Registration Night:** To help our student's transition from eighth to ninth grade, we will be holding the freshman registration night on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in the evening at Amery High School. More information will be provided on this event at a later date. This registration session 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 the registration night with a general understanding of what courses they must take now so that they are better prepared to meet their personal goals and objectives. Students will also be receiving their high school class registration forms at this meeting

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Our second set of Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, February 12, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM and on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00 – 8:00 PM. Again, the format for conferences will have in person and remote options like we had this fall.

**Forward Exam:** Students at Amery Middle School will be taking the Forward Exam on April 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10. In addition, 8th grade students will also have testing on April 11 & 12. More information on the Forward Exam will come at a later date.

If you have any questions about these items or on any other matter, please call the school at 268-9771 x303.

Tom Bensen





# PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

MONDAY, FEB. 12<sup>TH</sup>: 4:00 – 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEB. 15<sup>TH</sup>: 1:00 – 8:00 PM

Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences will be held over the phone or in person. Parents will be able to sign up to schedule times with each teacher, this is the same format that was used for Fall Conferences.

\*8th Grade parents are invited to schedule a time with their students Warrior Advisor to discuss Academic and Career Planning.



AMS Student Leadership Team is hosting a

*Holiday Party*

DECEMBER **22** 1:00-3:00

Music, Open Gym, Activities

**Concessions will be available with all profits being donated to the Amery Food Shelf!**

## Snowmobile Safety - DNR

Age 11 or older can take the class; however, the certificate does not become valid until the child reaches age 12. Must be present for all 3 class sessions. A DNR Customer ID # is required to register. If the participant does not yet have an ID#, please visit [dnr.wisconsin.gov/GoWild](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/GoWild) or call 1-888-936-7463.



WHO: Age 11-adult DATES: December 4, 5 & 7 from 5:30-8:30 pm FEE: \$10 - pre-register with Amery Community Ed.

## Storybook Theater (previously Prairie Fire) & Amery youth present

Welcome to the Kingdom of Crescendo, a musical place to live! You've arrived just in time for the Mourning of the Lost Voice. King and Queen Coda's daughter Rapunzel was stolen away by the Evil Witch long ago, and Crescendo has never been the same since.



WHO CAN AUDITION? Amery children in grades 3-8

AUDITIONS: Monday, January 8 from 3:30—5:30 p.m. in the Amery HS Auditorium.

Parents may watch auditions.

Rehearsal will begin after auditions, so bring a bag lunch and water bottle. Up to 81 children will be cast.

PRACTICES: January 8-12

- 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.

- Friday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. AND Saturday, January 13 at 10:30 a.m.

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

There is no charge for children to audition or participate. Storybook Theatre will furnish all props and costumes; everything else is funded through ticket sales.

Hosted by Amery Community Education. Ticket income is used to pay show expenses

Amery Community Ed



Scan above code for Community Ed details and online registration



### OPEN GYM FOR FAMILIES SPONSORED BY POWERUP

LOOKING FOR AN INDOOR SPACE TO RUN, JUMP AND PLAY WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY? JOIN US FOR A FUN AND FREE WAY TO POWERUP REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER. FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES. PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST STAY IN THE GYM WITH THE CHILDREN.

PLEASE BRING CLEAN SHOES TO CHANGE INTO BEFORE ENTERING THE GYM.

DATES: SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 5 & 19, DECEMBER 3 & 17, JANUARY 7 & 21, FEBRUARY 4 & 18, MARCH 3 & 17 TIME: 2-4 PM

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL GYM ENTER THROUGH THE DOORS FACING THE NORTH PARKING LOT. FEE: NONE JUST SHOW UP!



### BASKETBALL WINTER RECREATION FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

SUPERVISED FREE-PLAY BASKETBALL OPEN GYM FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES ON SUNDAYS IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 4-12. FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE TOGETHER. YOUNGER CHILDREN ARE WELCOME WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS. BRING YOUR OWN BASKETBALL AND CLEAN SHOES FOR THE GYM (NO OUTSIDE SHOES PLEASE).

ENTER THROUGH NORTH DOORS NO FEE SUNDAYS 1:30-3:30 PM NOVEMBER 5 THROUGH MARCH 10 (GYM CLOSED DECEMBER 24 AND 31)



### PICKLEBALL - OPEN GYM

COME TO THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH MARCH 13 TO PLAY THE FASTEST GROWING RECREATIONAL SPORT IN THE NATION. IT IS EASY TO LEARN, PROVIDES PLENTY OF EXERCISE, AND IS PLAYED ON A COURT MUCH SMALLER THAN A TENNIS COURT. BRING YOUR OWN PADDLE IF YOU HAVE ONE. BALLS PROVIDED.

DATES: WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH MARCH 13 (CLOSED NOV 22 & DEC 27) TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM FEE: \$0 - JUST SHOW UP



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Significantly Exceeds Expectations

2022-2023

**Amery Middle School Students**

**SIGNIFICANTLY  
EXCEED EXPECTATIONS!**

Amery Middle School has exceeded or significantly exceeded expectations in all 10 years of reporting.

Amery Middle School has the highest overall score of all 31 middle schools in CESA 11 and is the 9th highest of the 385 middle schools in Wisconsin. (top 2%).

Amery Middle School students' growth score (how much the students grew academically from the prior year) was 5th highest in the state putting them in the top 1%.