

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 29, 2023	8th Gr Team Building/Leadership @ WAPO/Anti-Bullying Lyceum
October 2, 2023	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 8:00 pm
October 4, 2023	MS Student Leadership Team Training
October 5, 2023	Inservice Day am / Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00 - 8:00 pm
October 5 & 6, 2023	NO SCHOOL
October 11, 2023	End of Term 1
October 12, 2023	AMS Harvest Dance 5:30 - 8:00 pm
October 17, 2023	Peer Tutor Training - Middle School
October 19, 2023	Peer Mediation Training - Middle School
November 4, 2023	Drama Rama Festival @ Prescott
November 6, 2023	Teacher Inservice Day - NO SCHOOL
November 14, 2023	7th & 8th Grade Theater Trip to the Guthrie
November 14, 2023	Cadet Band & HS Band Fall Band Concert 6:30 pm - HS Auditorium
November 17, 2023	8th Grade Health / Human Growth & Development Presentation
November 21, 2023	End of Trimester 1 and Term 2
Nov. 22-24, 2023	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December 8, 2023	6th Grade Field Trip to Minneapolis Children's Theatre
December 19, 2023	MS Concert: 6:30pm:6th Gr/MS Jazz Band, 7:30pm:MS Choirs-HS Aud.
Dec.25-Jan. 1, 2024	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
Jan. 8 - 13, 2024	Storybook Theatre Auditions, Rehearsals, and Performances
January 12, 2024	End of Term 3
January 15, 2024	Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL
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 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 2024 **	6th Grade Pioneer Village Field Trip ** TBD
May 2024 **	7th Grade Civics Field Trip ** TBD
May 2024 **	8th Grade All Skills Career Day ** TBD
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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Attendance

Ext 302

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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

It is so wonderful to have our students back at school. I hope you have taken the opportunity to look over our upcoming events page. Please post this somewhere on or near your calendar for a quick reference to upcoming middle school events.



End of 1st Term for Applied Arts Classes

The end of our 1st term for applied arts, science and social studies classes is *Wednesday, 10/11/23*. Students will be switching to their second term classes following this date.

Parent Conferences

Just a reminder, parent teacher conferences will be held on *Monday, 10/2/23, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.*, and *Thursday, 10/5/23, from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.* Conferences provide parents with the one-on-one time they may need to discuss their child's education. This year conferences will be held remotely over the phone or in person. Parents will have to sign up for a time to meet or to receive a call. More information about parent conferences will be e-mailed to parents with links to sign up for times to meet with teachers.

Standards Based Grading

Three years ago we moved from a traditional grading system to a standards based grading system. This allows students to receive a more comprehensive grade for each subject showing how well each student has mastered the essential standards taught in that class this school year. Students will receive multiple grades per class. If you have questions about standards based grading, parent conference nights are a perfect opportunity to talk with teachers, ask questions and provide feedback on grading.

End of 1st Trimester for Math & English Classes

The first trimester ends on *Tuesday, 11/21/23*. Report cards will be processed and mailed home the following week.

Wisconsin Forward Exam

The Forward Exam will be administered in Reading/Language Arts and Math in grades 3 through 8. It will also test science in grades 4, 8 and 10.

This exam will be administered in April of this current school year. More information on this test will be sent to families at a later date.

I hope rest of the school year continues to go as well as it has started. We are proud of how our students are performing at this time. Thank you for your continued support.

Tom Bensen

WARRIOR WAY: RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY

Second Step

We want your child to be successful in school, and that means supporting and encouraging their whole development. While excelling in academic classes is important, students also need skills for learning challenges, making good decisions, handling strong emotions, and getting along with others. This month during Warrior Time we began Second Step® Middle School, a research-based social-emotional learning program designed to improve students' social-emotional skills. Second Step skills and concepts are designed to help students both in and out of school. These include:

- Mindsets and Goals: Students learn how to develop a growth mindset and apply research based goal-setting strategies to their social and academic lives. (September/October)
- Recognizing Bullying and Harassment: Students learn how to recognize bullying and harassment, stand up safely to bullying, and respond appropriately to harassment. (October/November)
- Thoughts, Emotions, and Decisions: Students learn how to recognize strong emotions and unhelpful thoughts, and apply strategies to manage their emotions and reduce stress. (November/December)
- Managing Relationships and Social Conflict: Students learn strategies for developing and maintaining healthy relationships, perspective-taking, and dealing with conflict. (December/January)

If you have any questions about Second Step® Middle School, please don't hesitate to contact your student's Warrior Time teacher for more information. Thank you for your support as we work to build a safe and supportive school community.

Bullying Prevention

Nationwide, bullying peaks during the middle school years, and research indicates that taking proactive steps to address bullying will help reduce occurrences of it in our school. Throughout the month of October and November, your child will be discussing bullying during Warrior Time. The curriculum, Second Step, is designed to support your child in developing the knowledge and skills to help stop bullying. Students will learn how to recognize bullying in various contexts, how to use strategies to stand up safely to bullying, and how to seek help if they or someone they know is being bullied. Here are some key definitions your child will be learning:

- Bullying: intentional physical, verbal, or social aggression. It's often repeated over time and occurs when there's a real or perceived power imbalance.
- Bystander: anyone who's aware that bullying is happening
- Online bullying: the use of technology to harass, threaten, or intimidate another person
- Physical bullying: hurting someone's body or possessions
- Relational bullying: hurting someone's reputation or relationships, such as by excluding them
- Upstander: someone who stands up for a person being bullied
- Verbal bullying: saying or writing mean things about someone

We encourage students to report any instances of bullying they witness or experience to you and to trusted adults at our school. We have also provided every student the ability to anonymously report bullying or harassment via a link in their Warrior Time Google Classroom. Please contact Kate Weisenbeck at 715-268-9771 ext. 329 if you need support in reporting or dealing with bullying.



Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 2: 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Thursday, October 5: 1:00 – 8:00 PM

This fall parent teacher conferences will be held in person and remotely over the phone. You will be receiving an e-mail with a link to sign up for a conference with each teacher (in-person or a phone conference – your choice). You can set up a time to talk with each teacher individually by clicking on their name and setting up your conference and you can set up a separate conference with each teacher to fit your schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail or call the office at:

yuhasa@amerysd.k12.wi.us – 715-268-9771 x303.

AMERY **YOUTH REC FAIR** **OPEN HOUSE FOR FAMILIES**



- Information for Amery-area youth activities **FOR AGES 4+**
- Some groups will be taking registrations for upcoming seasons

Basketball Wrestling Hockey Soccer
Martial Arts Boy & Girl Scouts
Horseback Riding Lessons Cool Creator Club
Library Programs Community Ed & MORE!

Thursday, September 28
Amery High School • 6:15-7:15 pm

WARRIOR VARSITY GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL VS
BALDWIN-WOODVILLE
@ 7 PM

PRE-GAME
AHS PEP BAND!

AMERY VOLLEYBALL
DIG PINK
FUNDRAISER NIGHT

BAKE SALE
FUND DRIVE
WEAR PINK!!!



AMERY COMMUNITY EDUCATION



For Youth

ATV SAFETY: DNR

Sept. 18, 19 & 21 from 5:30-8:30p. Must have DNR ID# to register. Instructor Darrel Rothe **\$10**

LITTLE ENGINEERS

Spy Robot, Moving Satellite, Pull Robot, Rover & Scan Robot. Students in grades 1-3 will have fun building, programming, and testing machine robots during this 5-day course on Tuesdays; Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10 & 17 after school until 4:20p. Instructor Cool Creator Club LLC, Supakorn Bagley **\$50**

BABYSITTER TRAINING

American Red Cross. Sat, Oct. 14 from 9a-3:45p for ages 10-15. Instructor Wendy Carlson **\$45**

HUNTER SAFETY: DNR

Two traditional courses offered this fall. Must have DNR ID# to register.

1. October 17, 19, 23 & 24 from 5:30-8:30p

2. November 2, 6, 7 & 9 from 5:30-8:30p

Instructor Darrel Rothe **\$10/course**

GYMNASTICS

Fun & recreational! Held in the Lien Elementary gym and coached by staff from Premier Complex Gymnastics in Clear Lake. Tumbling Warriors & two Beginning classes offered. 6 Tuesdays; Oct 10 - Nov 21 (no class Oct 31/Halloween)

- Tumbling Warriors for ages 3-4 from 4:55-5:25p **\$51**
- Beginners for ages 5+ from 5:30-6:10p **\$59**
- Beginners for ages 5+ from 6:15-6:55p **\$59**

For Adults

BLACKSMITHING WORKSHOPS

Learn and practice the ancient art of blacksmithing. For all levels of experience - Beginners & Intermediate. Oct 7-8, Nov 4-5, or Dec 2-3. Saturday from 8a-12p & Sunday from 12-4p. Instructor Rick Tolliver **\$139**



PAINTING

Enjoy a fun night creating and mingling while the instructor walks you through the steps to paint your own creation. All artistic levels welcome. No pressure . . . just art therapy! Supplies included. Thursdays from 6-8:30 p

- **Stacked Pumpkins** Sept. 21
- **Trick or Treat** Oct 12
- **Little Red Christmas Truck** Nov 16
- **Friendly Snowman** Dec 14

Sample photos of each are available to view [online](#)

Instructor Renee Anderson, Amery Art Teacher **\$32/class**

FEARLESS PROSE & SHORT STORY WRITING

This fun and engaging class invites writers to participate in a discussion of how and why we write. There will be time to free write and for optional reading aloud. Recommended for writers of all genres and abilities, ages 16+. Tues, Oct 3 from 6-8:30p Instructor Lisa B Martin, writer, teacher & creativity coach **\$35**

SPANISH 101 - online

This is a beginner's class that explores both the language and culture, and focuses on pronunciation, reading comprehension, basic grammar and speaking skills. Textbook purchase required. Tue, Oct 10-Nov 14 from 6:30-8p Instructor Iris Myers **\$69**

QUILTING

Paper Piecing

A choice of 3 patterns will be available: fish, tree or butterfly. For all levels of quilters. Wed, Sept 20 & 27 from 6-8p **\$32**

1-2-3 Wallets, Oh My!

We will make three fun wallets that are quick and easy. Join us to make these little gems! Tue, Oct 17 from 6-8:30p **\$37**

A Fine Day to Sail Sampler

This sampler class will help you learn various piecing techniques and practice curves, flying geese, paper piecing, and more. Come make a beautiful wall hanging and have fun doing it. Wed, Nov 8 & 15 from 6-9p **\$59**

Instructor Dana VanWie, artist & teacher

Complete supply lists available online, and a sewing machine in good working order is required for some of the classes.

HALLOWEEN COOKIE DECORATING

Join us for a spooktacular Halloween adventure at our adult, yet kid-friendly, cookie decorating class! Register as an individual (age 12+) OR as an adult/child team (child age 6-11)

Sat, Oct 14 from 9-11a

Instructor Zoe from Chaos & Coneflowers **\$45**



Pre-register for ALL classes through Amery Community Education. For complete details and online registration, scan the QR code, or visit the school website at www.amerysd.k12.wi.us, or contact Amery Community Education.

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