

# AMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL

## FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### 2024

Sept. 30	MS Student Leadership Team Training
Oct. 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm
Oct. 10	In-Service Day am/Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-8 pm
Oct. 10 -11	NO SCHOOL
Oct. 16	End of Term 1
Oct. 17	AMS Halloween Dance 5:30-8 pm (**DATE CHANGE**)
Oct. 18	8th Grade Team Building/Leadership @ Camp WAPO/Anti-Bullying Lyceum
Oct. 22	Peer Tutor Training - Middle School
Oct. 23	Peer Mediation Training - Middle School (**DATE CHANGE**)
Nov. 4	Teacher In-Service Day - NO SCHOOL
Nov. 9	Drama Rama, 8 am-noon, Viking Middle School, Woodville
Nov. 15	8th Grade Health/Human Growth & Development Presentation
Nov. 19	Cadet Band & HS Band Fall Band Concert 6:30 pm - HS Auditorium
Nov. 26	7th Grade Theater Trip to the Guthrie "A Christmas Carol"
Nov. 26	End of Trimester 1 and Term 2
Nov. 27-29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 6	6th Grade Field Trip to Minneapolis Children's Theatre "Grinch Stole Christmas"
Dec. 17	MS Concert: 6:30 pm 6th Gr & MS Jazz Band, 7:30 pm MS Choirs @ HS Aud.
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

#### 2025

Jan. 13-18	Story Book Theatre Auditions, Rehearsals & Performances
Jan. 20	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL
Jan. 22	End of Term 3
Jan. 31	First Semester Reward Day
Feb. 3	Freshman Registration Night for 8th Graders
Feb. 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm
Feb. 13	MS Solo & Ensemble @ Unity 4-8 pm
Feb. 13	In-Service Day am/Conferences 1-8 pm
Feb. 13-14	NO SCHOOL
Feb. 20	AMS Winter Dance 6-8 pm
March 7	End of Trimester 2 and Term 4
March 18	Large Group Music Contest @ TBD 4-9 pm
March 24-28	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 2-11	6th-8th Grade State Forward Exam
April 17	MS Fine Arts Concert: 6:30 pm Choirs, 7:30 pm Bands @ MS Gym
April 18	NO SCHOOL
April 21-25	Spring Fling Week
April 24	End of Term 5
May 2025 **	6th Grade Pioneer Village Field Trip ** TBD
May 2025 **	7th Grade Civics Field Trip ** TBD
May 2025 **	8th Grade All Skills Career Day ** TBD
May 9	Genius Hour Community Expo 9-10:30 am/8th Grade Youth Jam 11:30 am -3 pm
May 26	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day - Cadet Band Parade
June 5	End of Trimester 3 and Term 6 - 2nd Semester Reward Day

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\*\* = Event Window - Exact Dates TBD

# NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK ...

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By Tom Bensen

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, Oct. 16. 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, Oct. 7, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 10, from 1 to 8 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.

## Middle School Dance

The first middle school dance is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The cost to attend the dance is \$5. We will have a DJ with music and a light show, a fun student photo booth, activities and games in the gym. More information about the dance can be found in this newsletter. Please let us know if you are interested in chaperoning the dance.

## End of 1st Trimester for Math & English Classes

The first trimester ends on Tuesday, Nov. 26. 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.

**Go Amery Warriors!**

# THE 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)
- **Developing a Positive Sense of Self:** Students learn how to identify their guiding principles, explore different aspects of their self-concept, and practice strategies to build confidence. This unit's content helps students view themselves positively and work toward becoming who they want to be. (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. (December/January)
- **Managing Relationships and Social Conflict:** Students learn strategies for developing and maintaining healthy relationships, perspective-taking, and dealing with conflict. (January/February)

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*

Bullying is at its peak in middle school, and research indicates that taking proactive steps to address bullying will help reduce occurrences of it in our school. Throughout the months 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 Tom Bensen or Kate Weisenbeck at (715) 268-9771, ext. 303, if you need support in reporting or dealing with bullying.

## Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Monday, October 7: 4-8 PM & Thursday, October 10: 1-8 PM**

This fall, parent-teacher conferences will be held both in person and remotely over the phone. You will receive 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 best fit your schedule.

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

### *News from the ...*



Wisconsin DPI state statutes indicate for seventh-graders to have the following immunizations OR a signed/dated waiver on file with school health.

- A. Tdap (unless has had an updated Tetanus in the past 5 years)
- B. Meningococcal

Immunization form can be found on the school website, under Student Health.

A flu immunization clinic is planned for Oct. 30. Watch for registration details in Bright Arrow messaging and see Page 6.

Call or email Rose Kuebker, RN, if you have questions or need assistance, (715) 268-9771.

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# FALL DANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**OPEN GYM, MUSIC,  
FOOD, AND FUN!**

Cost to attend is \$5. Concessions will be available for purchase. Dance is open to current Amery Middle School Students only. Please arrange to have your student picked up promptly at 8:30.

# AMERY COMMUNITY EDUCATION



## For Youth

### BABYSITTER TRAINING

American Red Cross. Sat, Oct. 5 from 9a-3:45p for ages 10-15. Instructor Wendy Carlson

\$45

### SNOWMOBILE SAFETY: DNR

In-person traditional course. Must have DNR ID# to register. Must attend all 3 class sessions. Age 11+. Dec 2, 3 & 5 from 5:30-8:30p  
Instructor Ryan Jordan

\$10/course

### HUNTER SAFETY: DNR

Two traditional in-person courses offered this fall. Must have DNR ID# to register. Must attend all 4 class sessions. Ages 10+

- Class 1: October 14, 15, 17 & 22 from 5:30-8:30p
- Class 2: November 5, 7, 11 & 12 from 5:30-8:30p

Instructor Darrel Rothe

\$10/course

## For Families -- Day Trip!

### Theatre trip on a non-school day

### "THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE"

At the Stages Theatre in Hopkins, MN; for ages 7+.

Join us on the school bus on this non-school day in Amery!

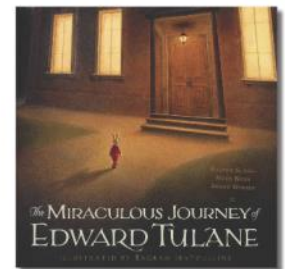
Based on the award-winning book by Kate DiCamillo, this is an adventure that will capture your heart.

Fee includes theatre seats, theatre fees, school bus, and one copy of the book for each family.

Fri, Oct 11 depart 8:15a, show 10a, return 1:15p

Registration deadline Sept 25

Adults \$32 Child/Youth (17 & under) \$22



## For Adults

### WOODEN PUMPKIN TRIO TABLE TOP DECOR

The pumpkins are 5", 6", & 7" tall. Have fun with Carissa from Loganberry Interiors to make your own!

Oct 1 from 6:30-8:30p

\$21



### CELL PHONES & PARENTING - OH MY!

Online course. Learn safety settings on popular social media apps, parental apps for your child's smartphone, and more!

Class is live online. If you can't attend the live session, you will receive the recording. Instructor will be available to answer questions. Sept 19 or Dec 12 from 12-1p.

\$25

### YOGA - GENTLE FLOW & GROW

All-levels gentle flow class that starts with easy movements to warm up. Class will progress through various poses. Leave invigorated and relaxed! Bring a mat if you have one.

Wednesdays Oct 2-30 from 4:30-5:30p.

Instructor Robin Cornell

\$60

### HERBS FOR STRESS AND THE WINTER BLUES

Learn about the herbs that lift up our mood! We'll discuss plants which support our nervous systems to deal with the upcoming darker winter days and give us tools to ease our worry & anxiety.

Oct 8 from 6-8p.

Instructor Lisa Kofakis from Silver Creek Herbals

\$60

**ALSO . . . CHECK THE ONLINE LISTINGS AND CATALOG FOR MORE DIY CRAFT CLASSES, COOKIE DECORATING, CANVA, UBER, VENMO, CHATGPT, BLACKSMITHING WORKSHOPS, AND MORE!**



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](http://www.amerysd.k12.wi.us), or contact Amery Community Education.



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## FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC at School District of Amery for K-12 students

### Important Dates:

- Register online no later than **10/22/2024**
- Date of Flu Clinic **10/30/2024**
- If cancelling your registration, email Polk Co Public Health

Polk County Health Department will be offering flu shots to staff and students at **Amery School District** on **October 30, 2024** beginning at 7:30 AM

- All guardians **MUST** complete the vaccination consent forms electronically by 10/22/2024. **We are unable to accept paper copies.** This allows us to more efficiently prepare the amount of vaccine, supplies, and staffing needed. **No walk-ins will be accepted.**
- The electronic form will close on **10/22/2024** (5 business days prior to clinic) at 11:59 pm.
- Flu vaccine will only be available for grades K-12 and staff. Unfortunately, we will not be vaccinating 4K students.
- We will only be offering the standard flu shot and the nasal flu mist. We will not have high dose flu shots for 65+ during school flu clinics. Please visit Public Health's website for information regarding how to access high dose flu shots.
- If a guardian has registered their student for the vaccine but no longer wishes their student to receive it, please email [pchd@polkcountywi.gov](mailto:pchd@polkcountywi.gov) with name and date of birth of the individual and they will be removed from the registration. Please note that students will not be signed up to receive vaccine unless they have been registered by a parent/guardian. **Please note that if a student has been registered for the school clinic and receives vaccine before the school clinic, a cancellation request MUST be sent to Polk County Health Department.**

To access **Amery's** flu vaccination consent form, please click here:  
<https://forms.office.com/g/EZmGNxhFOC> or scan the QR code with your phone:



We appreciate the staff, educators, and administrators who are making this possible. We look forward to serving your school!