

In this edition:

Principal's Note.....	2
Counselor's Corner....	3
P/T Conferences.....	4
Flu Shots.....	5
Community Ed.....	6

AMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL

FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER



CONNECT WITH US: (715) 268-9771

OFFICE EXT. 303 • ATTENDANCE EXT. 302

FOLLOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AMERY ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

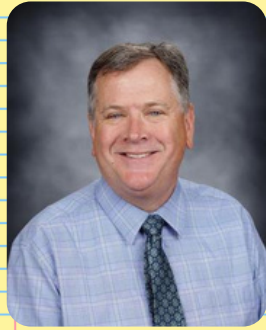


Important Dates

September 19: Fall Festival Parade - Cadet Band - 10:30 am
September 25: Homecoming
September 28: Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL
September 29: MS Student Leadership Team Training
October 5: Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:00-8:00 pm
October 8: In-Service Day am/Parent-Teacher Conferences - 1:00-8:00 pm
October 8-9: NO SCHOOL
October 14: End of Term 1
October 16: 8th Grade Team Building/Leadership @ Camp WAPO/Anti-Bullying Lyceum
October 20: Peer Tutor Training - Middle School
October 21: Peer Mediation Training - Middle School
October 29: AMS Fall Dance - 6:00-8:00 pm
November 7: Drama Rama Competition @ Amery Middle School
November 9: Teacher In-Service Day - NO SCHOOL
November 13: 8th Grade Health/Human Growth & Development Presentation
November 17: Cadet Band & HS Band Fall Band Concert 6:30 pm - HS Auditorium
November 24: 7th Grade Theater Trip to The Guthrie, "A Christmas Carol"
November 24: End of Trimester 1 and Term 2
Nov. 25-27: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December 4: 6th Grade Field Trip to Minneapolis Children's Theatre, "Grinch Stole Christmas"
December 17: MS Concert: 6:30 pm 6th Gr & MS Jazz Band, 7:30 pm MS Choirs - HS Aud.
Dec. 24-Jan. 1, 2027: NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
Jan. 11-16, 2027: Story Book Theatre Auditions, Rehearsals and Performances
January 18: End of Term 3
January 25: NO SCHOOL/Teacher In-Service
January 29: First Semester Reward Day
February 8: Freshman Registration Night for 8th Graders
February 11: MS Solo & Ensemble @ Amery 4:00-8:00 pm
February 15: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm
February 18: In-Service Day am/Conferences 1:00-8:00 pm
Feb. 18-19: NO SCHOOL
February 25: AMS Winter Dance 6:00-8:00 pm
March 3: End of Trimester 2 and Term 4
March 15-19: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
March 23: Large Group Music Contest @ TBD 4:00-9:00 pm
April 5-13: 6th-8th Grade State Forward Exam
April 15: MS Fine Arts Concert 6:30 pm Choirs, 7:30 pm Bands @ MS Gym
April 21: End of Term 5
April 18-24: Spring Fling Week
April 26: NO SCHOOL/Teacher In-Service
May 2027 ** 7th Grade Civics Field Trip ** TBD
May 2027 ** 8th Grade All-Skills Career Day **TBD
May 14: Genius Hour Community Expo 9:00-10:30 am & 8th Grade Youth Jam 11:30-3 pm
May 26: 6th Grade Field Trip to Willow River State Park
May 31: NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day - Cadet Band Performs
June 3: End of Trimester 3 and Term 6, 2nd Semester Reward Day

**** = EVENT WINDOW - EXACT DATES TBD**





BY TOM BENSEN

Notes from the Principal's Desk

It is so wonderful to have our students back at school. I hope you have taken the opportunity to look over our upcoming events on Page 1. Please post this somewhere on or near your calendar for a quick reference to upcoming middle-school events.

End of First Term for Applied Arts

The end of our first term for applied arts, science and social studies classes is Wednesday, Oct. 14. Students will be switching to their second-term classes following this date.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Just a reminder: Parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday, Oct. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m., and Thursday, Oct. 8, from 1 to 8 p.m. Conferences provide parents with the one-on-one time they may need to discuss their child's education. 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-teachers 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. 29, from 6 to 8 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. Please let us know if you are interested in chaperoning the dance.

End of Trimester 1

The first trimester for math and English classes ends on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Report cards will be processed and mailed home the following week.

MS Student Activities

We are busy with students participating in middle-school football, cross-country and volleyball. We also have students involved in Drama Rama, band, choir, FFA and Student Leadership activities. More information on winter sports and Storybook Theatre will be coming out soon.

I hope the 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.

CHECK IT OUT

LOOKING FOR DAILY WORK LISTS?

You'll find that, plus much more, at
www.amerysd.k12.wi.us/schools/middle/



Counselor's CORNER

Social/Emotional Learning

We want your child to be successful in school, and that means supporting and encouraging their whole development. Excelling in academics is important, but students also need skills for making good decisions, handling strong emotions, navigating challenges, and getting along with others. During Warrior Time students will participate in Second Step®, a research-based social-emotional learning program designed to improve students' social-emotional skills. Second Step is composed of these 4 units:

Mindsets and Goals: Students learn how to develop a growth mindset and apply research-based goal-setting strategies to their social and academic lives.

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.

Thoughts, Emotions, and Decisions: Students learn how to recognize strong emotions and unhelpful thoughts and apply strategies to manage their emotions and reduce stress.

Managing Relationships and Social Conflict: Students learn strategies for developing and maintaining healthy relationships, perspective-taking, and dealing with conflict.

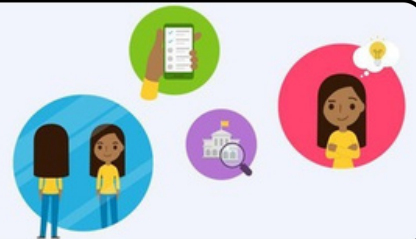
If you have any questions about Second Step® Middle School, please don't hesitate to contact your student's Warrior Time teacher for more information. Thank you for your support as we work to build a safe and supportive school community.

Xello

AMS students will continue to use Xello for academic and career planning this school year. Xello helps middle school students discover their strengths, explore future jobs, and build plans for high school and beyond. The parent/guardian portal can be accessed through PowerSchool.

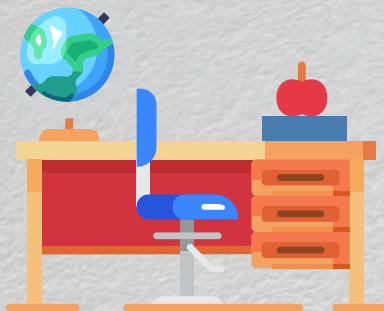
xello

Every Student,
Future Ready!



AMS School Counselor

Kate Weisenbeck
715-268-9771 ext.329
weisenbeckk@amerysd.k12.wi.us



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

MONDAY, OCT. 5: 4-8 PM

THURSDAY, OCT. 8: 1-8 PM

Fall parent-teacher conferences will be offered both in person and remotely over the phone. Watch for an e-mail with a link to sign up for a conference with each teacher (in person or phone conference – your choice). Set up a time to talk with each teacher individually by clicking on their name and setting up your conference; you can set up a separate conference with each teacher to best fit your schedule.

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



FALL 2026

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



Hello, middle-school families! My name is Heather Miller, and I am excited to be serving as the district nurse this year. I look forward to getting to know our students and working with families to help keep them healthy, safe and ready to learn. As a mom of three daughters, I know how important it is for families to feel confident that their children are cared for and supported while at school. Middle-schoolers may not always admit when they need help, but my door is always open, whether they need first aid, help managing a health condition or simply a safe adult to check in with.

As we move into cold and flu season, this is also a good time to review your child's immunization record and make sure it is current. Please be sure that the school has an updated copy of your child's immunization record or waivers.

The Polk County Health Department will offer flu vaccinations to all students at Amery School District on Oct. 15. Registration is required by Oct. 8, and walk-ins will not be accepted. Please review the parent letter on Page 5 and scan the QR code to register.

If your child has a health condition, is taking medication at school or has had any recent health changes, please feel free to contact me at ext. 265. Working together helps us keep students healthy, safe and ready to learn!

PAGE 4



COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Behavioral Health • Public Health • Children & Families
Economic Support • Business Services

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION | PUBLIC HEALTH

100 Polk County Plaza Suite 180, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

715.485.8400 | 715.500.2733

www.polkcountywi.gov/polkcountycomms



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Polk County Health Department will be offering flu shots to students at **Amery School District** on **10/15/2026**. To register your child, please complete the online form no later than **10/8/2026** at 11:59 PM. The Polk County Health Department will not be accepting walk-ins for this clinic. Flu vaccine will be available for students grades 4K-12. You will have the option to register your child for either the flu shot or the nasal mist. When signing your child up, please be sure to use their **Legal Name**; no nicknames.

If you have registered your child for the vaccine but no longer wish for them to receive it, please email polkcountycd@polkcountywi.gov with name and date of birth of your child and they will be removed from the registration list. **Please note that students will not be signed up to receive vaccine unless they have been registered by a parent/guardian.** If a student has been registered and receives vaccine before the school clinic, a cancellation request **MUST** be sent to Polk County Health Department.

The annual flu shot is one of the most effective ways to keep your child and their school safe during the flu season. To sign up your child, please complete the online registration form by clicking the link or scanning the QR code.

To access **Amery School District's** flu vaccination consent form, please click here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/pzbM3ZmpGg> or scan the QR:



Chess Club

TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30 PM

AMS LIBRARY

FALL PROGRAMMING



YOUTH SAFETY

Register thru "Community Education"

- **DNR Hunter Safety - Session 1**
 - Oct 12, 13, 15, 20 | 5:30-8:30pm | \$10
- **DNR Hunter Safety - Session 2**
 - Oct 22, 26, 27, 29 | 5:30-8:30pm | \$10
- **ATV Safety - 1 Session**
 - September 14, 15, 17 | 5:30-8:30pm | \$10
- **Snowmobile Safety - 1 Session**
 - November 2, 3, and 5 | 5:30-8:30pm | \$10

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Register thru "Community Education"

- **Gymnastics**
 - Beginners (Ages 5+)
 - Tumbling Warriors (Ages 3-4)
 - **Sessions start Sept 9th!**

Little Dribbers Booster Basketball

- **Boys - Grade K-2 - \$50**
- **Girls - Grades 1-3 - \$45**
 - Registration includes T-Shirt!

Register
Here with
Bound



THEATRE BUS TRIPS

Register thru "Community Education"

- **Annie - Chanhassen Dinner Theatre**
 - Wednesday, October 14 | 9:45am-6pm
 - All tickets \$125/ea
 - **Includes Transportation and Dinner**

Find All the
Details Here!

Register Now!

www.gobound.com/wi/schools/amery