



ABINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 11 PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

March 11 AMS Book Fair Family Shopping Night 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

March 13 Trimester 2 Marking Period ends

March 15 Grade 6 Music Selection Form Returned to Classroom Teacher

March 14-15-16 AHS Drama Club presents "Grease"

March 22 Trimester 2 Report Cards Distributed

March 22 Spring Portrait Day – **ONLY** students who want photo taken will be photographed - portrait envelopes in main office

STUDENT COUNCIL – PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Abington Middle School will participate in Pennies for Patients to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Containers will be placed in classrooms and in the main office on Friday, March 1st. Donations of loose change will be accepted until the end of March.

AMS BOOKFAIR

We are having a Family Shopping Night on March 11, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Book list flyers are going home with your students with tips to consider before you visit. Happy Reading - AMS PTO

PROJECT 351 CLOTHING DRIVE

AMS 8th grader and Project 351 Student Ambassador Hannah Tirrell is coordinating a Cradles to Crayons clothing drive from March 18th-April 5th. Cradles to Crayons collects new, like new, or gently used children's clothing sizes 0-20 and adult sizes small

and medium. Cradles to Crayons also collects children's shoes sized 0 -13 and adult shoes sized 1-10. Collection boxes will be located in the AMS Cafeteria. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

AMS GUIDANCE/MUSIC NEWS

Please be aware that all Grade 6 students have received their **Grade 7 2019-2020 Music Selection Form**. All Grade 6 students should return their signed Music Selection form to their classroom teacher by March 15th.

AMS GUIDANCE NEWS

In mid-March, 8th Grade students will be starting the course selection process for Abington High School. Mrs. McDermod will be meeting with all 8th Graders and will review the course selection process. 8th Grade students will be given the Grade 9 course offerings for the 2019 - 2020 Abington High School Program of Studies. Students are asked to review this book and consider elective courses for Grade 9. 8th Grade teachers will be recommending students for English, Math, Science, History and World Language courses based on academic grades, MCAS scores, upcoming placement tests (Spanish only) and course requirements.

In early April, all 8th grade students will meet with Mrs. McDermod and Guidance Counselors from Abington High School to discuss and make their elective selections. Course selection and academic level placements will then be sent home for parent/guardian review and signature. Mrs. McDermod is available to help any student or parents/guardians that may have questions.

Order Your Yearbook Today! Dont Miss Out!

Yearbooks must be pre-ordered and extra copies will not be available for sale. Send in your school appropriate pictures for yearbook by March 15th to amsyearbookphoto@gmail.com. Yearbooks are available for purchase from now until *April 28, 2019*. Simply go to www.coffeepond.com, click on the "Order Yearbooks" button and then select "Yearbooks". Type in the password "**amsyearbook**" and choose "**on-line order**." You will then enter the yearbook ordering page. Once there, simply complete the order form. Yearbooks are \$20.00 each and will be distributed to students the last week of school. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase an Abington Middle School 2018 - 2019 Yearbook!

AMS Spring Portrait Process – Date: March 22, 2019

In the past, every child had a photo taken for Spring Portraits and a packet was sent home for you to view. Lifetouch will **only** be photographing your child if you want their photo taken.

The Spring Portrait Program will work as follows:

Your child/children **will only** be photographed if you send in the envelope filled out with your payment on March 22, 2019, unless you order your portraits **online** at mylifetouch.com – enter AMS Picture ID **MV228064Q0** beforehand. Portrait envelopes will be available in the main office if you choose to have your student photographed.

If you have any questions, please contact the main office at (781) 982-2170.

NATIONAL YOUTH ART MONTH

During March we showcase the creative work being produced by students in our classrooms. National Youth Art Month is a national celebration promoting the value of art, the creative process and the importance of quality art education with color. Abington Middle School students will have their art work exhibited at the Abington Public Library on Celebrate the Art Day on May 8th. More details to follow.