



ABINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2 AMS Trimester 2 Progress Reports Published

FEBRUARY 8 Gr. 8 SS Vocational Technical HS Interviews

FEBRUARY 9 Abington C.O.P.E.S. hosts AMS Free Bowling Event

FEBRUARY 12 AMS PTO Meeting 7pm

FEBRUARY 14 AMS Yearbook Club Meeting 2:30-3:30

FEBRUARY 14 Grs. 5 & 6 Student Council Meeting 2:30 - 3:00

FEBRUARY 16 EARLY RELEASE 11:10am Dismissal. Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

FEBRUARY 19 - 23 Winter Vacation

FEBRUARY 26 Back to School

Good Afternoon,

Abington Middle School Trimester 2 Progress Reports are now available on the Aspen Portal. Step by step directions for accessing Progress Reports online are provided below. Those parents requiring a paper copy of the Progress Reports should contact the school office to request one.

The online Progress Reports will be available for 2 weeks and are downloadable.

Step By Step Directions

To access your student's Trimester 2 Progress Reports:

- Go to the Abington Public Schools website: **www.abingtonps.org**
- Select Staff and Parent Portal Logon under Popular Links
- If you use Family Portal enter your **Family Portal Username** and **Password** and Select your student.

- If you do not use Family Portal, enter your student's individual **Username** (Login ID) and **Password**

*these are the same username and password that your student uses daily to log into school computers on a daily basis

- Make sure the **Pages tab** is selected at the top of the screen
- Find your Progress Report in the **Published Reports** section on the bottom right of the screen.

Trimester 2 Progress Reports represent an important update of your child's academic achievement. It is important to review this report together with your child. If you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher or teachers for more information.

Have a relaxing and restful weekend.

Mr. MacCurtain
Principal

ABINGTON COPES HOSTING AMS BOWLING NIGHT

If you are interested in signing your student up for this free event, please click the link below for more information and to sign-up with a QR Code that is available. **[Click Link Here](#)**

FEBRUARY HEART HEALTH MONTH

February is **American Heart Month**, a time when all people can focus on their cardiovascular health. Our school is participating in the American Heart Challenge. Students can raise funds and awareness for things like congenital heart defects, CPR training, nutrition security, and mental well-being while helping kids

with special hearts. National Youth Heart Ambassador Jameson Gagnon has raised over \$10,000 on behalf of the American

Heart Association. If you would also like to participate in this challenge, flyers are available in the main office and have been distributed. For more information on student incentives and how to register, please click link below. This is optional for all students.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE](#)

SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENTS/INCLUDING BASKETBALL

Parents, we kindly request your presence at school-sponsored athletic events, including basketball, to provide supervision and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for your son or daughter. Your support in maintaining a secure environment is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Guidance Department News

Interviews for 8th grade students who have applied to South Shore Vocational Technical High School will be on **Thursday, February 8th** at Abington Middle School during the school day. All students who have completed a SSVT online application will be interviewed. If your child was previously interviewed at the SSVT Open House, they will still meet with Mrs. Dow from SSVT on February 8th to review grades. Mrs. McDermod will inform students of their interview time. Please contact Mrs. McDermod at carolinemcdermod@abingtonps.org with any questions.

South Shore Vocational Technical High School News

South Shore Vocational Technical High School is now accepting applications for interested 8th grade students at:

<https://southshore.tech/apply/>

Please reach out to Mrs. McDermod in Guidance with any questions.

AMS Yearbook Club

If you love art, photography, writing, or using your computer skills, then this is the club for you! This club is free and all students in grades 5 - 8 are welcome. Yearbook Club meets every other Wednesday. If you have any questions, please email Ms.

Roach at samantharoach@abingtonps.org. Meetings are 2:30pm to 3:30pm. *Prompt pick-up please.*

- February 14th
- February 28th
- March 6th
- March 13th
- March 26th
- April 10th
- April 24th
- May 8th
- May 15th
- May 29th
- June 5th

Information Regarding Student Identification Cards

Student ID cards have been distributed. Please make sure to have your students keep these cards in a safe place (backpacks, wallets, purse etc.) **AMS students will be using these ID cards when arriving late to school or when being dismissed.** This barcode technology enables quick and accurate recordings of arrival and dismissal times, eliminating the need for manual sign-in sheets. If a student has not yet received their identification card due to absence or retake, Lifetouch is working to provide AMS with them as soon as possible.

AMS Current Grades 7 - 10 PCC APPLICATION INFORMATION

PCC (Project Contemporary Competitiveness) is an Advanced Studies Program that will be held at Stonehill College during the summer of 2024. Applications will be accepted for CURRENT 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grade students who are residents of

Abington. This includes those students that attend private school. More information and an online application for PCC can be completed here at <https://pccasp.org>.

Tentative MCAS 2024 Testing Dates

APRIL 8 - 26 ELA MCAS

Grades 5 & 6 ELA MCAS - April 8th and April 9th

Grades 7 & 8 ELA MCAS - April 10th and April 11th

APRIL 30 - MAY 10 MATH & SCIENCE MCAS

Grades 5 & 6 MATH MCAS - April 30th and May 1st

Grades 7 & 8 MATH MCAS - May 2nd and May 3rd

Grades 5 & 8 SCIENCE MCAS - May 7th and May 8th

MAY 13 - 14 CIVICS MCAS

Grade 8 CIVICS MCAS - May 13th and May 14th

SNOW/SCHOOL CANCELLATION

Parents/students will be notified of school closings by an automated phone call system. Please be sure that your telephone contact information is correct. All local media outlets are also notified and publish the information.

Please Return Your Overdue Library Books

Fall in love with a new book and return your old ones! Please return your overdue library books promptly to the AMS library.

Anonymous Reporting and Safety Link

Abington Middle School has an anonymous tip line to report any concerns about the school, typically used for reporting bullying, harassment, and/or discrimination. The link below allows people to submit reports and concerns that go directly to our administration. While this tip line is anonymous and available as needed, we also encourage you to contact us directly, as we seek to create and maintain a positive school culture and climate in partnerships with families and the community. [*Click Link*](#)

Grades 5 & 6 Student Council Meeting Schedule

February 14th- 2:30-3:00

March 13th- 2:30-3:00

April 11th-2:30-3:00

May 9th-2:30-3:00

June 5th-2:30-3:15 (end of year party)

Attendance is expected. Students are reminded to email Ms. Regan if they are not able to attend a monthly meeting at lauraregan@abingtonps.org.

AMS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Gr. 5 & 6 BAND CLUB - Mr. Leonelli – Mondays

Grs. 5–8 MINECRAFT CLUB – Mrs. Graham - Mondays

Grs. 5–8 DANCE CLUB – Ms. Gomes - Mondays
Gr. 5 & 6 CHESS CLUB - Mr. Perkins – Tuesdays
Gr. 7 & 8 CHESS CLUB – Mr. Perkins – Wednesdays
Gr. 5-8 DRAMA CLUB - Mr. Leonelli - Wednesdays
Grs. 5–8 HMWK & CRAFT CLUB–Mrs. Duquette - Thursdays
Grs. 5-8 DUNGEONS & DRAGONS – Mr. Elledge –Thursdays
Grs. 5-8 DRAMA CLUB - Mr. Leonelli - Fridays

School rules apply. Dates are subject to change (due to advisor illness, etc.) If a club is cancelled, it will be announced in school that day and club advisors will contact families directly using the email that was provided to AMS. Parents will need to provide transportation from the school. All clubs will run into the Spring.

IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION REQUEST

If you received a bus tag for your child, but *do not* plan for them to take the bus this year, please email transportation@abingtonps.org and let them know so that they can be removed from the bus roster. Please include your child's name and school (AMS) in your email. You can also contact 781-982-2170 and let the office know. Thank you.

Nurse News

Please provide the school nurse with an updated physical and immunization form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the nurse, Joan Smith at (781) 616-2951 or email joansmith@abingtonps.org. Please remember to contact the school if your child is going to be absent and also provide an absent note which is required when they return to school.

**Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing for the changes in temperature/weather. We strive to have PE and recess outside unless it is raining or the "Real Feel" temperature is 20 degrees or below.*

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Abington Middle School hours are 7:50 a.m. to 2:22 p.m. Students should be seated in their homerooms at that time, ready to start the day. Parents who are dropping off their students will use the entrance to the left of the school building at Door 10 and follow the designated drop-off procedures. If a student arrives late, they must sign in at the main office. *Students who arrive after 8:30 a.m. must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.* Students will be dismissed at 2:22 p.m. Parents who are picking up students should wait in the designated drop-off/pick-up area located to the left side of the building at Door 10 and follow the appropriate drop-off/pick-up procedures. Door 10 will be open between 7:20 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. for student drop-off. Students arriving

after 7:50 a.m. should enter through the front door of the building and will be marked tardy.

NOTES FROM HOME

Parents must notify the school if your child is to be absent, tardy or dismissed. A *written* note must be submitted for each absence stating the date and reason for the absence. A note is also needed to *dismiss* your child from school or if your child will not be taking the bus home. Phone calls changing student dismissal plans can impact child safety. Thank you for cooperating with this important child safety issue.

LAPTOP REMINDER

Please have your student bring their charged laptop and a water bottle to school *every* day. (Plastic water bottles please - no glass bottles).