



ABINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 15-19 Spring Vacation

APRIL 22 BACK TO SCHOOL/FULL DAY

APRIL 24 AMS Yearbook Meeting

APRIL 30 AMS Mid-Trimester

APRIL 30 AMS Gr. 5 & 6 MATH MCAS

MAY 1 AMS Gr. 5 & 6 MATH MCAS

MAY 2 AMS Grades 7 & 8 MATH MCAS

MAY 3 AMS Grades 7 & 8 MATH MCAS

MAY 3 Last Day to Order Yearbook/No additional copies will be available for purchase.

SAVE THE DATE: Grade 8 Semiformal - Friday, May 17th

MESSAGE FROM MR. MACCURTAIN

Good afternoon,

Grades 5 - 8 ELA MCAS testing concluded this week. AMS students will participate in MCAS Mathematics testing after April vacation. A full MCAS testing schedule is included later in this newsletter. On days of testing, please encourage your child to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time with a fully charged laptop. This testing is an important part of our school's assessment process, and it helps us to track student progress and identify areas where additional support may be needed. We are encouraged by our students' efforts during the latest round of testing.

I hope that the next nine days allow our community to rest and recharge. There is value in down time and the ability to pursue healthy interests and self-care. I wish you the best of weeks and cannot wait to welcome everyone back on April 22, 2024.

Have a relaxing and restful week.

Mr. MacCurtain
Principal

8th Grade Philly Trip News

This afternoon, grade 8 students travelling to Philly in June were given a packet of forms to complete and return to the school. These include medication forms, permission slips and a roommate selection form. For students unable to attend today's meeting, the form will also be posted on the school website. If your student has difficulty selecting a roommate, our counseling staff is ready and able to assist. Any students with questions can see Mr. MacCurtain following April vacation. **Please return the completed packet to the main office by May 3rd.**

AMS DRAMA UPCOMING DRAMA PERFORMANCE

The AMS Drama Club is proud to announce the upcoming dates for their show "Sing, Dance, and BE LOUD!", which will be performed Friday, May 10th at 7:00pm, and on Saturday, May 11th at 2:00pm. Tickets will be available prior to the performance for \$10.00 cash at the door for children and adults. Please support the wonderful work of our students!

AMS/AHS Band and Chorus Concerts-SAVE THE DATES

The AMS/AHS Band and Chorus Concerts will take place on:

Wednesday, May 15th @ 7pm – 7/8 Chorus and High School Concert Choir
Tuesday, May 21st @ 7pm – 7/8 Band and High School Concert Band
Wednesday, June 5th @ 7pm – 5/6 Band

All concerts are in the auditorium. Students are expected to participate in these performances, so please look at athletic and other schedules to make sure students are able to be in attendance.

Thank you.

Timothy Leonelli, MM
Director of Music, Drama Advisor

AHS Course Selection Process for 8th Grade Students

Last week, all 8th Grade students met individually with Abington High School Guidance Counselors to review their level placements and select their electives. After the meeting, students received a print-out of their level placements and elective selections to bring home for review. If parents/guardians/caregivers would like to request a change to a level placement they should email the Abington High School Department Head prior to Wednesday, May 1, 2024. A letter detailing this process, was attached to the course print out. If you need an additional copy of this

letter or of your child's course selections, please contact Mrs. McDermod at carolinemcdermod@abingtonps.org.

S.S. Vocational Technical HS Summer Camp Offerings

South Shore Vocational Technical High School is offering summer camps to students entering grades 6, 7 & 8. For more information please visit: <https://form.jotform.com/240785657976073>

AMS Yearbook News

To order a 23-24 yearbook, please click the link below ORDER DEADLINE is **Friday, May 3rd**

[Click Here to Order AMS 23-24 Yearbook](#)

Enter Abington Middle School's Yearbook ID Code **14383024**

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.*

- 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>.

MCAS 2024 Testing Dates

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

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

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

Grs. 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 to school every day.

Also, please have them bring a water bottle to school every day. (Plastic water bottles please - no glass bottles).



HEALTHY ATTENDANCE PRACTICES



See You in Class!

- Have a runny nose or a little cough, **but no other symptoms**
- No fever-reducing medicine for 24-hours, and **no fever** (temp. of 100.4 or higher) during that time
- No throwing up or diarrhea for 24-hours

HEADING TO SCHOOL!

What should I know?

Missing just one day of school every two-weeks is equal to 20-days per year, which is 4-weeks per year, and would equal 1.5 years of missed learning from Kindergarten to grade 12.

A day of missed school is a lost opportunity for academic growth and social development. By coming to school **every day they're not sick**, your child is gaining the academic and social skills to be successful in life.



Best to Stay Home.

- Temperature higher than 100.4 (with or without medicine)
- Persistent cough
- Throwing up or diarrhea
- Eyes are pink and crusty
- Instructed by doctor to isolate from others

MY STUDENT IS STAYING HOME.

What should I do next?

- 1 Notify the school by phone as soon as possible (phone numbers and times noted below)
- 2 Repeat this checklist every morning. We hope to see your student back soon!

Please call the number below (before the time noted, if possible) to report your student's absence:

- AEEP - 781-982-2195 - Before 8:45am
- AMS - 781-982-2170 - Before 8:15am
- BBES - 781-982-2185 - Before 9:30am
- AHS - 781-982-2160 - Before 7:45am
- WES - 781-982-2180 - Before 9:15am

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