



ABINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 6 PCC Information Night/Stonehill College @ 7:00pm

MARCH 6 AMS Yearbook Meeting 2:30pm - 3:30pm

MARCH 8 AMS Spring Fling Dance/Please see details below

MARCH 11 AMS PTO Meeting @ 7:00pm/AMS Cafeteria

MARCH 13 Trimester 3 Begins

MARCH 13 Grs. 5 & 6 Student Council Meeting 2:30 - 3:00

MARCH 13 AMS Yearbook Meeting 2:30pm - 3:30pm

MARCH 19 Early Release 11:10am/Breakfast & lunch will be served

MARCH 22 Trimester 2 Report Cards will be available on Aspen

MARCH 26 AMS Spring Portraits/Order ***Online Only***

Only students who have ordered package online will have photo taken/Information to follow

MARCH 27 AMS Yearbook Meeting 2:30pm - 3:30pm

AMS Spring Fling Dance

Friday, March 8, 2024 Tickets = \$5.00 - AMS Cafeteria

5th and 6th grade - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

7th and 8th grade - 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Tickets are on sale during all lunches on Tuesday, March 5th and Wednesday, March 6th for \$5.00.

*Pickup after the 5th and 6th grade dance will require adults to park and come get their students at the door. We hope this helps to keep traffic issues to a minimum.

Pick-up promptly at 7:00pm and 9:00pm please. Thank you.

Grade 7 & 8 Math Course Placement 2024-2025

Abington Middle School has two grade level mathematics courses in grades 7 & 8. Those are Math 7, Accelerated Math 7, Math 8 and Accelerated Math 8. The majority of students will be placed into the grade level Math course, either Math 7 or Math 8.

In alignment with the Massachusetts Curriculum Standards, a group of students will be placed into Accelerated Math courses. Grade 7 placement into Accelerated Math is based on statewide assessments, a math common assessment in grade 6 and teacher recommendation. The grade 6 common assessment that will be used to assist in placement will be taken by students during the week of March 11th. Grade 6 parents/guardians will be notified of placement decisions via mail in mid-April.

Grade 8 placement into Accelerated Math is based on statewide assessments, mathematics classroom achievement in grade 7 and teacher recommendation or can be initiated through parents/guardians request. Grade 7 families will only be notified if there is a recommendation for change of placement. This notification will take place closer to the end of the school year.

GRADE 8 OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AHS SPRING SPORTS

We are excited to share that current grade 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in track & field (boys and girls) and softball this spring at Abington High School. These are high school teams with other students in grades 9 - 12 that will compete interscholastically and students will be expected to practice daily. If your son / daughter is interested, please register online (Click below)

<https://students.arbitersports.com/abington-high-school-athletics/2024-spring-sports-6>

Students must be in good academic standing to participate in high school athletics. Students can send updated physicals to Ms. Reid (**aliciareid@abingtonps.org**). We must have a physical from the last 13 months on file to be able to participate. Please email Mr. Serino (**peterserino@abingtonps.org**) if you have any questions.

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.

AMS Yearbook News

The Yearbook Club invites students, parent/guardians, staff and community members to submit photos for the 23-24 AMS yearbook. Submit your *school appropriate* photos of AMS students including student names and what the photos are from (ex. sporting events, school events, play, dance, etc.) Email photos to **ams2024yearbook@gmail.com** by

April 1st. *Not all photos will be selected.*

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.*

- March 6th
- March 13th
- March 27th
- 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

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

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

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. State mandated screenings will be ongoing throughout the rest of the school year. 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).