

# AMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL

## SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025

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March 7	Math Masters Competition, St. Croix Central
March 7	End of Trimester 2 and Term 4
March 18	Large Group Music Contest @ Unity 4-9 pm
March 21	7th Grade Civics Field Trip
March 24-28	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 2-11	6th-8th Grade State Forward Exam
April 17	MS Fine Arts Concert: 6:30 pm Choirs, 7:30 pm Bands @ MS Gym
April 18	NO SCHOOL
April 21-25	Spring Fling Week!
April 24	End of Term 5
May 7	8th Grade All-Skills Career Day
May 9	AMS Community Genius Hour 9-10:30 am
	8th Grade Youth Jam 11:30 am-3 pm
May 26	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day/Cadet Band Parade
May 30	6th Grade Pioneer Village Field Trip
June 5	End of Trimester 3 and Term 6 - 2nd Semester Reward Day

#### AMS phone numbers:

(715) 268-9771

Office ext. 303

Attendance ext. 302



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#### REWARD DAY FUN!



# NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK ...

By Tom Bensen

We are excited to start our third trimester here at Amery Middle School. It's hard to believe that we are nearing the final part of the school year. In this final newsletter, I want to highlight a couple of upcoming events:



learning program called Genius Hour. During Genius Hour, students are able to research a project that they are passionate about (whatever they want to learn about). Students create a driving question to direct their project, spending several weeks researching their topic and then creating a presentation to showcase their work. On Friday, May 9, we will hold our annual AMS Community Genius Expo. This event will be open to the public, and every student will be presenting their Genius Hour project. We encourage parents to come and attend this event if they are able.

**Forward Exam (Wisconsin State Test):** Students will be taking the Forward Exam State Test during the month of April. All students will take a computerized Math and English Test, and 8th grade students will also take a Social Studies and Science computerized test. Testing in the middle school starts on Wednesday, April 2, and ends on Friday, April 11.

(Note the Forward Exam Calendar in this mailing).

**8th Grade Youth Jam:** Our annual 8th grade youth jam celebration is coming up on Friday, May 9. The 8th grade students will participate in fun outdoor activities (on school grounds) following the Genius Hour Expo. We are exploring ways to improve this event with our 8th grade student leadership team.

**Spring Music Concert:** We are excited to hold our Spring Band and Choir Concert on Thursday, April 17. We are splitting up the concerts for size and time, with the Middle School Choirs performing at 6:30 p.m. and the Middle School bands performing at 7:30 p.m. This concert will be held in the Amery Middle School Gym.

**Fourth Quarter Reward Day:** Second semester reward day is scheduled for Thursday, June 5. This is also the last day of school. More information about this event will be provided to students at a later date.

If you have any questions about these items or on any other matter, please call the school at (715) 268-9771, ext. 303.

**AMS Community Genius Expo:** This year, we once again kicked off our project-based



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# AMS COMMUNITY GENIUS HOUR



**FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025**

**9-10:30 AM**



Please join us for our 6th annual Amery Middle School Community Genius Hour! Students have been hard at work on their projects since February, exploring their individual passions and ideas and preparing to present. Time has been set aside weekly for students to work on their own or in small groups, diving deeper into their topics of interest.



*Genius Hour is designed to foster lifelong learning skills and expand student knowledge on topics of their choosing. Corporations worldwide use a similar process to tap into employers' ingenuity and promote creative concepts and processes for their businesses.*

## Summer School registration open

Summer School 2025 catalogs will be available March 13. Registration will be open in March and April. There is no cost for Welcome to 4K, Welcome to Kindergarten, academic and enrichment courses for Grades K-8, Pioneer School and weight training.

Visit [amerysd.k12.wi.us/district/summerschool.cfm](http://amerysd.k12.wi.us/district/summerschool.cfm) for details.



## Yearbook cover entries wanted

It's time to get creative! Entries are being accepted for the 2024-25 4K-8th Grade Yearbook. This year's theme is "Warriors Forever." Completed entries should be turned in to the MS Office by April 3.

One winner will be selected from each grade. The winning entry will be used as the yearbook cover, and the artist will be awarded a free yearbook and grand prize. All grade-level winners will receive a prize and be featured in the yearbook.



Amery 4k-8

# YEARBOOK



[plicbooks.com/go/3DRH97](http://plicbooks.com/go/3DRH97)

### How to Order

Step 1. Point your smartphone camera at the QR code and watch for a link to a website to pop up. Follow that link.

Step 2. Add how many books you need to your cart & checkout.

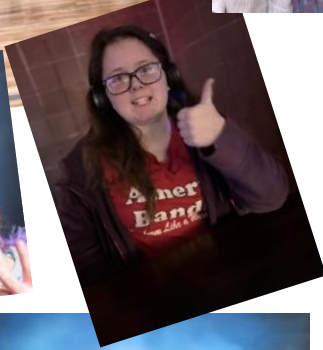
Need to order with cash or a check?

Stop by the office and pick up a paper order form

All orders must be placed by March 30th

ONLY  
\$15.00





# Let's dance!

The Middle School Student Leadership Team hosted our Winter Dance on Feb. 20. Students danced, snapped pictures with friends in the photo booth, played volleyball and/or basketball, and just hung out with classmates in a non-academic setting. Thank you, Mrs. Weisenbeck, for all your time and effort organizing this fun night for us.

## News from the School Nurse



### Vaccinations for 7th graders

Recommended vaccinations for 7th Grade students include one dose of Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) and one dose of a Men-ACWY-containing vaccine (meningitis).

Wisconsin State Law requires schools to have on file the recommended immunizations or a waiver. Waivers for personal or religious reasons can be signed by the parent or guardian.



Medical waivers must be signed by a medical provider.

### Nodding off in class?

Is your student getting enough sleep? Sleep resources and recommendations can be found at:

[www.sleepfoundation.org/teens-and-sleep](http://www.sleepfoundation.org/teens-and-sleep), as well as [www.sleepfoundation.org/children-and-sleep/sleep-and-school-performance](http://www.sleepfoundation.org/children-and-sleep/sleep-and-school-performance).

# AMERY COMMUNITY *Education*

LEARN MORE AND PRE-REGISTER WITH  
COMMUNITY ED UNLESS THE DESCRIPTION  
SAYS OTHERWISE. USE THE QR CODE TO THE  
RIGHT OR VISIT THE 'COMMUNITY' TAB OF  
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE:  
[amerysd.k12.wi.us/community/](http://amerysd.k12.wi.us/community/)



**DNR CERTIFICATION COURSES** \$10/class  
Must have DNR ID# to sign up. For ages 11+. Certificates  
valid at age 12. All are in-person, traditional classes.  
Register in advance with Amery Community Ed.  
Must attend all scheduled class meetings for each class.

- **HUNTER EDUCATION:** Three classes offered.
  - March 31, April 1, 3, 7 from 5:30-8:30p
  - June 16-19 from 8-11:30a (during summer school)
  - June 16-19 from 12-3:15p (after summer school)
- **ATV SAFETY:**
  - April 14, 15, 17 from 5:30-8:30p
- **BOATING SAFETY:**
  - May 19, 20, 22 from 5:30-8:30p



**BABYSITTER TRAINING: AMERICAN RED CROSS**

For ages 10-15. Gain the knowledge & skills to safely and responsibly care for children and infants. Class includes first aid and CPR training.  
Instructor Wendy Carlson  
Sat, Mar 15 from 9a - 3:45p

\$45



**ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES COMING UP:**

Visit Amery Community Ed online for details, dates, costs, and to register.

- **DIY WORKSHOPS** - A variety of great and fun projects offered - join us! (St Patrick's Day Gnome, Artificial Succulent Tea Cups, 4-Piece Bunny Shelf Sitters, Easter Gnome, Plant Hanging Stand, Patriotic Light-up Porch Leaner, and more)
- **TECHNOLOGY COURSES LIVE ONLINE VIA ZOOM** (Parents with Littles, Creating Social Media Content, Canva, etc.)
- **INSTANT PIANO & GUITAR** online
- **ADULT INTRO TO RUNNING - 5K TRAINING**
- **FINANCIAL SAFETY FRAUD AWARENESS SEMINAR**
- **EASTER COOKIE DECORATING**
- **HERBAL FIRST AID**
- **ADULT LEARN TO GOLF**

**WISCONSIN STARWATCH PARTY WITH MIKE LYNCH (WCCO)**



Make the stars your old friends as we watch the great show in the skies over Amery. We'll have giant telescopes aimed at Saturn, Jupiter, star clusters, galaxies, and other great celestial treasures. Learn about popular constellations and some of the great stories behind them. You'll get a great handout package with user-friendly star maps and constellation charts, websites, a telescope-buying guide, and more! If it's cloudy, you'll get a Mike Lynch "Cloud Check" for a future Starwatch class.

Friday, April 4 from 8-10p

- Adult \$19
- Youth ages 10-18 (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult) \$12
- Under age 10 Free

**DRIVER EDUCATION**

Classroom Driver Education in Amery is offered in the summer to School District of Amery students who will be 14 years old by 6-1-25. Pre-registration is required. First come, first served for class choice. Visit the Amery High School / Driver Ed page of the district website to learn more and to register before the deadline.

Use the QR code.



**SUMMER FOR YOUTH**

Watch for additional information on the following offered this summer in Amery:

- Basketball Camps
- Volleyball Camps
- Softball Camps
- Junior Golf
- Tennis Clinic
- Track & Field Club
- Pole Vaulting Camps
- Pickleball Camps

