



October 25, 2023

FRIDAY - WEAR PINK FOR BREAST CANCER



On Friday, the AMS Student Council is sponsoring a special Pink Theme Day in support of October being National Breast Cancer Awareness. Student Council will also be selling ribbons during lunches for 25 cents each - The proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your support.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - WEDS 11/1/23

There will be no classes on Wednesday, November 1st due to staff development activities. Thank you.

AVERILL PARK EDUCATION FOUNDATION GALA EVENT - 11/17/23



The Averill Park Education Foundation invites you to their 17th Annual Gala on Friday, November 17th at Old Daley on Crooked Lake. The Gala is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Ed Foundation and with the money raised at the event, is able to support the school district through grants awarded throughout the year. To learn more about how the Ed Foundation is helping and for registration information, please [read this letter](#) and [visit their website](#).

SAND LAKE KIWANIS - HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DISTRIBUTION

The Sand Lake Kiwanis Club is once again supporting families in need for the holiday season. Please see this [informational flyer](#). Hard copies of the flyer and form are available in the AMS Counseling Center. Please contact your child's counselor if you have any questions about this program. Thank you.



FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE MET!

We are proud to announce that over 900 food items were collected in support of the AMS Food Pantry and the Kiwanis Holiday Food Program!

As a result, students are allowed to dress up for Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st.



Additional information about expectations for Halloween dress up will be provided on the morning announcements. Below are images of some slides from that announcement.

Halloween Costume Expectations



HALLOWEEN COSTUME RULES...

- Must Be Done At Home:
 - Any makeup or hair product
 - No changing into costumes at school
- Costumes cannot distract from school learning environment
- Students will need to be able to wear their costume for the full day



HALLOWEEN COSTUME RULES...

- Costumes must be school appropriate
- No "halloween masks" are allowed.
- No weapons or representations of weapons are allowed
- No overly scary or gory
- No inflatable costumes



HALLOWEEN COSTUME RULES...

- If you have any questions about your costume, ask in advance
 - See your MM teacher
 - See Mr. Messia during lunch or Access
- Enjoy this special privilege!



OCTOBER APO EVENT - SPOOKTACULAR - THURSDAY

The 2023 Halloween Spooktacular is coming up on Thursday, October 26th, from 2:30-4:30pm, right after school! Tickets are \$5 and will be sold on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during lunches. There will be cider and donuts, snacks, treats, games, music, and more!

Some important notes:

- 1) No tickets will be for sale on Thursday.
- 2) Students are NOT allowed to take the late bus home from this event as there is not enough capacity for that many students to utilize our late bus service. Thank you for understanding.



3) Students should NOT wear Halloween costumes to the event.

4) To attend, like all monthly special events, students must not have had ISS, OSS, ESD or two or more office referrals.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

AMS Picture days are November 16 & 17 during PE classes.

Pre-order today at www.mylifetouch.com with picture ID code EVTXVJD49

[Click here](#) for a digital copy of the order form.



ACTIVE PARENTING FOR TEENS - WORKSHOP

Effective parenting of teens can be challenging. The Active Parenting for Teens Program is here to help.

You're invited to attend

Active Parenting of Teens

This program will meet from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM on the following Mondays: 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27 and 12/4.

Meetings will take place in person at Knickerbacker Middle School in the 1st Floor Media Center (Library). Snacks and childcare will be available.

This class is FREE to Rensselaer County residents. The event is made possible by Rensselaer Co. Department of Mental Health's Student Assistance Program.

Click here for the [program flyer](#). Please use [this link](#) to register.



AMS Kiwanis Builders Club is collecting new socks of all sizes for infants, children and adults during the month of October that will be donated to local shelters...

"Sock it to the Shelters"

Please leave your donation in the box located near the main entrance at AMS!

Thank you from AMS Builders Club!

WINTER SPORTS SIGN UP

Registration for winter sports begins on Monday, October 16th. Please make sure all winter student-athletes have their parent/guardian complete the Winter 2023-24 Registration Form at

<https://www.familyid.com/averill-park-central-school-district-athletic-department>

by *Sunday, October 29th* if they wish to play. Student-athletes must also have a current health physical (that is valid for the entire upcoming season) on file prior to the start of the season. Physicals are good for a period of 12 months. Student-athletes should have their physical performed by their primary care provider. If this is not possible please contact the APHS or AMS Health Office.



Please note, for 7th/8th grade student-athletes interested in going through the Athletic Placement Process (APP) to participate in a JV or varsity winter sport, *only those student-athletes previously personally asked by the head varsity coach will be allowed to go through the process. Once registered you will be emailed a permission slip and a physical maturity form to be completed by your family physician. Please return the permission slip to Dylan Larkin (larkind@apcsd.org) and the physical maturity form to Rebecca Everett (everettr@apcsd.org) by Sunday, October 29th. If your son/daughter is not registered and/or the permission slip is not returned by the deadline, then your child will not be allowed to go through the APP and will only be allowed to play at the modified level.*

As always, make sure to check out [Averill Park Athletics](#) to stay up to date and to get answers to commonly asked questions. Also, make sure to purchase your Averill Park gear [here](#).

Mark Bubniak
Director of Athletics

FROM THE LIBRARY

EMAGAZINES THROUGH SORA:

Your child has access to always available digital magazines! You can find magazines for every subject in the Sora app, which your child may already be using for ebooks and audiobooks. The collection includes current issues and back issues for education and entertainment today. The best part? Each issue can be borrowed by as many people at a time as needed, with no waiting.



Check out the collection [HERE!](#)

EVENTS AT THE NORTH GREENBUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tiny Art: Have you heard of Tiny Art? Tiny art is art in miniature. We are going to have an Autumn Tiny Art Exhibit here at the library in November and would love for everyone (children, teens and adults) to contribute! Use a small canvas (about 4 inches by 4 inches) and create a fall themed masterpiece with any type of media you would like. We will have a supply of 4x4 canvases here at the circulation desk soon. Bring your artwork to the library by Monday, October 30th so we can arrange our Autumn Tiny Art exhibit in our front display case. We can't wait to see what everyone creates!

CHROMEBOOK PREPAREDNESS

If your child forgets their Chromebook or arrives at school with it dead, three times in one quarter, they will have lunch detention. Having their Chromebook in school, charged and ready to go is part of their job as a student. Please encourage your child to charge it and bring it to school as part of their after school routine. Thank you.

