



December 13, 2023

GRADE 6 WINTER CONCERT - 12/14

Our Grade 6 students will be holding their first concert of the year on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm here in the AMS Auditorium.



For those who cannot attend in person, family and friends can tune into a livestream of the concert on our school Youtube Channel. Simply [click here](#) and look for the “live” icon that will appear shortly before 7pm on the concert night.


ALGONQUIN’S GAME OF THE WEEK - FOR STUDENT SPECTATORS

AMS Students are invited to attend our Algonquin Game of the Week during the winter modified sports season.

Details about and expectations for these fun events were included in a video shared with students last week. Slides from the video can be viewed [here](#).

Students must sign up in advance, find a teacher to stay until 3:20 and have a ride here at AMS for 5:30pm.

Date	Team
Weds Dec 13	Wrestling
Weds Dec 20	Boys Basketball
Thurs Jan 4	Girls Basketball
Thurs Jan 11	Boys Basketball
Thurs Jan 25	Girls Basketball
Weds Feb 7	Wrestling



On December 20th, a concession stand will be available for students to purchase snacks. Let’s go Warriors!

GRADE 8 FAMILIES: TECH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

TechValley High School has begun its admissions process for next school year.

More information can be found on their [admissions website](#).

Averill Park plans to offer two seats to the TechValley program next year.

Please note that interested students must attend an information session provided by TechValley in order to be considered for the admissions lottery.

All applications are due to the AMS Counseling Center by Friday, February 16.

AMS families with questions can reach out to Grade 8 Counselor, Katelyn Baker at bakerk@apcsd.org

SL@AMS CANDY GRAMS

Back by popular demand, the SL@MS Candy Gram Fundraiser! Students will be able to purchase candy grams during their lunch periods starting on 12/7 up until 12/18.

Families can also purchase a candy cane gram and write a special note to someone special to be delivered in their morning meeting on December 22nd !

UPDATE: Candy Grams can be purchased by families on Thursday, 12/14 from 2:30-4:00 pm and Monday, 12/18 from 7:00-7:30 am.

Please contact Mrs. Baker at bakerk@apcsd.org for further questions! Thank you for supporting the SL@Ms club and the AMS Food Pantry.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fZsMGygexYA7ACejP_4WaN9fmVZA_f5f/view?usp=sharing

DECEMBER TEAM BUILDING TUESDAY



Our next Team Building Tuesday is coming up on December 19th. This month our focus is on relationship skills and working together.

Students will participate in a circle discussion on group work skills, engage in a mindful movement moment and engage in a rubber band relay activity!

It will be another fun afternoon of team building for everyone here at AMS!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY FRIDAY 12/15

AMS Picture retake day is Friday December 15th. Pre-order today on www.mylifetouch.com with picture day ID code EVTT3WJXQ

STUDENT COUNCIL THEME WEEK DECEMBER 18 - 22

Monday- Dress in Holiday Colors

Tuesday- Twins and More- Match your friends

Wednesday- Teachers and Students Swap Looks

Thursday- Favorite Holiday Movie Characters

Friday- Pajamas OR for 6th graders, Camp Halfblood

APHS CLASS OF 2025 FUNDRAISER



The poster features a warm, winter-themed background with a patterned blanket at the top, snowflakes, and illustrations of a mug of hot chocolate, a candle, and marshmallows. The text is centered and reads: 'Saturday, December 16th, 5-8pm', 'PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!', 'K-8, ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS!', 'Pay with cash or check at the door!', '\$25 to preregister, \$30 at the door.', 'Averill Park High School', 'Games, Movies, and Arts and Crafts!', and 'to benefit the class of 2025'. A QR code is located at the bottom left, with a black arrow pointing to it from a small box that says 'sign up here!'.

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APO NEWS



American Red Cross CPR Babysitting Course - GRADE 8 STUDENTS ONLY

Date: Saturday 1/20/24 Class Time: 9am – 2pm

Location: Algonquin Middle School Library

Cost: \$70 per student (includes certification)

What to Bring: Bag lunch, water bottle & pen

Registrations are due by 1/17/24

[Click Here to View the Registration Form - \(Also Available in the AMS Main Office\)](#)



The AMS Winter Luau will be on February 7th from 2:30-4:30. We will be playing beach ball volleyball, making crafts, playing games and of course LIMBO!!!! Sign ups will be coming out closer to the event!

The poster for the 'Winter Clothes Collection' features a winter scene with snow-covered evergreen trees. At the top center is the 'Kiwanis Builders Club Building Leaders' logo. To the left is a red mitten with a colorful zig-zag pattern, and to the right is a red and yellow winter hat with a pom-pom. A large white banner across the middle contains the text 'Winter Clothes Collection'. At the bottom right is a cartoon penguin wearing a red scarf and blue mittens. A white box at the bottom center contains the following text:

Donate November 13th-December 15th
Hats, Gloves, Ear muffs, Mittens, and Scarves...etc.
The Donation box will be outside the main office
For Joseph's House in Troy

FROM THE AMS LIBRARY

SAVE THE DATE FOR BOOK CLUB

The Pleasure Read Book Club returns on Thursday, December 14th. If your child would like to join us, they can bring a middle school level book of their choice. Students need to sign up. To sign up, they will need to let Mrs. Ekstrom know, in person or they can email her at ekstromr@apcsd.org

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!](#)

CHROMEBOOK PREPAREDNESS

If your child forgets their Chromebook or arrives at school with its battery 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. Additionally we have a very limited number of loaner Chromebooks that need to be utilized by students who may be experiencing a technical issue. Please encourage your child to charge it and bring it to school as part of their after school routine. Thank you.



FROM THE NORTH GREENBUSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tween Book Club: Our Tween Book club will meet again on Saturday, December 16 at 12:30 in the Children's Room to discuss the graphic novel *This Was Our Pact* by Ryan Andrews. Books are available at the circulation desk. Our Tween Book Club meetings include book discussion, a related craft and snacks. All kids ages 10-13 are welcome!

Lego Club: Calling all builders! Join us for LEGO Club on Monday, December 18 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Children's Room. You bring the imagination, we supply the LEGO!

FROM THE POESTENKILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Happy Birthday, Taylor!

We're in our jewelry making era. How about you? Come celebrate Taylor's birthday at the Poestenkill Public Library on 12/13 by making your own Swiftie bracelets! No prior jewelry making experience needed. All supplies will be provided.

This program is best suited to ages 12+. Registration is strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated. You can register by adding your name to the sign up sheet in the library or by giving us a call at 518-283-3721.

