



December 6, 2023

TRIMESTER 1 ENDS ON FRIDAY 12/8

The first trimester will conclude on Friday, December 8th. PFA classes change on a trimester basis. Students will switch to their new special that occurs opposite PE classes starting on Monday, December 11. Students can review their schedule in SchoolTool if they have questions about their second trimester PFA classes.

GRADES 7 & 8 WINTER CONCERT - 12/6

Our first school concert of the year will take place for our Grades 7 & 8 students on Wednesday, December 6th 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.

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 ! Candy Grams can be sold to families on 12/6 from 6:30-7:00, 12/11 from 3:15-5:00, or 12/14 from 6:30-7:00. Please contact Mrs. Baker at bakerk@apcsd.org for further questions ! Thank you for supporting the SL@Ms club and the AMS Food Pantry.

A festive poster for a 'Candy Gram Fundraiser'. The background is light blue with white snowflakes. At the top, the words 'CANDY GRAM' are written in large, bold, red capital letters. Below that, 'Fundraiser' is written in a blue, cursive font. On the left side, there is a large red and white striped candy cane. In the bottom left corner, two penguins are depicted wearing blue and white winter hats. The bottom right corner features stylized blue evergreen trees. The text 'HOSTED BY SL@MS' is in blue, followed by 'ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE AMS' in blue, and 'FOOD PANTRY' in blue. A large red '\$2' is positioned to the right of the text. Below this, a blue section contains the text 'Attention Parents & Guardians!' followed by instructions to write a message on a notecard attached to a candy cane to be delivered on 12/22. At the bottom right, three dates and times are listed in red: '12/6 from 6:30-7:00', '12/11 from 3:15- 5:00', and '12/14 from 6:30-7:00'.

CANDY GRAM
Fundraiser

HOSTED BY SL@MS
ALL PROCEEDS GO
TOWARDS THE AMS **\$2**
FOOD PANTRY

Attention Parents & Guardians!
Write a holiday or encouraging
message to your child or someone
special on a notecard attached to a
candy cane to be delivered on
12/22 in morning meeting!

12/6 from 6:30-7:00
12/11 from 3:15- 5:00
12/14 from 6:30-7:00

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

APHS CLASS OF 2025 FUNDRAISER

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.

sign up here!

Averill Park High School
Games, Movies, and Arts and Crafts!

to benefit the class of
2025

Sign up with the QR code or by clicking [this link](#).

YOUTH PREVENTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health is conducting a Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey during the week of December 11, 2023. Here at AMS the survey will be administered in Grades 6 and 8. Additional information about this important, county-wide initiative can be found in [this letter](#). Thank you.





AMS Student Council is once again collecting toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys from now until December 11th near each science office as well as in the vestibule at the main entrance.

The Capital District is the #3 toy collection point in the entire US! To date, the Marines have distributed 652 million toys to over 291 million deserving children. Help put a smile on a child's face this holiday season. We thank you in advance for your support.

**TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
RECOVERY COMMUNITY
PERFORMANCE & ART EXHIBITION**

Sand Lake Center for the Arts
sica
Where Art Comes to Life

Collaborative project focusing on combating the stigma associated with substance use disorder by showcasing talents of those affected.

Promoting awareness, support, hope and recovery.

**9
DECEMBER
2023
3-6 PM**
OPENING & PERFORMANCE EVENT
**Sand Lake Center
for the Arts**
2880 NY-43
Averill Park, NY

the ARTS CENTER

This is a free event

For more information visit
www.artslettersandnumbers.com/transformation-project

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Awareness. Prevention. Support.

THE TROY SAVINGS BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Arts program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by The Arts Center of the Capital Region.

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!



FROM THE LIBRARY

CODING CLUB IS THIS THURSDAY

Your child can join us for Coding Club this week! We will meet on Thursday, December 7th from 2:30-3:20. Your child may get a ride or take the late bus home at 4:20. To sign up, they will need to let Mrs. Ekstrom know, in person or they can email her at ekstromr@apcsd.org

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.



AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILD TO SEE AN AUTHOR

APHS Art teacher Logan Kline has written a fabulous new picture book, [Finding Fire](#).

He is going to do a workshop at the high school, and we wanted to offer it to any AMS students who are interested to join in. It would be in the winter, after school, (date TBA). Students will take a bus to APHS with Mrs. Ekstrom. They will either need to be picked up at APHS, or sign up to take the late bus home from there.

For more information about [Finding Fire](#), please see this slide show:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/162C75I42LU6YQeV_gFWVMIVgnTpody665IISrdM6uzk/edit?usp=sharing

If you would like your child to attend, please email Mrs. Ekstrom at ekstromr@apcsd before December 8th.

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

Back By Popular Demand! Book Lover Ornaments

Our Book Lover Ornaments were super popular last year so we're bringing the program back again! We'll be making Book Lover Ornaments on Thursday, 12/14, at 6:00 pm.

These adorable ornaments are super easy to make and would not only look great on your own tree, but would also make an incredible gift for any of your book loving friends or family members. You can fill the ornament with any books you choose. Some ideas that we had include:

Fill an ornament for yourself with all the books you read in 2023

Fill an ornament for a book club friend with all the books your club has read together

Fill an ornament for a teacher with the books they've read aloud in class

Fill an ornament for your adult child with all the favorite books you read together when they were young

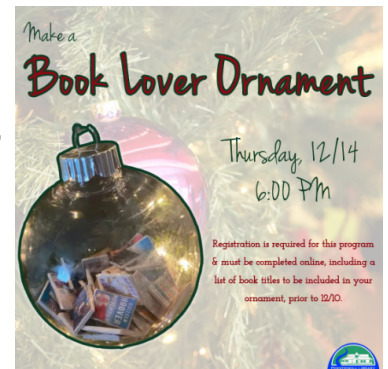
Fill an ornament with all the books written by a favorite author

Fill an ornament for yourself or a loved one with your/their all time favorite books

Registration is required for this teen and adult program and participants must supply a list of the books they plan to fill their ornament with by 12/10 so we can have them ready for the event.

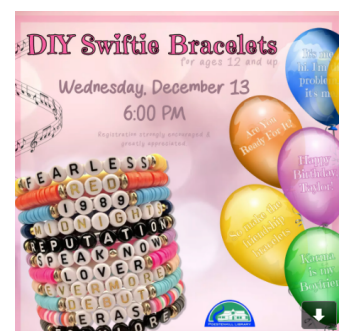
To register and supply book list:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3ipnS6onMbVoe2yn9IqeQy4o9NGKuMXL0zODK6s8yVeL2ZQ/vi>
[ewform](#)



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.

The Poestenkill Public Library has introduced a new Books and Treats (BAT) subscription box program just for teens ages 13-18. Interested teens can register to receive a box each month. What's in the BAT Box? Each box is jam packed with library books hand-picked for each subscriber based on their preferences, along with snacks and super-fun themed goodies to keep!

Registration for December boxes is open until 12/4. Registration forms can be found at the library, or there is an online registration available via the library's website as well:

<https://www.poestenkilllibrary.org/teen-scene/>

Please see the flyer below for more information.

