



**January 3, 2024**

### **Mid-Point of Second Marking Period**

We are at the mid-point in the second marking period and as a result we encourage all AMS parents to sit with their child for a few minutes this coming weekend to check on their child’s progress on SchoolTool. For those who may be struggling with grades in the second marking period, there is still time to improve with the quarter ending on Friday, January 26th.

### **APHS Scheduling Presentations**

On Tuesday, January 9, the APHS principals and counselors will be here in the AMS Auditorium during Periods H and I to share information about the high school and the scheduling process. Students will attend this assembly with their PE, Music, Art, FACS, Warriors or Earth Science classes.

Also, as previously announced, on January 9th, the APHS administration will be holding a Grade 8 Parent Information session at 6:00pm in the APHS Auditorium. More information is available in [the flyer](#) from APHS.

### **ALGONQUIN’S GAME OF THE WEEK - FOR STUDENT SPECTATORS**

Our next game of the week is on Thursday, January 4, featuring the Modified Girls Basketball game!

Details about and expectations for these fun events were included in a video shared with students.

Students must sign up in advance, find a teacher to stay until 3:20 and have a ride here at AMS for 5:30pm. Students should see the email sent by Mr. Messia for more information.

Also, on December 21st, a concession stand will be available for students to purchase snacks. Let’s go Warriors!

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



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# January AMS Builders Club Collection

We are collecting the following:

Standard Size Pillows

Standard Size Pillowcases

Twin Bedding

Blankets

January 3-29th



The collection box is located outside the AMS main office. All items collected will be donated to Joseph's House in Troy.

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## 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](mailto:bakerk@apcsd.org)

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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!



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## FROM THE AMS LIBRARY

### SAVE THE DATE FOR CODING CLUB

Coding Club returns on Thursday, January 11th. If your child would like to join us, they 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](mailto:ekstromr@apcsd.org)

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE JANUARY BOOK CLUB

The Pleasure Read Book Club returns on Thursday, January 18th. 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](mailto: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.

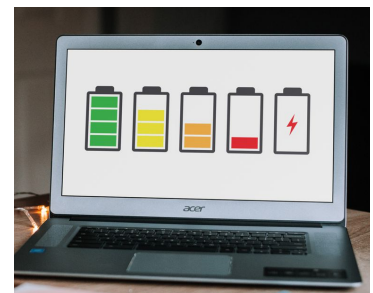


Check out the collection [HERE!](#)

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## 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.

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# A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FROM THE POESTENKILL PUBLIC LIBRARY!

## BAT BOX IS BACK FOR A NEW CYCLE

The Poestenkill 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 January boxes is open from 12/27/23-1/10/24. BAT Boxes can be picked up after 1/24/24  
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/>

**BAT BOX**  
BOOKS AND TREATS JUST FOR YOU

ONLY AVAILABLE TO YOUNG ADULTS AGE 13-18

Request Before 1/10/24

Pick Up 1/24/24

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

1. FILL OUT A REQUEST FORM & TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR READING HABITS.
2. OUR LIBRARIAN WILL HAND-PICK BOOKS FOR YOU BASED ON YOUR PREFERENCES. PLUS SHE'LL INCLUDE SNACKS AND THEMED TREATS FOR YOU TO KEEP!
3. PICK UP YOUR PERSONAL BAT BOX AT POESTENKILL LIBRARY DURING THE DESIGNATED PICK UP WEEK.
4. ENJOY YOUR BAT BOX.
5. RETURN THE BOOKS & BOX TO THE LIBRARY BY THE DUE DATE. KEEP EVERYTHING ELSE!

SCAN FOR DECEMBER BAT BOX REQUEST FORM

For more information call Poestenkill Library at 513-523-3721 or email Director@Poestenkilllibrary.org

REMEMBER TO REQUEST A BAT BOX EVERY MONTH!