

AMHS

NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Message from Mr. Desmond

We made it to March! This is a great month for students and teachers to hit their stride. As always, our focus is on academics and ensuring students are learning transferable skills that will help them in school, in the workplace, and in life after they leave AMHS.

March will see the start of MCAS testing. Students are ready to tackle this important graduation requirement and should not feel any undue stress.

On the second page of the newsletter are important dates and information you should take note of. Please mark down these dates and participate as much as you can.

Here's to a great March!

Attendance is Important!

Attendance at school and in class is extremely important to any student's educational needs. Please ensure that students are in school and on time every day.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days in a school year, negatively affects a student's academic and social performance. That's just two days a month and is identified as chronic absence from school.

Research also shows that being PRESENT IN SCHOOL improves academic performance, social emotional skills, and leads to higher civic engagement during and after middle and high school. We want students here and want them to find success.

If you have questions regarding your child's attendance, please contact the main office.

Shout Outs!

Polar Plunge Raised \$2,821!

Girl's Varsity Basketball Team made the Tournament for first time in 10 years!



Important Dates and Info for March 2023

Family Conferences

March 9th: 5:30-7:30pm

March 10th: 12:00-2:30pm

*All Conferences by Appointment Only

*Link Posted on [AMHS Website](#)

MCAS Dates for March

10th Grade ELA:

- Tuesday, March 28th
- Wednesday, March 29th

NHS Blood Drive

Thursday, March 9th

Winter Sports Awards Night

Tuesday, March 14th at 6:00pm

Student Transition Night

Current 5th and 6th grade students and their families are invited to attend a Student Transition Night event on March 16th, beginning at 5:30pm. More information to come.

Skill of the Month

Since December, AMHS has focused on a specific academic skill in every class.

December focused on Inferencing, January focused on Supporting Ideas with Evidence, and February focused on Context Clues for Unfamiliar Vocabulary. Now, in March, we will focus on Synthesis. Talk with your students about their work in their classes on these specific skills.

High School Course Selections

During the month of March, students in grades 8-11 will begin their course selections for next school year. Please talk with your students as they begin this important process.



"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.