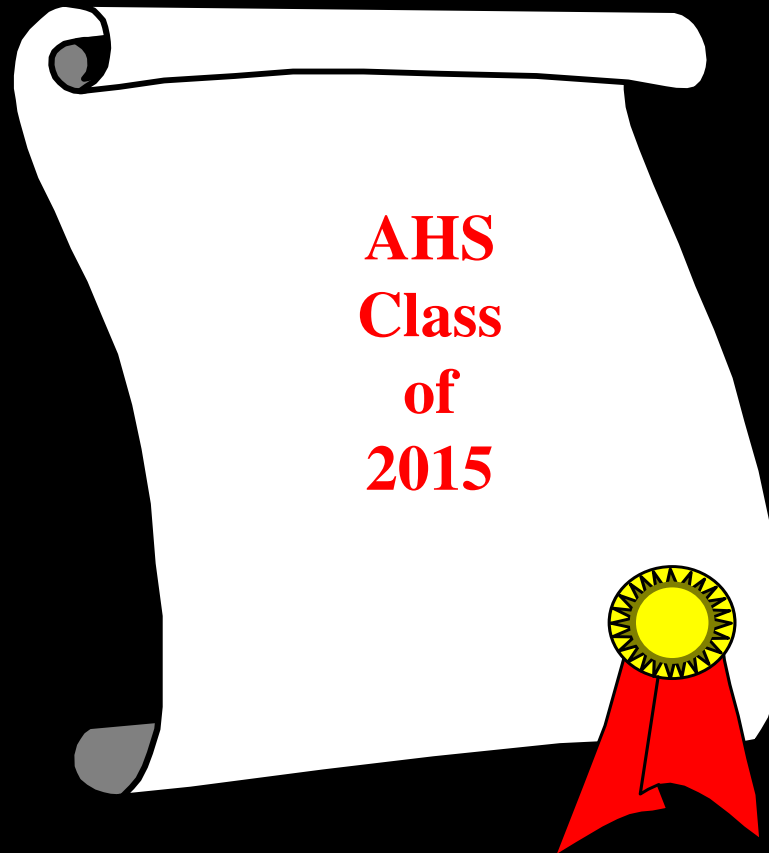


Welcome



**AHS
Class
of
2015**

Guidance Counselors

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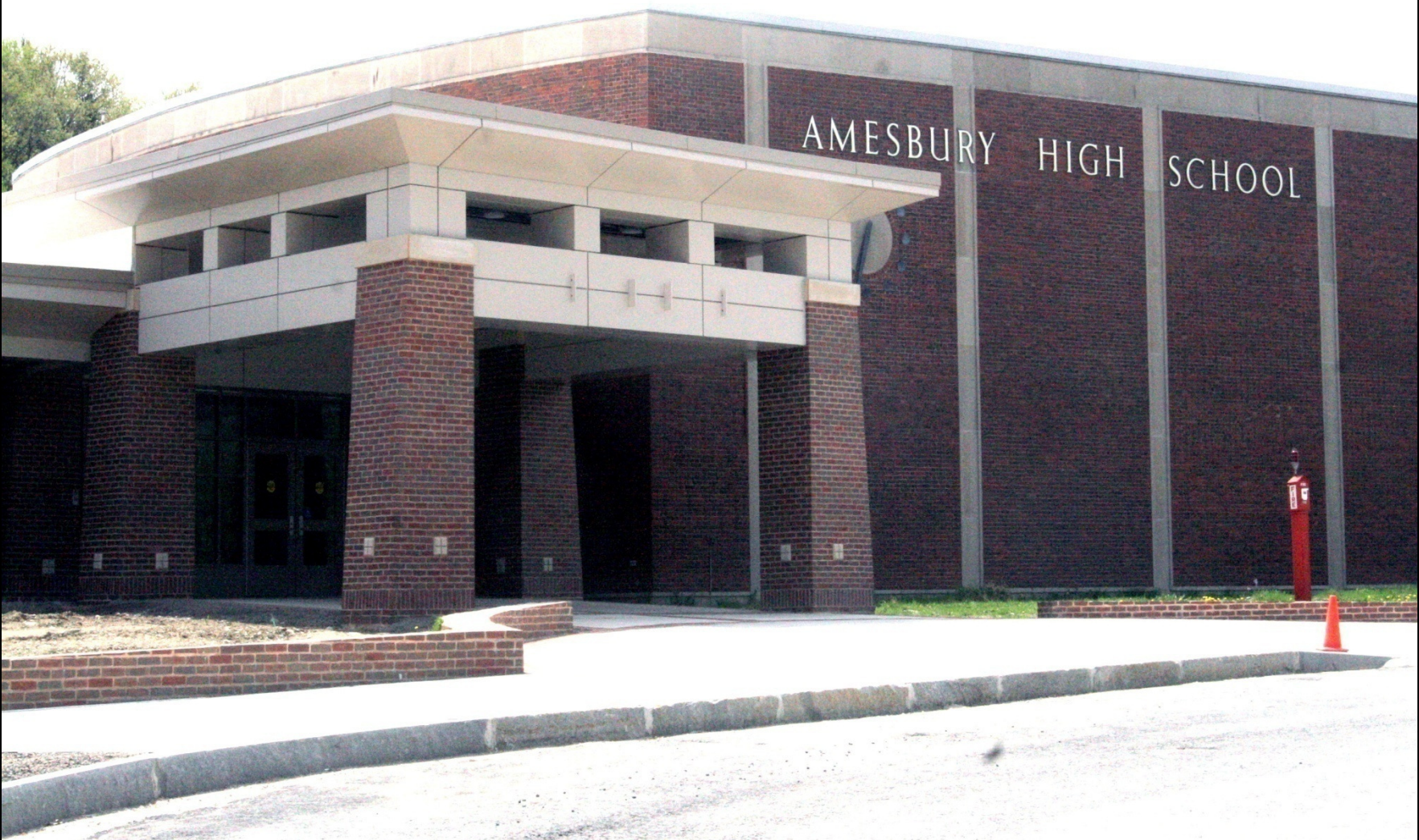
George Dodier

Susan Saurman

Adjustment Counselor

Megan Schneider

AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL



Our Mission

- Amesbury High School is committed to the pursuit of excellence by providing a quality education in a safe, caring and respectful environment. We promote a challenging curriculum with diverse co-curricular activities that emphasize communication, critical thinking and tolerance. We encourage lifelong learning, personal and social responsibility resulting in contributing members of an ever-changing, global society.

Learner Expectations

Students Will:

- 1. Access, comprehend, analyze and interpret information.**
- 2. Organize and convey ideas through communications.**
- 3. Define Problems, develop strategies, and evaluate modify and implement solutions.**
- 4. Demonstrate the use and application of technology.**
- 5. Develop and demonstrate a sense of civic and social responsibility.**

Earning Credits Toward Graduation

Credits can be earned as: 1 credit

2 credits

or 4 credits

Examples: 1) Biology A, 1 Quarter = 1 Credit

2) Spanish, 2 Quarters = 2 Credits

3) AP U.S. History, 4 Quarters = 4 Credits

Students taking band can earn up to 18 credits, all other students have the potential to earn 16 credits per year

56 Credits are required for graduation

Credit Requirements

56 credits over 4 years
are necessary to
qualify for a diploma.

Students must carry 16
credits per year=
(4 classes each quarter)



Course Requirements

- 1) 10 Quarters of English
- 2) 9 Quarters of Math
- 3) 7 Quarters of Science
- 4) 7 Quarters of Social Studies
- 5) 2 Quarters of Foreign Language
- 6) 1 Quarter of Child Development
- 7) 2 Quarters of Technology
- 8) 1 Quarter of Fine Arts
- 9) 1 Quarter of Health Education
- 10) 3 Quarters of Physical Education
- 11) 75 hours of Community Service

Course Levels

Amesbury High School offers courses at various levels for students with different abilities and motivations.

- College Preparatory
- Honors
- Advanced Placement (AP)

Honors and AP classes have certain requirements which are listed in the Program of Studies.

Course selection will be based on achievement, ability, teacher recommendation and personal preference.

Amesbury High School classes are taken in a block schedule format

- **Period A** 7:22-7:55
- **Period 1 (Block 1)** 8:00- 9:27
- **Period 2 (Block 2)** 9:30-10:57
- **Period 3 (Block 3)** Lunch A 11:00-11:30
Lunch C 12:30- 1:00
- **Period 4 (Block 4)** 1:03-2:30

“A” Block

There is one 35 minute period at 7:20 am which is used mainly for band, chorus and extra help sessions. This is followed by four periods of 87 minutes.



Sample Schedule

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Band	Band	Band	Band
LA (A)	LA (A)	Foreign Lang	Foreign Lang
Biology A	Biology B	Biology C	Phys. Ed
World Hist.	World Hist.	Math	Math
Math	Math	LA (B)	LA (B)

Schedule of Events

- December 16th All 8th graders visit Amesbury High School 7:30-10:00
- January 6th Program of Studies available online at www.amesburyma.gov
- February 15th & 17th Registration at Amesbury Middle School
- February 8th Registration at Barnard School
Private Schools: Register by appointment with Susan Saurman at saurmans@amesburyma.gov

All students will receive a copy of the registration form to take home and review with parents. Forms need to be signed and returned to a Middle School counselor or Barnard School Principal



Above: Students check out information about colleges at one of the weekly college fairs held in the fall.

In the Class of 2010, 93% continued their education, 61% of the students went to four year colleges, 32% went to two year colleges, and 7% went into the military or went directly to work.

All students need to complete at least 75 hours of community service as a graduation requirement.



Athletics

Approximately
200 students
compete on
athletic teams
each season.

Eligibility

Students must
pass 3 out of
their 4 classes.



There are many non-athletic co-curricular activities including:

- * Student Council
- * Student Advisory Council
- * AHS Weekly Newspaper
- * Jazz Band
- * Art and Camera Club
- * Environmental Club
- * Big Brother/Sister
- * Gay/Straight Alliance
- * Ping-Pong Club
- * Class Officers
- * High School Quiz Show



- * Math Team
- * Science Team
- * Literary Magazine
- * Interact Club
- * Select Choir
- * Yearbook
- * Peer Leaders
- * Drama Club

Academic Honor Societies

- National Honor Society
- Quill and Scroll Honor Society
- Opus Bono Historiae
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Tri M Music
- French/Spanish Honor Society
- National English Honor Society
- Science National Honor Society



AHS students have many opportunities to earn academic and non-academic awards. These include:

- *Honor Awards Night for students on the Honor Roll**
- * Top 10 Banquet for Seniors**
- *Unsung Student Awards sponsored by the Alumni Association**
- *Book Awards**
- *Athletic Awards**
- *Excellence In Education Awards**



Newburyport Art Association award to Mass College of Art summer program

Dual Enrollment

**Partnership with Northern Essex Community College
&
Salem State College**

- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Business Entrepreneurship
- English Composition I
- Anatomy and Physiology I



On –Line Courses

- Amesbury High School students can choose over 100 courses available to them through Mass Colleges On-Line
- In 2007-08 20 students took on-line courses
- In 2008-09 15 have taken on-line courses
- In 2009-10 20 students took on-line classes

Why Amesbury?

- Dual Enrollment Program Courses and On-line offerings
- Career Fairs
- Apprenticeship Program and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
- Students Nationally Recognized for their Leadership and Academics
- The Band awarded an Excellent National Rating
- Early College

A Look into the Future

- Additional Advanced Placement Courses
- Increased Electives in Foreign Language, Art, Drama, and Math
- Interdisciplinary Courses
- Associate Degrees through Northern Essex Community College Applied Science and Early Childhood Education

