

~What day is my child going to school?

This is based on which team your child is on, if you are unsure, ask your child's teacher(s) via email. The First In-Person Days are Thursday 12/3 and Friday 12/4 for Lime, Red, White and Orange Teams. Monday 12/7 and Tuesday 12/8 are the first In-Person Days for Aqua, Blue, Green and Yellow Teams.

IN-PERSON SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
5 - Aqua	5- Aqua	5 - Lime	5 - Lime
6 - Blue	6 - Blue	6 - Red	6 - Red
7 - Green	7 - Green	7 - White	7 - White
8- Yellow	8 - Yellow	8 - Orange	8 - Orange

~What will my child need for technology?

If your child has a school issued Chromebook, they must bring it back and forth to school (please remember to charge nightly).

We are not a 1:1 technology School, therefore we need students to bring their own devices if they have the ability. Please bring personal Chromebooks and laptops to school, they can be connected to the hotspots to access the internet appropriately. We have very few remaining Chromebooks for student use during in-person learning.

~What does arrival look like in the morning at AMS?

Bus students will be dropped off at the front horseshoe driveway in the front of the building in the morning and are asked to walk to the large horseshoe driveway off of Child's Avenue before being allowed in the school at 7:35 am.

Drop Offs will be dropped off as far forward on Child's Avenue as the parent can drive and are asked to walk to the large horseshoe driveway off of Child's Avenue before being allowed in the school at 7:35 am.

Walkers are asked to cross Main Street safely with our crossing guards and are asked to walk to the large horseshoe driveway off of Child's Avenue before being allowed in the school at 7:35 am.

Grade level location at Arrival:

Each grade level will have a designated area in the large horseshoe for social distancing. There will be signage for each grade level as well as yellow #'s on the driveway at a 6 foot distance. Masks must be worn at all times. Staff will be on hand each morning to ensure social distancing protocols are being followed.

-5th Grade will enter the building by team in a staggered fashion starting at 7:30 into Door 3 (near Mr. Denio's office).

-7th Grade will enter the building by team in a staggered fashion starting at 7:30 into the Gym Doors.

-6th Grade will enter the building by team in a staggered fashion starting at 7:35 into Door 3 (near Mr. Denio's office).

-8th Grade will enter the building by team in a staggered fashion starting at 7:35 into the Gym Doors.

Each cohort will go directly to the location they will be in for the day. Students will know this location in advance of arrival (each cohort teacher will advertise this on Google Classroom and the school will send out a mass email). Teachers will assist in escorting students to these locations.

[AMS BUS STOPS 20-21](#)**~What does dismissal look like in the afternoon?**

Students are familiar with a staggered release upon dismissal from AMS as we have done this for many years. Busses will be called in the following order:

-6th Grade and 8th Grade

-5th Grade and 7th Grade

-Walkers/Pick-ups will then be dismissed in the same order.

Teachers will monitor halls for social distancing during dismissal. Students are required to wear masks while on campus, staff will be present at dismissal to ensure social distancing and staff wearing becomes routine in this setting.

~Can you assure social distancing now that your groups are larger due to the Team model?

Yes, each room is a large space and has been measured to ensure social distancing. Students must wear masks and will be 6 feet apart in all settings.

Designated outdoor areas have been identified for mask breaks for each cohort.

~Will students be traveling in the hallways?

Most of the day, students will stay put in their designated large space. The exceptions to this will be Lunch, Recess, Mask Breaks, Physical Ed., Tech. Ed. and some Art classes.

Students will never travel the hallways unmonitored and all hallways are marked with appropriate signage to remind them of social distancing and mask wearing.

~What will lunch look like, how can large groups eat socially distant?

The lunchroom is equipped to handle half of one team at a time at a distance of 6 feet or more. If students are eating the free school lunch (which is quite ample) they will be ushered into the cafeteria in that direction to stay in line 6 feet apart to pick up their lunch (no money will be exchanged). Students who elect to bring their own lunch will sit first along the front rows at the ends of each long table and the cafeteria seats will be filled in accordingly. Students will use this seat for the remainder of the school year.

While eating, students can take down their masks. They must stay seated for the entire lunch period. If they need to get up and move for any reason they need to raise their hand and ask for permission. They need to be masked if moving.

Students will have a 10-15 minute break before or after lunch. Weather permitting, this happens in the recess field or the large horseshoe once we have a lot of snow. In foul weather, students will remain in their classroom areas and be monitored (masks must remain on).

IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A COAT, A WINTER HAT AND GLOVES EVERYDAY THIS WINTER. WE ARE GOING OUTSIDE IN COLD WEATHER!

~I chose for my child to stay remote, what does their schedule look like?

Below is the fully remote schedule. Your child will be with their class on these days based on the Team they are in. We are also working on the potential for live-streaming now that we have hotspots available.

LIVE REMOTE SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
5 - Lime	5 - Lime	5 - Aqua	5 - Aqua
6 - Red	6 - Red	6 - Blue	6 - Blue
7 - White	7 - White	7 - Green	7 - Green
8 - Orange	8 - Orange	8- Yellow	8- Yellow

The team-based model provides remote students the ability to remain with their classmates and their teachers on their respective two days of **live, synchronous instruction**. Remote learners will have priority access to their teachers on Wednesday mornings during the Student Support Block. In addition, remote learners can access their teachers during CE (Curriculum Enrichment) as they are currently scheduled. In addition, a schedule where **live content support** (certified teacher, but not a student's own teacher) can be accessed will be developed for each grade level during what would have been fully asynchronous days under the old model.

~Can we have some more information about COVID-19?

As we head into our first week of hybrid learning, please make sure to check your child(ren) each day to make sure they are symptom-free. Please see the letter written by our Nurse Leader, Rita O'Neill. Please also review the guidance about Thanksgiving and holiday travel: <https://www.smores.com/u1sfd>

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STAFF:

Please review the following checklist of symptoms prior to entering any school building each day.

Does the student or staff person have any of the following symptoms?

- Fever (100* Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose when in combination with other symptoms

If so, please stay home, call your doctor, and get a Covid-19 PCR test. Please leave a detailed message on your school's sick call line. A negative Covid-19 test and 24 hours fever free without medication and improved symptoms are required to return to school.

Any individual who enters a school building with symptoms will be sent home immediately. Parents of students are asked to provide 4 contact numbers for a responsible adult to pick up your child in a timely fashion in the event of illness.

Thank you for your assistance with keeping our school community healthy during these unprecedented times.

Kind regards,
Rita O'Neill BN BSN NCSN
Amesbury Public School Lead Nurse



Let's Line the Drive for the Amesbury Reverse Holiday Drive-Thru!!

Saturday, December 5, 2020 in the Amesbury High School Driveway

- Set-up between 1:00 and 3:00pm- You bring it, you take it home!
- Blow Up Lawn Decorations or Lawn Ornaments!!
- Stationary "Floats" - Decorated trailers or Cars to represent your organization!
- Twinkly lights!! BYO generator or extension cords. AHS has limited outdoor power hook-up
- Want to participate? Please fill out the Reverse-Holiday Drive-thru Registration form [HERE](#) to register your individual/group entry. Questions or willing to volunteer? Please contact Johanna Kimball; jokimball081101@gmail.com



Amesbury Reverse Holiday Drive-Thru

Saturday, December 5, 2020 in the Amesbury High School Driveway

Take in sights and sounds of the season from the safety of your own vehicle! (route will be shared prior to the event)

- **4:00-4:45pm for AES families**
- **4:45-5:30pm for CES families**
- **5:30-6:15pm for AMS families**
- **6:15-7:00pm for AHS/AIHS families and Amesbury community at-large**
- **Have children in multiple schools? Please choose 1 time slot for your drive-thru to assist with traffic in and out of the Amesbury High School driveway**
- **Want to participate? Please fill out the Reverse-Holiday Drive-thru Registration form [HERE](#) to register a student or community group, or click [HERE](#) to fill out the waiver for individual participation.**

AMS Spirit Wear

STORE IS

OPEN

The Amesbury Middle School Parent Advisory Group (PAG) is excited to announce that the Spirit Wear store is now open – just in time for the holidays! The online store has been refurbished with all kinds of new items that we hope you will find useful for your child or someone on your holiday shopping list to show some AMS pride!



The online ordering system is template driven allowing you to choose your sport or activity, then add a logo or personalize with a name, team, number and more. Products will be delivered right to your home (small delivery fee).

This year-round fundraiser helps PAG support student activities throughout the school year for our middle schoolers. If your child is part of a sports team or club, you can also order items in bulk through our store and AMS PAG will benefit from these orders as well.

Check out the link below to get started shopping today:

<https://www.spiritshop.com/school/massachusetts/amesbury/amesbury-middle-school>

Questions on this program can be directed to Anne Guertin at amguertin@comcast.net



AMESBURY

Holiday Tree Lighting

Enter raffle for
the chance to be
the one lucky
family downtown
with Santa!

\$5 per ticket
Winner selected
December 2nd!

All proceeds benefit PAG & PTO

For more information and to purchase raffle tickets please visit
The Amesbury Chamber of Commerce website and click on events.

<https://amesburychamber.com>

*Social distancing & public health
practices must be followed by winner