

August 2022

AMS Families,

Welcome back to school! I am excited to see all of our returning students and meet our students new to Anamosa Middle School. Some information as we prepare to start the 22-23 school year...

### **Arriving and departing**

The area behind AMS is for bus traffic only; the front for all other vehicular traffic.

Bike racks are located in both the front (to be used by 7th/8th graders) and back (to be used for 5th/6th graders) of AMS.

Please honor the pedestrian right of way in the cross walks in front of AMS. Before and after school are very busy times and your patience and defensive driving will help in keeping everyone safe.

The school day at AMS is 8:10-3:10. On early release days, we are out at 1:10.

### **Breakfast**

Students expecting to eat breakfast at school should plan to arrive at AMS between 7:50 and 8:00 and enter the main doors into the commons. All breakfasts will be eaten in the AMS commons. Classes at AMS begin at 8:10.

### **Daily Announcements**

Our secretary, Brenda Lehrman, will send out daily announcements via email for those of you who have indicated you'd like to receive them. You can also find the daily announcements on Infinite Campus.

### **Dress and Appearance**

As parents/guardians are busy buying new clothes for their child(ren) for the upcoming school year, please keep in mind our AMS dress expectations (and also in the student handbook).

The pride and image of a school is reflected in the way students dress. The image of Anamosa Middle School is that of well dressed young people. Appropriate dress combines common sense and good taste in dress and grooming. Shoes must be worn at all times. You must be neat, clean, and properly attired.

Unacceptable items include:

1. Clothing that is revealing in its design (halter tops, spaghetti straps, tops that reveal the belly or midriff, crop tops, muscle shirts, extremely short skirts or shorts, etc.) If you find yourself constantly having to adjust your clothing, it is probably unacceptable for school wear.
2. Clothing with vulgar, sexually suggestive language and/or gestures, stated as a double meaning, or other messages that are disruptive to our school environment.
3. Clothing which has alcohol, tobacco, or drug advertising.
4. Caps, hats, bandanas, hoods--staff must be able to identify students without the hindrance of a head covering. Students should not intend to hide their level of engagement under or behind a hood.
5. Sunglasses
6. Gang related items
7. Chains, cords, ropes, studded jewelry, etc. that may be used as a weapon

If dressed inappropriately, students will be asked to turn shirts inside out, put on a jacket or change, etc.

### **Parent/Student Athlete Meeting**

We are hosting a fall sports parent/student-athlete meeting in the AMS gym at 5:00 on Tuesday, Aug 23, 2022. Volleyball, cross country, and football parents and student athletes should plan to attend. A message from Activities Director Mr. Jones will be a part of this meeting.

### **Safety Drills**

We will be conducting a variety of safety drills the first week of school and practice at other times throughout the year. This is not to scare students, but for us to learn how to respond if/when we have a safety situation.

### **Tours of AMS**

We will not be hosting a back to school night for all students. Students who are new to AMS this year, will be given the opportunity to sign up for a tour time that works for the new student and their parent(s). <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FA9AC2CA2FF2-tour>

For all students who are returning to AMS, an interactive map of AMS will provide you with information you need to get started. This interactive map will be posted on the ACSD website by August 15th and will show the location of classrooms, assigned entry doors, and information about our teachers. Logging into Infinite Campus will provide students with their schedules by August 15th.

### **Update to Webpage**

Watch for an updated look to our district's webpage coming soon! [www.anamosa.k12.ia.us](http://www.anamosa.k12.ia.us)

### **Volunteers**

We'd love to have some volunteers who can help out on a regular basis! Volunteers will be required to pass a school conducted background check. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about any of the following volunteer opportunities. This does not need to be limited to parents/guardians only.

Crossing Guard- Approximate times 7:50-8:10 and/or 3:05-3:20 (1:10-1:20 on early release days)

Copy Machine- up to two hours/week to run copies for teachers

Library Assistance-We could use a volunteer each day (two to three hours daily) to shelve books, check books and computers in/out, etc.

Athletic Events-we are always in need of ticket takers, score book/board operators, concession stand workers, etc.

### **2021-2022 AMS Yearbooks**

We still have some yearbooks remaining from this past school year. Please call the AMS office @ 462-3553 if you are interested in purchasing one. The cost is \$16.

Yours in Education,

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