

February 26, 2021

Hello AMS Friends and Families,

We hope that this email finds you all well. There is something about the energy of sunshine, blue sky, and temperatures above 40 degrees that adds a little extra pep in our step (or dance moves, in the parent drop off area)!

As we transition from Black History Month in February to Women's History Month in March, we ask you to join us in celebrating the many accomplishments of women across all our country and world. While we know that our teachers work to embed the accomplishments and celebrations of women throughout our social studies classrooms (and across disciplines), we will provide a daily highlight of various women's achievements throughout the month as we did during Black History Month. As we mentioned last month, if you have any highlights that you come across to share with our students and teachers around women's history, please share them with us!

This week's update has many logistical components embedded below. Please take the time to review each header with your student(s) this weekend- we appreciate your support on this!

A few important updates for this week:

- **Bus Transportation Update**
  - Students will receive information next week during their period 1 class about a specific area of the bus they will be assigned to sit in. This will be another mitigation strategy that we continue to utilize for student safety and contact tracing purposes. A more detailed correspondence will be sent to you on Tuesday afternoon about this. Please talk with your student this weekend about this, as we will talk with them next week, to prepare them for this shift.
- **District issued Chromebook Update**
  - There will be a distribution of new chromebooks to 8th grade students on Wednesday, March 3rd. Students need to bring their current district issued device and charger to school with them, as always, on Wednesday to exchange it for a new device and charger
  - Further information to come on chromebooks for 7th grade students.
  - As a reminder, the expectation each day is that **students are using their district issued device- not a personal device**. This is important as our teachers utilize specific monitoring programs to assist in students' attention and focus during instruction. We have asked teachers to remind students of this as well and notify us if a student is continuing to use a personal device, so that we can assist in ensuring all students have their district issued device each day.
- **Course Selection Update**
  - At this point, all 8th grade students should have selected their courses for the 21-22 school year. Mr. Franco worked with all students in their social studies classes this week to review courses they were recommended for by their current

teachers, walked them through selecting courses in PowerSchool, discussed the balance of a high school schedule, and he is available for any questions or inquiries about your 8th grader's transition to AHS.

- This week, Ms. Boland will work with all 7th grade students to review their course recommendations and select their courses through PowerSchool. More information to come on next year's schedules.
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
  - We have decided to create a live, google form, for questions that families may have about small or large scale elements of the day to day and future months at AMS. As we know, information is ever evolving in our current world and we would like to provide an easily accessible spot for families to drop a question that may be on their minds. If the question is very specific to your student, we'd ask that you utilize email to a specific party, but if the question is more global in nature, we'll ask that you use the form and we'll include answers weekly in this correspondence.
  - [Frequently Asked Questions](#) form (you do not need a google account to fill this out)

Below is our A/B rotation for next week. Have a wonderful weekend!

Stay warm,

Dave and Kristina

**Schedule for the week:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 - A	2 - B	3 - A	4 - A	5 - B