

March 12, 2021

Hello AMS Friends and Families,

It's nearly impossible to believe that we are at the year mark of our schools shifting into a remote learning mode, as our country and world braced for the COVID-19 shutdown. When our students boarded buses and got into cars on that Friday (the 13th, no less), when our faculty and staff closed down their laptops, as our custodians made their rounds and our cafeteria staff prepared for the following week's meals, we all prepared to venture into a territory that was far from familiar. With incredible patience and collaboration amongst our schools, families, and the greater community, we pivoted into a new way of teaching and learning, and worked tirelessly to remain connected to the reason we walk through the doors each day: our students. Now, a year later, we walk through the doors (of our circular building) each morning and look forward to continuing to connect with our students in person, and remotely, as their presence is what grounds us. Their resilience, their curiosity, their compassion and their responsibility has led us through a year of our lives that no one will ever forget. Our students, in partnership with our faculty and all of you, remind us that anything is possible, and when we work together, we can persevere through just about anything.

As we enjoy the warmer weather (for now, at least), we wish you and yours a relaxing and safe weekend.

A few reminders for this week:

- Quarter 3 will end on March 31st, for planning purposes.
- We will host another Virtual Coffee with the Principals on March 31st. A reminder email with a zoom link will be shared closer to the date.

Schedule for the week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15- A	16 - B	17- B	18- A	19- No School Professional Development Day

Previously Shared information:

Bus Transportation Update

- As was previously explained in our correspondence earlier this week ([TBS/AMS Bus Update 3.2.21](#)), students have been assigned to specific color zones on their bus. It is critical, for contact tracing and students' health and safety that students adhere to their assigned zone on the bus daily. Thank you for your support in reminding students of this!

AMS Announcement Google Slides

- At the request of many families, we will now post our AMS Announcements google slide deck on the [Avon Middle School website](#) on Mondays, for your viewing. These announcements are projected daily in classrooms and emailed to your students.

District issued Chromebook Update

- As a reminder, the expectation each day is that **students are using their district issued device- not a personal device**. 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.
 - If your student is remote, please see the update from our Central Office team.

Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences

- [AMS Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference Letter](#)

Frequently Asked Questions/Answers

- [FAQ & Answer Running Document](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) form (you do not need a google account to fill this out)

State Department of Education Resources

- [Resources for Families](#)
- [Social Emotional Family Resources](#)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Stay well,

Dave and Kristina