

# Auburn Middle School

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## FRIDAY FAMILY UPDATE #11 November 5, 2021

Good afternoon AMS Families!

We have implemented an automated answering system in our main office to help better direct incoming phone calls. This should prevent so many calls needing to go to voicemail during our busiest times of the day.

We are happy to announce that we will be having our first Local Seafood day at Auburn Middle School this next Friday, 11/12, with locally caught haddock as the main lunch choice. We've partnered with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute to increase the amount of local fresh fish in our menus for this upcoming school year. By serving seafood in our schools, not only are students benefiting from eating a healthy, lean, local protein, but we are helping to support our local seafood economy, from the fishermen to the dockside business to the seafood processors and distributors. Supporting local seafood has rippling economic impacts throughout the supply chain. The haddock will be breaded, baked, and served with a lemon parsley aioli paired with coleslaw, roasted new potatoes and apple crisp all prepared using locally sourced products as well.

The Winter Sports Season starts Monday! AMS offers Basketball, Alpine Skiing, and Nordic Skiing. You can sign your child(ren) up at:

<https://www.familyid.com/programs/auburn-middle-school-winter-athletics-2021-22>

**The last day to sign up for Winter Sports is Sunday, 11/7!**

Coaches will be reaching out to families of those signed up this weekend. Gym times for Basketball next week are listed on our [AMS Athletics Website](#). Skiing will start after Thanksgiving. Students who are in quarantine will be given a chance to get placed on a team when they return.

Our school website can be found here: [AMS Website](#)

Here is important information regarding Pooled COVID testing in our schools: [Pooled Testing Information](#). We hope to begin pooled testing around November 15th. Students participating in pooled testing are not required to quarantine as long as they do not have symptoms if they are identified as a close contact. So far there are 62 students and staff from AMS signed up to participate.

Here is a link to the daily family COVID Screener. [New Covid Daily Health Screener](#).

Please submit 8th grade baby pictures for the yearbook with the student's name and Community to [cpoulin@auburnschl.edu](mailto:cpoulin@auburnschl.edu)

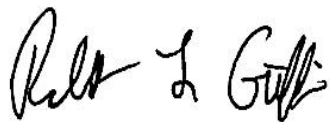
The Falcon Outlet is in need of some donations, especially boys/men's clothes and sweatpants. Other items we need are mittens, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, and non-perishable food items. Contact Nicole Knights with any questions at: [nknights@auburnschl.edu](mailto:nknights@auburnschl.edu). Thank you in advance for your support of our community!

We are all working hard to stay in school full time, but are continuing to see increasing numbers of positive Covid cases. Please remind your students that they need to appropriately wear a mask on the bus and while at school. There are numerous mask breaks during the day, including breakfast, lunch, recess, walks, etc.

Schools will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in recognition of Veterans Day. Friday 11/12 is a regular school day.

Enjoy the weekend, and don't forget to change the clocks!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Griffin". The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a cursive "Griffin".

Bob Griffin  
Principal, Auburn Middle School