

Auburn Middle School

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FRIDAY FAMILY UPDATE #1

August 27, 2021

Hello AMS Families!

Welcome to the 2021/2022 school year! To all of our 7th grade families, welcome to AMS! The Friday Family Update is a tool I use to send out weekly communication relevant to AMS families each Friday. Some updates will be brief, while others may be lengthy. This first one is on the lengthy side as there is quite a bit of information I want to share with you.

Our morning drop off procedure and afternoon pick up procedure are on our school website, including a colored map with arrows. Please know that there will be staff available to help direct traffic as needed. Students can be dropped off as early as 7AM, but not before then as we do not have staff to supervise them until 7AM. Both morning drop off and afternoon pick up are at the rear of the school.

School begins each day at 7:30AM. Students are considered tardy (late) if they arrive after 7:30AM, and need to check in at the main office upon arrival.

Our school day ends at 2:00PM each day except for Early Release Wednesdays, when the school day ends at 12:00PM. Early Release Wednesdays generally occur once a month. Our first Early Release Wednesday is on October 20th. The remaining early release days are 11/3, 12/1, 1/12, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, and 5/4. [School Calendar](#)

Our school picture day is on Monday, September 13th.

Each learning community has a designated community leader. Below are the names and contact information for our community leaders. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them with any questions you may have.

Ms. Bailey - cbailey@auburnschl.edu	Communities A and B
Mr. Leunig - wleunig@auburnschl.edu	Community C
Ms. Callahan - scallahan@auburnschl.edu	Community D
Ms. O'Connell - moconnell@auburnschl.edu	Community E
Ms. Begin - lbegin@auburnschl.edu	Community F
Ms. Carson - dcarson@auburnschl.edu	Communities G and H

We are proud of our school website and make every effort to keep it current. You will find staff contact information, lunch menus, athletic information, bus runs, copies of forms, updated COVID-19 guidelines.

The first day of school on Wednesday, September 1st, is an orientation day for **7th graders ONLY**. On Thursday, September 2nd, both 7th and 8th graders will attend school.

Transportation information is on our school website. If you have any transportation related questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 333-6658, option #1.

We are excited to announce that meals will continue to be free for all students for the 2021-2022 school year! All students will have the same opportunity for the same quality meals at NO COST. This includes (1) breakfast and (1) lunch per day. We will plan to reintroduce a la carte purchases at a later time, which will require cash or money deposited on your students' accounts as usual. Even though meals are free again this year, **we are asking that families complete the school meals benefit application to secure nutrition and other school program funding**. Submitting a school benefit application helps AMS receive more funding to support important educational and nutrition programs. You can find the application by clicking here:

<http://auburnschl.schoolunchapp.com/>. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the School Nutrition Program @333-6658, ext. 4

With the start of the school year we also usher in the start of the Fall Sports season! AMS offers three sports in the Fall: Cross Country, Soccer, and Field Hockey. Please sign your child(ren) up with FamilyID at:

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

Please note that there are no in-person sign-up options; using the FamilyID link is necessary to enroll your child(ren). A current physical (within 2 years) is required for your student athlete to participate. This can be uploaded into the FamilyID platform or faxed to the school. A current physical must be on file by September 15th. The first day of practices for all sports will be Tuesday, September 7th.

The [AMS Athletics Website](#) is a great resource for up to date sports information at AMS. Please direct all sports questions to our school's athletic director, Anthony Timberman, at atimberman@auburnschl.edu. We can't wait to see your students representing AMS this Fall!

All AMS students will be getting an AMS logo water bottle at the start of the school year. This is theirs to keep. It is our hope that the water bottles will help promote hydration throughout the day.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is resulting in us continuing to implement numerous safety procedures on buses and while in school. Masking is recommended but not required. The exception is on school buses. While on buses, all students are required to wear a mask. We understand that many families are choosing for their students to wear masks while others are not. It is important that all students feel welcome and supported regardless if they are wearing a mask or not. Here is the link to the district's Opening Guide:

[Auburn School Department Guide to Opening Schools 2021/2022](#)

If your student is feeling unwell PLEASE make sure they do not come to school.

Finally, we are looking forward to partnering with you this school year. We believe in having strong positive relationships between school and families. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Bob Griffin
Principal, Auburn Middle School