



AMHS THIS WEEK

August 31-September 1, 2017

From Tim Stewart

Hi All – I am so excited for this school year! We have hired excellent new faculty and staff who will be a great addition to our already-great team. This past week, we held our annual Orientation for sixth grade and other new students and their families. This was the largest crowd I've seen in years. Everyone seemed eager to start the year and begin a new chapter in their education.

Yesterday, we held a morning assembly to welcome new and returning students—a total of 212—to remind students about our expectations for them and to introduce new faculty and staff. A few key points I also wish to share with you:

NEW/FAMILIAR FACES

Mr. Brett ApRoberts, Chemistry/Physics/AP Chemistry

Mr. William Bazyk, Superintendent

Mr. Joe Blum, Special Education

Ms. Kaitlin Cheico, Special Education

Mr. David Curtis, Biology/AP Biology

Mr. Cory Jozefiak, Special Education

Mrs. Lei Lu, Chinese

Mrs. Meghan Maguire, Library/Media Specialist

Mr. Tomas Neeson, Instrumental Music/Band Director

THANK YOU

- Thank you to the entire summer custodial staff for all of their efforts: Joe Blum, Jeff Davis, Jamie Paustian, Mike Wood and Denise Watts. The school is sparkling! It's our responsibility as a school community to take care of our building and keep it clean.
- Thank you to the Gingue family (again) and to the Cross family who are hosting a total of three international students this year. We have students from Spain, Italy and Denmark—always a wonderful addition to our school.
- Our 2017 AP Scores were very high. Thank you to the faculty and students who spent hours of time preparing for these exams. These scores are a testament to the work ethic that is stressed here and to the commitment levels of our teachers and students.

ROOM CHANGES

We have a few room changes this year. The most important one for families to know is that the Guidance Office has returned to its old suite of rooms—Room 106 in the middle school wing. There, you will find Guidance Director Joanna Lederer-Barnes, Assistant Mary Martin and Curriculum Director Dr. Luisa Millington. In addition, we are working on the Senior Lounge. For now, seniors with privileges will have access to the conference room at the top of the stairs. As we re-configure the Marsh Library, a dedicated space will become the Senior Lounge. A few faculty moves: Carol Farley, Room 108; Lei Lu, Room 116; and Seth Woodman, Room 123.

CONGRATULATIONS

AMHS Senior Jamie Keel had her name added to the school's state champion track & field banner for her win during the 2017 Vermont State Track & Field Meet last spring. Jamie won the 800-meter race with a time of 2:37 minutes, a personal best for her. A first-year runner for the AMHS track team, Jamie also placed fourth in the 1,500 meter. Shown here with Jamie are Head Varsity Track & Field Coach Seth Woodman (left) and Assistant Coach Thom Powers.



REMINDERS

- The **AMHS Parent/Student Handbook** is available online this year. If you are having difficulty accessing it, please contact Chantelle Lamoureux in the main office at lamoureuxc@bvsu.org.
- We are introducing a **Flex Block** into our class schedule this year. If you have questions about Flex Block, we will be having a Q&A for families during our **Open House on Tuesday, September 12, from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Mack PAC.**

STUDENT LIFE

- Social Media—Think before you post.
- Attendance/Late to school—The fifth tardy in a Quarter will result in a detention with me after school.
- Best Effort and Positive Attitude—Key to success
- Apathy, Defiance and Insubordination—Never good options

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Our PBIS program will continue at the middle level. Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports team plans programming and works with students

and teachers to better understand the importance of: **Empathy, Attitude, Grit, Leadership, Esteem, Strive**

- Our Middle School Leadership Team will continue to meet and discuss ways to promote leadership and collaboration at the middle level. Last year's team was made up of three students from each middle school grade.

AMHS & Middle School is a great place for an education. We have caring and supportive faculty and staff who work to provide an excellent education for our students and to serve as positive role models. We are proud that we don't have locks on our lockers, and we are proud that when students find money or a cell phone that doesn't belong to them, they turn them into the office. These actions speak volumes about who we are as a school community and what we expect from each other.

AMHS is closed Monday, September 4, in honor of Labor Day. I hope you enjoy the long weekend. See you on Tuesday, September 5.

Tim