From the Desk of Principal, Todd Schafer:

As the calendar turns to March, I'd like to take an opportunity to provide you with some information on what lies ahead in the coming weeks and months at the middle school.

2020-2021 Scheduling

Current 6th and 7th grade students have received their course request forms and the scheduling process has begun for the 2020-2021 school year. Current 8th grade students will be meeting with the high school counselors on March 10th to receive important information pertaining to the scheduling of their courses for next year. If you have any questions pertaining to the scheduling process, please contact me at tschafer@armadaschools.org.

M-STEP & PSAT

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) and the PSAT will be administered to students this spring. The M-STEP, which students will complete using computers, will include summative assessments designed to measure student growth in various subject areas. All students in grades 6-8 will be assessed in English-Language Arts and Mathematics. 8th grade students will also be administered the M-STEP in science and social studies. The PSAT replaces the M-STEP English-Language Arts and Mathematics assessments in 8th grade. Spring testing begins the week of April 13th.

Over the coming weeks, the staff will be working with the students to familiarize them with the testing formats and to prepare them for this assessment process. More details, including the student testing schedule, will be provided in the April newsletter.

Additional Notes and Reminders

Students are expected to exit the building in a timely manner after dismissal at the end of the day. If students are in the building after school hours for tutoring, athletic events, or meetings, they must be supervised by a staff member. A supervised study hall is available from 2:30-3:30 pm in room 140 for students awaiting rides, practices, etc.

March Reminders

- 03/06...Half Day – Teacher In-Service
- 03/12-03/13...Half Day - Records
- 03/16...Start of 3rd Trimester
- 03/05..."Drugs Are Trash" Trash Bag Sale Starts
- 03/11-03/15...7th Grade Boater’s Safety Class
- 03/20..."Drugs Are Trash" Trash Bag Sale Ends @ 2:30
- 03/19...Spring and 8th Grade Pictures
- 03/27...Half Day – Teacher In-Service
- 04/03-4/10...SPRING BREAK
Congratulations to Mrs. Genereaux for being selected as the middle school’s “Teacher of the Year!” We’d like to thank Mrs. Genereaux for her continued hard work and dedication to the students of Armada. Mrs. Genereaux will also serve as the middle school’s nominee for the Macomb County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

January Students of the Month

Congratulations to Colten Germundson and Ella McIntyre for being nominated as our January Students of the Month. Below are the reasons they were recognized.

Colten is quick to help his peers when they are struggling with a concept. He excels in breaking down concepts into understandable and smaller tasks. Colten always has good insights to share with the class.

Ella is a dedicated and hard-working student. She goes out of her way to exceed expectations in the classroom and is always ready to help others. Ella is a pleasure to have in class and a role model for others.

February Students of the Month

Congratulations to Fischer Kobus and Aubrie Kukla for being nominated as our February Students of the Month. Below are the reasons they were recognized.

Fischer is the first person to help out anyone in need and he brings the utmost positivity to everyone around him. He is very kind to others and always has a smile on his face.

Aubrie is a respectful, responsible, and kind student. She is always doing the right thing despite what may be going on around her. Aubrie always puts forth maximum effort on her work even when it is difficult for her.
Trash Bag Fundraiser Begins

From March 5th – March 20th you will have an opportunity to support Armada Middle School by purchasing and selling something we use every day...Trash Bags!! Gift card prizes are awarded to the students who sell the most bags and turn in their order by 2:30 p.m. on March 20th.

Armada Middle School Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations to 7th grader, Isabelle Barrow, as the 2020 Armada Middle School spelling bee champion! Dylan Ant, who is also a 7th grader, placed as the runner up. Isabelle advances to the regional spelling bee which will be held at the Lorenzo Cultural Center. AMS sends out a big congratulations and best of luck to Isabelle!

2019 Armada Middle School Wrestling Season

The 2019 Armada Middle School wrestlers battled all season long to learn and grow as student-athletes and had much success. Several wrestlers finished the season with winning records. Many of them are still wrestling in MYWAY, which is basically like little league baseball or AYSO soccer, except with wrestling. Many of these MYWAY wrestlers compete on Sundays and earn medals all winter long: Jasper Viviano, Robbie Beyer, William Bunto, Cooper Chrisman, Logan Chunn, Aiden Cryderman, Zack Dykes, Evan Kaneinnen, Fischer Kobus, Trace Lietz, Jackson Malburg, Trenton Russell, Paul Stanczak, and Austin Vanderberghe.

2020 Armada Middle School Track Preview

In the next few weeks, there will be an informational meeting for any boy or girl in Armada Middle School who is interested in running track this year. Track practice will start around the time of spring break and will be each day after school at the high school. Any athlete that runs track this year will need a code of conduct, pay to play form, and a physical. All of these forms are available in the Armada Middle School Office.

Spring and 8th Grade Pictures

Lifetouch will be in our building on Thursday, March 19th for spring pictures and the 8th grade group picture. Purchasing options will be given to students to take home and will also be posted on our website.
Armada Middle School will be launching our Maker Space for the 2020-2021 school year. The Maker Space will be a place in which students can gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge. We are currently building out the Maker Space; we welcome any donations of materials, machinery, and/or funding.
COUNSELING CORNER
Mrs. Husken (586) 784-2520
bhusken@armadaschools.org

Macomb Family Services
Adolescent Outreach Counseling

Macomb Family Services provides free outside counseling services for those students who may be affected by family substance abuse issues. Licensed professional counselor Dorothy Yope can meet with students on a confidential basis during school hours for six sessions free of charge. Students are required to make-up any work they missed while in a session. Please contact Mrs. Husken in the AMS counseling center for more information, or you may call Macomb Family Services directly at 586-752-9696.

SEXTING—Think Before You Send

Texting is one of the many ways that cell phones and the internet have made it easier for people to stay in touch and share news and ideas. Sexting means sharing sexually explicit text messages or sexual photos or videos of yourself or others using a cell phone or internet. Sharing includes sending, receiving or forwarding inappropriate content. Not only is this unsafe, but also it is illegal! Privacy is not guaranteed, and it may be shared by others. A sext can cause embarrassment and humiliation by accident or on purpose. The images or texts can stay online forever and can cause bullying, harassment, attract sexual predators, and lead to legal prosecution by the police. If it happens at school, your child may face consequences such as suspension or expulsion. If you or your child is sent such messages or images, please advise them: don’t respond, don’t pass it on and do have your child tell a trusted adult! Please discuss this important issue with your child.

Before you post, tweet or send...

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DRUGS ARE TRASH BAGS

Student Name | Phone | Grade | 4th Hour Teacher

The DRUGS ARE TRASH bag is a 30 gallon 2 mil thick heavy duty trash bag that comes in a variety of colors: red, green, blue, etc. (Sorry, they come in random colors, we are unable to take orders for a specific color)

AGAIN THIS YEAR - 50 CT 2 MIL TALL KITCHEN LINERS
White Only without "Drugs Are Trash" logo

PLEASE fill out all the information and total the order.
One Check made Payable to Armada Middle School

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Orders Due Friday, March 20, 2020 by 2:30 pm.
AGAIN THIS YEAR: ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP
AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM.
Thursday, May 7, 2020 - All orders picked up in the MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM, 2:50pm - 4:00pm

Payment must accompany order
Prizes awarded at order pick-up.
Next Meeting Dates:
Friday, March 13th, 9:00am
&
Friday, April 17th, 9:00am
In the Parent Group Room, next to the Cafeteria

Have you donated your receipts today?
Shop Anywhere. Buy Anything.
Then just snap a picture of your receipt to earn money for our school!

What are you waiting for?
Download the free app & start fundraising in minutes.

Visit Our Website for the Latest News! ~ amsparentgroup.com
Celebrate Armada

Where our small town school
Makes big things happen!

Armada High School

Open House/Curriculum Night
March 5, 2020
6pm - 8pm

Come and see all of the great programs offered at Armada High School.
Live demonstrations, book fair, food, music and a raffle drawing for a “CELEBRATE ARMADA” gift basket!
Parents and students welcome!