

LINK Day New Parent Meeting

August 24th, 2026



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Welcome & Prayer



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AMHS Mission Statement

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School is a private Catholic, college preparatory school that welcomes students of all faiths. True to the spirit of the gospel, Archbishop Murphy nurtures the full development of the gifts that God has given to each student, fosters service as an outgrowth of faith, and values diversity. Working with parents as partners in the educational ministry, we strive for academic excellence, spiritual enrichment, and Christlike leadership for the transformation of the world.

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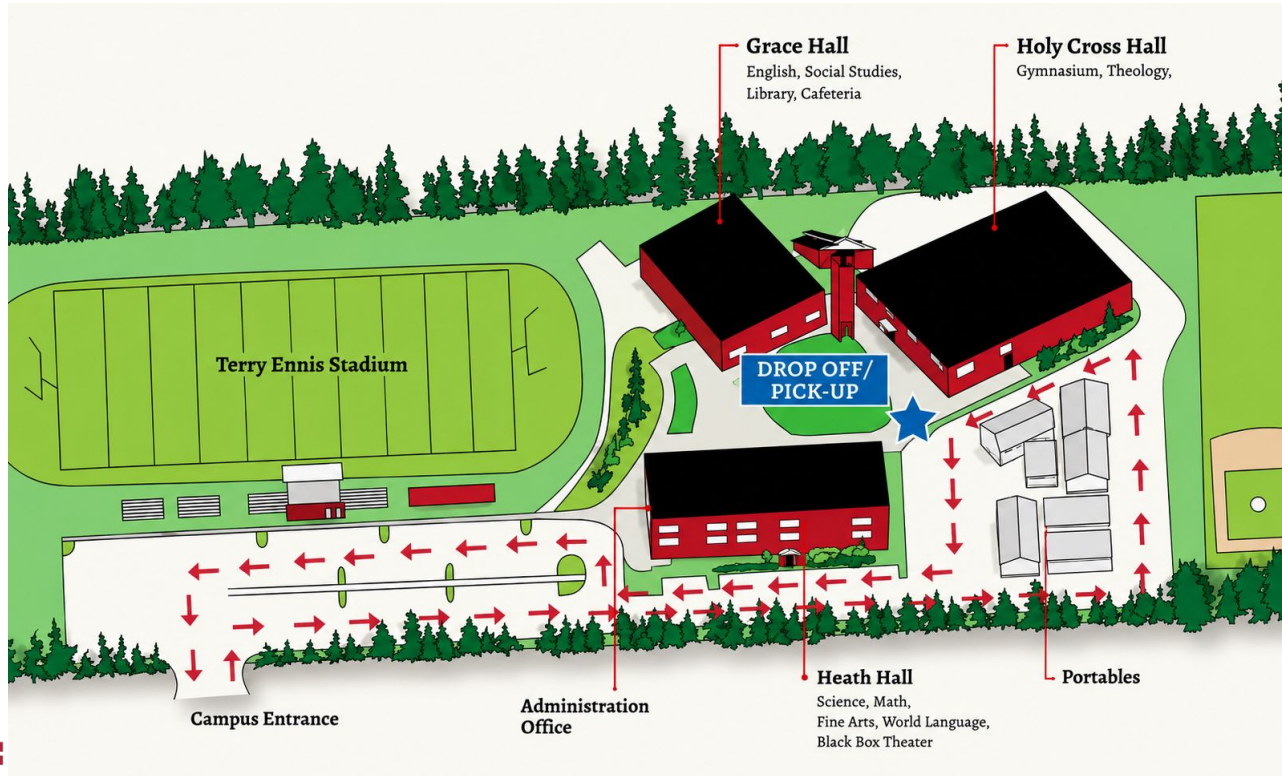
The First Day of School (Tomorrow)

- 9 am- 2 pm
- Students will start with an assembly
- Rotations:
 - School Pictures
 - Counselors & Campus Ministry
 - Community Period
 - Student Council
- Lunch Provided
- Afternoon- outdoor fun & games

A Typical School Day

- A normal school day is 8:00 am - 2:35 pm
- We alternate Red and Black Days:
 - Periods 1-4 are on Red Days
 - Periods 5-8 are on Black Days
- Our first Red Day is Wednesday, August 26th

Morning Drop Off



Bell Schedules and Class Schedules

Schedules

- Your students should have their class schedules already
- Students will walk through their schedule during LINK Day today
- For a schedule change, contact your counselor

Bell Schedules

- See our [schedules page](#) online

Bell Schedules and Class Schedules

RED DAY SCHEDULE

0 Period	7:00-7:50	(50)
1st	8:00-9:25	(85)
2nd	9:35-11:00	(85)
3rd (a)	11:10-12:35	(85)
1st Lunch	11:00-11:30	(30)
3rd (b)	11:35-1:00	(85)
2nd Lunch	12:35-1:05	(30)
4th	1:10-2:35	(85)

BLACK DAY SCHEDULE

0 Period	7:00-7:50	(50)
5th	8:00-9:25	(85)
6th (CP)	9:35-11:00	(85)
7th (a)	11:10-12:35	(85)
1st Lunch	11:00-11:30	(30)
7th (b)	11:35-1:00	(85)
2nd Lunch	12:35-1:05	(30)
8th	1:10-2:35	(85)

Lunch

- We have two lunch periods, 1st and 2nd Lunch, determined by student's class schedules
- Students can bring their own lunch (microwaves available)
- Ordering hot lunch? See our [lunch page](#) for links to ordering information

Late Start Days

- Some Black Days are Late Start Days
- School starts at 9:35 am
- There is no Community Period (6th period)
- If students need to be dropped off at the regular time, the cafeteria is open
- The first late start is Wednesday, September 3rd
- See the school calendar online [here](#)

Sports

- Fall sports have already started!
- Make sure you've selected sports in Final Forms

Arts

- Choir- Zero Period / Choral Aires
- Band
- Ceramics/Drawing & Painting/Graphic Arts
- Support the Arts through the [Fine Arts Council](#)



AMHS Counseling



Allie Sinex
A-E



Shannon Hippe
F-K



Brad Serka
L-P



Dane Stringfellow
Q-Z

Grades & Coursework

Grades:

- Our gradebook is Powerschool
- View student grades with a parent account
- Look for email about PowerSchool access

Classes:

- View your student's classes with a [Canvas Observer Account](#)
- Use the Canvas Parent App

Academic Resource Center

- Students who need extra academic support
- Provides Student Accommodation Plans
- Support Classes
- For questions, contact ARC Director Katie Campbell at kcampbell@am-hs.org



Attendance

- Call the attendance office at 425-332-3042
- Email attendance@am-hs.org
- If a student is tardy by:
 - Less than 5 min - go straight to class
 - More than 5 min - check in at the attendance office
- If a student will be absent:
 - Call or email
- Planned absences: See the attendance office for a form
- Excused vs. Unexcused absences

Dress Code

- See the student handbook for details
- Liturgy Dress: Polo shirts
- Regular School Attire

Volunteer Hours & Service Hours

Parent Volunteer Hours

- Find information on [our volunteer page](#)
- To find volunteer hours, check our [Sign Up Genius](#)
- Email notification of opportunities

Student Service Hours

- 25 hours with an approved organization required by May 2nd

Parent Association

- Events for faculty & students
- See the [PA Page](#) for more information
- How to get involved:
 - SignUp Genius
 - Email papresident@am-hs.org

2026-2027 Advancement Office



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The Archbishop Murphy High School Advancement Office is responsible for building the relationships, resources, and visibility that support the mission and long-term strength of AMHS.

Our Advancement model brings together Admissions & Enrollment, Marketing & Communications, Development & Fundraising, and Community Engagement under one coordinated strategy. By connecting these areas, Advancement helps strengthen the entire AMHS experience, from a family's first introduction to Archbishop Murphy through enrollment, graduation, alumni engagement, philanthropy, and lifelong connection to the school.

26-27 Advancement Activities

August 17, 2026  Golf Tournament Echo Falls Golf Club	August 20, 2026  Spaghetti Feed AMHS Cafeteria	October 2, 2026  Homecoming AMHS Terry Ennis Stadium
Fall 2026  AMHS STAR STUDENT TUITION AWARD RELIEF	October 24, 2026  Fine Arts Crab Feed AMHS Grace Hall	February 13, 2027  Day of Giving
February 19, 2027  Hall of Fame Social AMHS Cafeteria	March 13, 2027  DREAM Auction Tulalip Resort Casino	Spring 2027  Pub Crawl Starts in AMHS Cafeteria

The AMHS School Raffle is more than just a chance to win great prizes—it's an opportunity for every Wildcat family to make an immediate impact at the start of the school year. Funds raised through the raffle support the AMHS Annual Fund, providing vital resources that benefit every student through academics, athletics, arts, faith formation, student life, campus improvements, and tuition assistance. Together, our community's participation helps ensure Archbishop Murphy continues to thrive and provide an exceptional educational experience for all.

The 2026 AMHS School Raffle will kick off this August! We will distribute one book of 15 raffle tickets per family (\$20 per ticket). We will have raffle winners announced during the October 2nd Homecoming game.

RAFFLE PRIZES – NEW CASH PRIZES THIS YEAR

GRAND PRIZE
\$3,000

2ND PRIZE
\$1,500

3RD PRIZE
\$500

RAFFLE DETAILS

- Booklets will be given to students in Theology Classes the second week of school.
- Booklets are due to the AMHS front desk by **September 25th at noon**. **Unsold tickets will be billed to your account and will not be entered into the drawing for prizes.** If you choose not to participate, you will be billed to your account.
- Unsold tickets must be returned with all cash, checks, and tickets by September 25th at noon.
- Cash and checks only please (checks made payable to AMHS).
- Prizes awarded at the October 2nd AMHS Football game (presence not required to win).
- Winners will be called and posted on the [Archbishop Murphy Facebook page](#).
- Family Incentive: All student families who sell 2 or more books of raffle tickets will receive family service hour credit (15 volunteer hours per book).
- Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket or win a prize.
- Do not need to be present to win.



QUESTIONS

Contact Ahna Kotila at development@am-hs.org or 425.385.3405



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Upcoming Events

- Curriculum Night: Tuesday, 9/1: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 - PA Meeting at 5:30 pm
- Homecoming: Game on Friday 10/2, Dance on Saturday 10/3
- October Faculty Lunch (see SignUp Genius email)

Resources

[Textbooks](#)

[Parent Page on the school website](#)

[Summer Mailing](#)