

# Herbert A. Ammons Middle School IB MYP

## JANUARY 2026



# #EXCELLENCE

SU	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SA
<b>IB Learner Profile: Inquirers &amp; Knowledgeable</b> <b>Values Matters: Pursuit of Excellence</b> <b>Community Service:</b> <b>Walk-a-thon 1/15 &amp; For the Love of Literacy Book Drive 1/26 to 2/06</b> Human Trafficking Awareness Month				1 <b>WINTER RECESS</b>	2 <b>WINTER RECESS</b>	3
4	5 ODD  -Monday Morning Tutoring 8:35 AM–8:55 AM -Pre-Algebra Tutoring 4-5pm Ms. Screen, Rm-1234 -Drama Pick Up Rehearsal @ 4-6pm  <b>Drama Snack Sale</b>	6 EVEN <b>Drama Parent Mtg @ 6 PM</b>  -Drama Pick Up Rehearsal @ 4-6pm	7 ODD  -AMEGA Club – Rm 1228  IB Wednesday  <b>Spanish Club Snack Sale</b>	8 EVEN  -Robotics – Rm 1223 -Book Club- Rm 1310	9 ODD <b>Ammons T-Shirt Day</b>  <b>FT to Robert Morgan</b> (Selected 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students) -Curriculum Council  <b>PTSA Double Pop Sale</b>	10
11	12 EVEN Walkathon Band Sale \$5  -Monday Morning Tutoring 8:35 AM–8:55 AM -Pre-Algebra Tutoring 4-5pm Ms. Screen, Rm-1234 -Drama Show Reh 4-5:15pm -Art Club – Rm 1240 IB Progress Report Card Week <b>Drama Snack Sale</b>	13 ODD  <b>Yearbook Club and Sports Picture Day</b>  Walkathon Band Sale \$5  <b>-Faculty Meeting</b>  -Drama Show Reh 4-5:15pm	14 EVEN Walkathon Band Sale \$5  <b>School Tours 9:45 AM</b>  -French Club-Rm 1307 -Scribble Club- Rm 1212 -Chess Club – 1222 -Team Mtg  <b>PTSA Snack Sale</b>	15 ODD <b>End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period, End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>  -Robotics – Rm 1223 -Minds at play -Rm 1309  <b>Walkathon</b> (Includes Spirit Day)	16  <b>Teacher Planning Day *OPT</b>  <b>No school for students</b>	17
18	19  <b>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Holiday</b>	20 EVEN <i>(Semester Class Change)</i> <b>Begin 3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period, Begin Second Semester</b>  -Drama Show Reh 4-5:15pm -First Priority -Rm1210 -FEAA– Rm 1318 -NJHS – Rm 1326 -YANA Club – Cafeteria -Spanish Club- Rm 1320  IB Progress Report Card Week New semester Fees	21 ODD <b>Civics</b> <b>Mid Year Assessment</b>  -AMEGA Club – Rm 1228 -Drama Show Reh 4-5:15pm  -Dept Mtg  <b>PTSA Snack Sale</b>	22 EVEN <b>Civics</b> <b>Mid Year Assessment</b>  -Robotics – Rm 1223 -Book Club- Rm 1310	23 ODD <b>Spirit Day \$1</b>  <b>Career Day</b>  -Common Planning / IB Friday  -IB MYP Leader Mtg	24
25	26 EVEN <b>I-READY TESTING Reading &amp; Math</b>  <b>Literacy Week</b>  -Monday Morning Tutoring 8:35 AM–8:55 AM -Pre-Algebra Tutoring 4-5pm Ms. Screen, Rm-1234  -Drama Show Reh 4-5:15pm -Art Club – Rm 1240  <b>Drama Snack Sale</b> Report Card Available in the Portal	27 ODD <b>I-READY TESTING Reading &amp; Math</b>  -Drama Show Reh 4-5:15pm  <b>-Faculty Meeting</b>	28 EVEN <b>I-READY TESTING Reading &amp; Math</b>  -Drama: States Rehearsal 4-5:30pm -Scribble Club- Rm 1212 -Chess Club – 1222 -French Club-Rm 1307 UTD Mtg (Pending)  <b>Spanish Club Snack Sale</b>	29 ODD <b>I-READY TESTING Reading &amp; Math</b>  -Robotics – Rm 1223 -Minds at play -Rm 1309	30 EVEN <b>I-READY TESTING Reading &amp; Math</b>  <b>Spirit Day \$1</b>  -Common Planning / IB Friday  <b>PTSA Pizza Friday</b>	31
			<b>For the Love of Literacy Book Drive – 1/26 to 2/06</b>			

**IB LEARNER PROFILES OF THE MONTH: INQUIRERS & KNOWLEDGEABLE**

IB Learners strive to be Inquirers

- We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research.
- We know how to learn independently and with others.
- We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

IB Learners strive to be Knowledgeable

- We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines.
- We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

“The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge”

Thomas Berger

The VALUES MATTER Characteristic for the month is:  
**Pursuit of Excellence**

**New Classes Begin**

As you know, all students take semester length classes in Physical Education, Computers, Art, Drama and Music. When the new semester begins on January 20<sup>th</sup>, students will be switching classes to their **new** semester course. Those students who were enrolled in Physical Education will now have an elective, and those enrolled in an elective will now have a semester of PE. Physical Education requires a P.E. uniform that includes shorts- \$12.00 and shirts \$12.00, **cash with PE teacher or you can buy them at the PTSA store online**. It is strongly recommended that the Physical Education students purchase 2 uniforms (\$24.00). PE uniforms can be purchased by students directly from the PE teachers. New courses may require a fee. Art 1 requires a \$5 fee and Art 2/3 a \$10 Fee. Music requires a \$10 fee. Drama and Technical Theater require a \$10 fee. **Fees will be collected through OSP.**

**FEE COLLECTION WEEK -Steps to follow through OSP**

1. Click on MDCPS Parent Portal
2. Click on Apps/Services/Sites
3. Click on OSP parent Link
4. Click on your child’s school level
5. Click on the name of your child’s school.  
(This will display the activities available to purchase)

**Immunization and Registration Issues**

All sixth graders need to start their 7<sup>th</sup> grade immunization process now. Avoid problems with registration, subject selection, and exclusion from school. Take care of required immunizations as soon as possible. All future seventh graders need their TDAP Booster so please bring in your immunization Form 680 as soon as possible. Do not wait until the end of the school year.

**Magnet Program Academic Reminder**

As a reminder, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in all classes and in conduct to remain in good standing at Ammons. Any student who earns a “D” or “F” in any course, will be placed on academic probation. Failure to meet the probationary requirements outlined in the probation document will result in the student being exited from the Magnet program at Ammons and returned to his/her home school for the coming school year. Please review your child’s performance by checking the portal. Grade level counselors meet with students to discuss strategies and to provide support on a regular basis.

**End of the Year Fieldtrip Requirements**

Students **MUST** have no lower than a C2B in all classes to remain eligible for all end of year trips. Grades will be checked for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks before students pay; however, if students’ grades drop below the required minimum for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-weeks he or she will be removed and **NO REFUNDS** will be available. In addition, any student receiving an administrative referral, administrative detention, or suspension will not be permitted to participate in the activity – and will forfeit any money paid for the activity and/or field trip.

**Articulation/Subject Selection**

In February, we will begin subject selection for next school year. Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be selecting courses for next year and current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will choose their Senior High courses, so get ready. More information will be forthcoming.