



**Amboy High School  
Principal's Report  
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**Curriculum and School Improvement**

- Student of the Month is Kiera Karlson.
- Mr. Kolton has been discussing course selection with students and hosted a parent nights for all grade levels. While returning students and parents' attendance was limited, 81% of incoming freshmen parents came to learn about course registration.
- Scholarship forms and applications are available on the website for the foundation scholarships. Other local scholarships are online and in the shelving unit outside the office.
- January 21st, the Sophomore class visited WACC to learn about the programs offered for next year.
- January 28, FFA attended the Ground Zero Conference at Western Illinois University. Participants included Laci Daniels, Leah Dempsey, Jacie Blaine, Addison Bump, and Sydney Noble. They spent the day with other freshmen and sophomores from the state learning about leadership and teambuilding.
- On January 31, FFA members participated in the Section 2 Meats Evaluation contest at Eickmann's. Nicho Warner placed 8th in questions.
- February 4th, FFA competed in Proficiency Interviews about their record books. Tyler Mahar - Ag Sales, Scott Willstead - Discovery Star Farmer, Jacie Blaine - Equine Production, Logan Ketchum - Food Service, Jake Dinges - Safety. Tyler and Scott will be moving on to the District 1 competition in March.
- February 6th, Jacie Blaine, Kaitlyn Dempsey, and Addison Bump attended the State Horse Judging at Blackhawk East College. They judged classes of geldings, mares, ranch riding, and equitation.
- Mrs. Holldorf presented to area superintendents at the ROE in Sterling about the mentor program and changes we had made for this year.



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- On January 24th and February 2nd, AHS participated in its first Cheer Competition in Sterling. They placed 2nd!
- Congratulations to Jake Dinges and Logan Ketchum for being recommended to receive their Illinois FFA State Degrees.
- The varsity scholastic bowl team placed 5th at the conference meet at East Dubuque HS on January 24th.
- The JV Scholastic Bowl team placed 5th at the conference meet at Pecatonica HS on January 22nd.
- The scholastic bowl team defeated River Ridge in the first round of the Stateline Quizbowl tournament. They will play Keith Country Day of Rockford in the Sweet 16.

### **School Activities**

- Homeroom Material
  - Students completed a Bike Safety Quiz through Ride Illinois. We will receive a check for \$388 funded through IDOT's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety grant program.
  - Students completed the 5-essentials survey
  - Students worked on Method Learning to help prepare for the ACT.
- Norah Shearer is the new NW Illinois Athlete Representative! Winning by a landslide. She acquired 70% of the votes. She will represent the 600 swimmers in our district and will go onto compete to be the Illinois rep at the national level in a few weeks.