

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have a busy upcoming first semester. At this point, however, students and staff at Amity Regional High School have made it smoothly through a full letter-day cycle and have used the first few days of school to become acclimated to schedules, the building, classes and our community. This week we were able to have small group discussions that used the OBOA book *Dear Evan Hansen* as the focal point, but really offered an opportunity for our Spartan Seminar groups to build a sense of community and explore the thematic aspects presented in the book that resonate with high school students universally. These discussions will continue through the fall months, with the next discussion taking place on Wednesday, September 25th. We are also looking forward to other traditional back-to-school events, such as ARHS open house on September 12th and September 18th and Club Day, which will be held during the school day for students on September 26th. As a reminder, a visiting team of educators from around the state will be at ARHS from September 22nd through September 25th to complete a “decennial” accreditation visit and offer our school community feedback on numerous aspects of our program. For more information about NEASC, please visit this [site](#). Details about the visit will be shared in next week’s newsletter. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is **The Ohio State University**, and the career of the week is **Landscape Architect**. [The Ohio State University](#), located in Columbus, Ohio, was founded in 1870 and has a population of approximately 45,000 students. According to “US News & World Report”, OSU “ranks as #16 in national public universities”. Out of state cost of attendance is approximately \$46,000 per year (tuition, fees, dorm and meal plan). Most popular majors include psychology, speech communication and rhetoric, finance, biology/biological sciences, marketing/marketing management, and education. “**Landscape Architects** plan and design land areas for parks, recreational facilities, and other open spaces” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). The average annual salary is \$ 68,230. Learn more by visiting [here](#).

For more information, students can view the bulletin boards in the main hallway and in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.

Happenings and Information

Join the PTSO! The 1st PTSO meeting of the year was held in the ARHS Library at on Thursday, September 5th. Thanks to all who joined us at the meeting. All families are encouraged to join the PTSO. You can join the PTSO by following this [link](#) or filling out this form.

Attention juniors and seniors -- Independent Study: Students interested in completing an independent Study must submit an application by Thursday September 12 to Mrs. Campbell. Please see Mrs. Campbell if you have any questions.

Back-to-School Nights: Mark your calendars, Back-to-School Night for parents of 9th and 12th grade students will be held on Thursday, September 12th. Back-to-School Night for parents of 10th and 11th grade students is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th. **Back-to-School Nights begin at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center.** Class visits begin at 6:55. The schedule for the evening can be found [here](#).

Star Testing Dates: The universal screening STAR test will be administered to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors this year. The first of the three regularly scheduled tests will begin on September 11th with 3 days of math testing, followed by 3 days of reading tests. STAR testing will occur in math and social studies classes, respectively

Underclass Student Picture Day: Picture Day is scheduled for September 9th and 10th for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors; students will have their portraits taken during English classes, and English teachers will inform their classes of which day to prepare for. Order forms were sent home the first day of school, but extras are available in the main office, the library (see Mrs. Hulse), and the yearbook office (see Mr. Clark). An electronic copy can also be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org.

Senior Happenings

2019 College Visits: Each week, throughout the fall, representatives from college admission offices visit Amity to present information about their institution. This is a great opportunity for Juniors or Seniors to meet face-to-face with an admissions representative to ask specific questions about the admissions process and a chance to obtain useful facts about the school. A counselor will also attend these meetings to take notes during the discussion. These notes can be found in Naviance under "Counselor Comments for Students." A list of schools visiting for the month can be found in Naviance and [here](#), in our weekly Happenings. **If a student is interested in attending a session, they must register through Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center.** Students are provided excused absences when meeting with college representatives.

Senior Meetings with Counselors: All seniors will meet with their school counselor during the school day on Sept. 16th to review the process for requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation in Naviance as well as provide an overview of the college application process. A detailed schedule of meeting times

and locations will be sent to students via school email next week as is available below:

Session	Room	Counselor	Alpha
	1 Room 125	Campbell	A-L
	1 Room 131	Ferguson	A-L
	1 Room 501	Conley	A-L
	2 Room 125	Waterman	A-L
	2 Room 131	Boyns	A-L
	2 Room 501	Conley	M-Z
	2 open library classroom	Campbell	M-Z
	3 Room 125	Staak	A-L
	3 Room 131	Boyns	M-Z
	3 Room 501	Mezzo	A-L
	4 Room 125	Staak	M-Z
	4 Room 131	Mozealous	A-L
	4 Room 501	Mezzo	M-Z
	6 Room 125	Waterman	M-Z
	6 Room 131	Mozealous	M-Z
	6 Room 501	Ferguson	M-Z

Senior Parent Night: Save the date. The Amity Regional High School Counseling Department will host a Senior Parent Night on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

Financial Aid Night: Save the date. The Amity Regional High School Counseling Department will host a Financial Aid Night on **Tuesday, September 24th** at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center. Colleen Mulrooney, Director Of Student Financial Services, St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University.

Volunteer Opportunities in the Community:

- **Bethany Harvest Festival**-October 6th, 11:00am-4:00pm. Please sign up [here](#). Go to: 2019 Volunteer Signup (online form)
- **Halloween Hoot**-Beecher Road School-October 19th, 11:30am-3:30pm. Please sign up [here](#).
- **Orange Country Fair**-September 21st, 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 6 pm on Sunday. If interested, Please text 203-494-5229.

As a reminder, all community service hours must first be logged into PowerSchool under “ECollect Forms.” Then, the original form must be handed in the Career Center. If you have any questions about community service hours, please email Mrs. Vallie @ paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

Important Reminders

***NEW* AP Registration Timeline:** College Board has moved the registration process for AP exams to the fall. Therefore, students will need to decide to take their AP exam(s) much earlier than in previous years.

- Registration dates: Tuesday September 3, 2019 through October 1, 2019.
- AP Exam Fee: \$97 per exam
- AP Seminar and Research Exam fees are \$145 each.
- Late Fees: after October 1, 2019, there will be a late fee of \$10 per exam until the final ordering deadline. Please use [this link](#) to register and pay.

Homework Help Center: The Homework Help Center will start on Sept. 10th and continue throughout the school year every Tuesday & Thursday in the Career Center from 2:30-3:30. This is a program that offers trained peer tutors for the entire student body and are snacks provided.

New Security Vestibule/Updates for ARHS: The Amity Regional School District #5 has made significant changes to the security protocols at each building. At the high school, there is no a security vestibule at the front of the building where all visitors (including parents) will be asked to check in before being admitted to the building. Visitors will still be asked to submit a photo identification in order to receive a visitor’s pass for appointments. If there is an emergency and something needs to be dropped off for a student, the package will be handed to the security personnel either through the security vestibule (if the package can fit) or the security officer will come out to the vestibule to retrieve the package. Please refrain from any regular dropping off of food or other items. No coffee is allowed.

Student Happenings Weekly Newsletter: Please remind your child to check his/her Amity email regularly as important information, such as weekly student newsletters, is disseminated through email.

Student locker assignments: Please remind your child to check PowerSchool for his/her school locker assignment and combination.

Late Bus Schedule: Late buses, which begin on September 10th, are provided on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from ARHS. Students are able to stay after school for a designated program or in a supervised area (such as with a teacher or in the library). Late buses pick up at the high school between 3:40-3:55, with one bus designated for each town.

Senior Late Arrival/Early Dismissal: If your child is a senior with a first or last session study hall (on any letter day) he/she is eligible to sign up for the senior privilege of “late arrival” or “early dismissal.” Seniors need to print out a copy of their schedules, circle the appropriate study hall periods, sign the form, have a parent or guardian sign the form and turn it in to their assigned administrator. Please note: this privilege can only be accommodated if a study hall falls at the beginning or end of a student’s scheduled day.

Athletics

Athletic Department Website: For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for fall sports, please refer to the athletic department’s website [here](#).

For a copy of next week’s competition schedule, please click [here](#).

Community Happenings

TOMORROW NIGHT--Jamie A. Hulley Arts Gala: Jamie Hulley was an outstanding student at Amity Regional High School with a true passion for the arts. Tragically, Jamie passed away during her college years. Her family established The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation to promote a legacy of support for artistic endeavors. Amity students benefit each year from generous donations from the Hulley Fund. This year’s gala will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019, at the Quick Center of Fairfield University will feature “*OH WHAT A NIGHT!*,” a musical tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. The performance begins at 7 p.m. and is preceded by an *Evening for the Arts* reception at 6 p.m., which includes complimentary beverages, dessert bar, and a 100 item silent auction. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door. Call the Quick Center Box Office at 203-254-4010. It will be a wonderful evening and a worthy cause! Please see this [press release](#) and/or this [link](#) for more information.

Amity Adult & Continuing Education Program: The Amity Adult & Continuing Education Fall catalog is ready! Come check out some great courses! Returning this year are our Bus Trips! Questions? Contact us at philip.dolan@amityregion5.org Log on to [this site](#) today and register!

