

# ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## NEWSLETTER



This week we took some time on Wednesday to reflect on the resilience and compassion demonstrated by so many Americans on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. As part of our Spartan Seminar that day, we watched this [video](#) about the Manhattan Boat Lift before having an in-depth discussion about building a strong community. Our first of two Back-To-School Nights last night was a terrific opportunity for teachers were to share with parents how the foundational values of our school community-fairness, respect, and passion-fit in to the daily work they do with their students. We will hold our second open house night next week on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents in advance of our upcoming NEASC Decennial Accreditation Team Visit, which will begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and last through September 25<sup>th</sup>. Parents are a part of the visiting team process and will have an opportunity to meet with members of the visiting team. If you are interested in participating, please see this [link](#) to sign up. We are really excited to have the opportunity to showcase the amazing things our staff and students do every day at ARHS. One example of that was the announcement this week that a member of our senior class was selected as 1 of 3 teenage girls in the world, based on her invention in the field of engineering, to be part of the kick-off for a new board game. This [video](#), released by the company this past week, explains further and is an amazing example of how our core values, beliefs and mission statement truly do transcend our school walls through our students, who impact the world! Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** This week's college is the **University of Colorado at Boulder**, and the career of the week is **Atmospheric Scientist/Meteorologist**. [The University of Colorado at Boulder](#) is located in Boulder, Colorado, approximately a 28-hour car ride from the BOW area. Out of state cost of attendance is approximately \$54,000 per year (tuition, fees, dorm and meal plan). [Most popular majors](#) include integrative physiology, psychology, mechanical engineering, finance, economics, marketing, computer science, aerospace engineering, molecular, cellular and developmental biology, and management. CU Boulder has also launched a new program for undecided freshmen called the "[Program in Exploratory Studies](#)", where students work with advisors to explore their interests, set goals and customize their educational path. For more info, please visit the website. "[Atmospheric Scientists](#) study the weather and climate". (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). Related jobs include climate scientists, forensic meteorologists, research

meteorologists, weather forecasters and atmospheric chemists (to name a few). Expected job growth is greater than average at 8% through 2028 and the average annual salary is \$ 94,110. Learn more about careers by visiting the [American Meteorological Society's website](#).

*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**

**Important PowerSchool Unified Classroom Information:** When accessing PowerSchool Unified Classroom, please use the [website](#) instead of the mobile app. The PowerSchool mobile app does not work properly with Unified Classroom.

**Back-to-School Nights:** Back-to-School Night for parents of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. **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](#).

**School Security and Safety Committee:** This committee reviews procedures regarding the physical safety and security at ARHS. The first meeting this year is on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The agenda will include updates to our safety drills and All Hazards Plan, as well as a review of new procedures. **Parents with concerns or feedback about school safety are asked to** email Associate Principal Monica Kreuzer at [monica.kreuzer@amityregion5.org](mailto:monica.kreuzer@amityregion5.org). Please send your email in advance of the 10/1 meeting so the correspondence can be added to the agenda.

**Buy Your Yearbook:** The 2020 edition of *Embers* is now officially on sale! The cost, which is currently \$75, will increase to \$80 on November 16th and again to \$85 on January 18th. Visit [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) to reserve your copy today!

**Share Your Photos with the Yearbook:** Parents, history is made at your hands. You've watched as your children have grown, developed, learned, and achieved. Don't miss the opportunity to help document that journey! *Embers* strives to tell the whole story. To do so, we need your help! We're looking for photos of everyday school life, activities, and events. While we can't guarantee that all shared photos will be published, we can say for certain that we can't even consider your pictures unless you share them. Visit [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) to upload your photos today!

**Underclassmen Photo Makeups and Retakes:** Underclassmen photo makeups and retakes will be taken in the district presentation room from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25th. If your child still needs to have his or her school photo taken or would like to have it retaken, he/she should go to the district presentation room during a study hall period if possible. If your child does not have a study hall between 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the 25th (a "B" day), he/she should see either of the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark or Vicki Hulse, to obtain a pass before the end of the day on Thursday, October 24th. All students desiring a re-take will need to return their original photo package, including all

photos. There is also \$5 re-take fee. Checks should be made out to Robert Taylor Photography.

**Annual Bus Evacuation Drill:** The annual bus evacuation drill will take place in the morning of Thursday September 19, 2019 as students arrive to the high school.

## **Senior Happenings**

**College Visits:** Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These representatives are available to share information with juniors and seniors about their institutions and to discuss the admissions process. Counselors will attend these sessions and take notes on the discussion. Notes will be posted on Naviance under each individual college name under "Counselor Comments for Students." A list of schools visiting can be found on Naviance and in our weekly Happenings. **A student must register on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center.** Students are provided excused absences from class to meet with representatives. A list of September's schedule can be found [here](#).

**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:

| <b>Session</b> | <b>Counselor Room</b>  | <b>Counselor Alpha</b> |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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:** 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.

**Last Call for Senior Portraits:** "Last chance" senior portraits will be taken on Friday, September 27th, in the district presentation room. If your child missed his/her original appointment at the end of last school year or over the summer, this will be the very last opportunity to have a portrait taken in time to be included in the yearbook. We want all our seniors to be in the yearbook, so please note that **THERE IS NO CHARGE** for this single sitting. For multiple sittings, please contact Robert Taylor Photography at (203)377-0739 to schedule an appointment at the studio. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org).

**Senior Yearbook Pose Selection:** Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by Wednesday, October 18th. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found on the senior FAQ page on the yearbook website, [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com).

**Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook:** The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for inclusion in *Embers 2020*. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! Visit [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) and click "Submit Photos" beneath either the "For Seniors" or "For Parents" tabs. Please send only high-resolution photos. Students can drop off hard copy photos in the "Baby Pictures" box in the library. All hard copies should be clearly labeled so that they can be returned to their owners. Please keep submissions to just one per student. If you send us more than one, the yearbook staff will select a single photo for inclusion in the yearbook. All photo submissions are due Friday, December 20th.

**Yearbook Grad Ads:** Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers 2020* yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! See the grad ad order form for details.

## **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:**

- **JCC 5K Bagel Run Fundraiser-Sunday, Sept. 15th, 8:00am-11:00am** at 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Please contact Jessica Scott at the \*JCC @ 203-387-2522 ext. 266.
- **Woodbridge Child Center Food Truck Festival-Friday, Sept. 20th, 4:00-8:00pm.** Please contact Dawn Moretti @ 203-389-9118.

- **Orange Country Fair- Saturday, Sept. 21st, 10am to 6pm and Sunday, September 22nd, 10am to 6pm.** If interested, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **[Walk to End Alzheimer's](#): Sunday, September 29th, 6:00am-1:00pm** at Lighthouse Point Park, East Haven.
- **Bethany Harvest Festival-Sunday, Oct. 6th, 11:00am-4:00pm.**
- **Beecher Road School's Annual Halloween Hoot- Oct. 19th, 11:30AM to 3:30pm.** Please sign up at: <http://www.halloweenhoot.org/student-volunteer/>

**As a reminder, all community service hours must be logged in PowerSchool by the student under "ECollect Forms" first, and then signed community service forms should be handed into the Career Center.**

## **Important Reminders**

**Join the PTSO!** The 1<sup>st</sup> PTSO meeting of the year was held in the ARHS Library at on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**\*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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

## **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](#).

Congratulations to all of our teams who opened their seasons this week and competed hard! Go, Spartans!!

## **Community Happenings**

**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](mailto:philip.dolan@amityregion5.org) Log on to [this site](#) today and register!

**SAT Prep Course via Amity Adult Ed:** The Princeton Review will be running their SAT class starting September 28th. For more information and registration please see this [flyer](#).

### **Bethany Clark Memorial Library Programs-Open to Amity Community:**

- The Clark Memorial Library in Bethany is hosting a workshop entitled, "Be College Resourceful!" on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All high school students are invited to hear Tom Nolan, Associate Librarian at Clark, speak about the many different college search resources

available at the library. Registration is not necessary and students are encouraged to bring their own laptops or tablets with them. For more information, please contact Clark Memorial Library at 203-393-2103.

- The Clark Memorial Library in Bethany is hosting a film screening and community discussion on racism and civil rights next Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. Please join us!

**From Woodbridge Youth Services-Local Community Service Opportunities:**

- Back to School Blowout-Program date: 9/20/19, 6:30-8:30PM Amity Middle School Bethany. Seeking Juniors and Seniors to chaperone our middle school students. Duties include: Registering students, serving refreshments, monitoring student behavior, assisting with games, set up and clean up. \*\*\*Registration required in advance\*\*\*. Call us at 203-389-3429 or email us at [youthone@woodbridgect.org](mailto:youthone@woodbridgect.org) to register for this event and/or to be added to our list of volunteers. We will contact you before each event to make sure you are still available and interested. Woodbridge Youth Evening Programs provide a safe, fun, drug-free environment for 7th & 8th graders in Woodbridge and Bethany. We need your help to run successful programs!
- Woodbridge Food Pantry Located Across Street From AHS- The Boy Scouts will be collecting food in Woodbridge for the Food Pantry in the coming weeks, and we need students of all ages to sort and shelve the food. After-school hours are available. Call us at 203-389-3429 or email us at [youthone@woodbridgect.org](mailto:youthone@woodbridgect.org) to choose a day and time to sort for an hour or two and receive community service credit.