

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



“As you discover what strength you can draw from your community in this world from which it stands apart, look outward as well as inward. Build bridges instead of walls.”

**~Supreme Court Justice Sonia
Sotomayor**

On Sunday, we will welcome 16 volunteers from across the state, who will spend 4 days visiting Amity Regional High School and completing the NEASC Decennial Accreditation Report. Members of the visiting team will be visiting classes, speaking with students and interviewing adults throughout their visit. The purpose of this visit is for the members of the team to research and reflect on our programming at ARHS and offer us commendations and feedback. The ARHS student newspaper, *The Trident*, completed a series of articles on the self-study and accreditation process during the 2018-2019 school year. You can find a link to the website [here](#). *This video* will be a part of Sunday’s introductory presentation to the visiting team to help them understand our school, our communities and the BOWA in general. Thanks to all of the students and Mrs. Valenzuela who produced it! An integral part of our school community is our Core Values, Beliefs, Mission Statement and Learning Expectations document. It can be found [here](#). We can’t wait to showcase all our school community has to offer!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is the **United States Coast Guard Academy**, and the career of the week is **Civil Engineer**. [The United States Coast Guard Academy](#) is located in New London, Connecticut, approximately 55 miles from the BOW area. The Coast Guard has a proud [history](#) that dates back to 1790. The Academy began granting Bachelor of Science degrees in 1941. *USCGA students do NOT pay tuition. However, they are required to serve in the USCG or other military branch after graduation.* The Coast Guard Academy offers [majors](#) in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering, as well as cyber systems, naval architecture and others. Please visit USCGA’s beautiful campus at one of their [upcoming admissions events](#). “[Civil Engineers](#) design, build, and supervise infrastructure projects and systems”. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). They work

on various projects such as building roads, tunnels, buildings, airports, bridges, water supply systems and sewage treatment systems. Expected job growth is average at approximately 6% through 2028 and the average annual salary is \$ 86,640. Learn more about careers by visiting the website of the [American Society of Civil Engineers](#).

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

Back-to-School Night Presentations: We had two very successful open house nights over the past few weeks. Please see this [link](#) for the 9th/12th grade PowerPoint presentation and this [link](#) for the 10th/11th grade presentation.

ARHS Letter Day Calendar: Please find this year's "letter day calendar" [here](#). This is a good reference for students and parents to know what, specifically, is coming up with regard to special programming and letter day configuration at the high school.

Club Day 2019: Our annual Club Day will be held during a special lunch schedule on Thursday, September 26th. Please see this [document](#) for a list of how "B" lunches will be split in to either "A" or "C."

Student 2019-2020 Agenda Pads: Agenda pads are arriving today after a long back-order with the distributor. We will hand the agenda pads out to students next week.

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 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 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.

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. Click [here](#) for next week's college visits.

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.

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.

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 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.

Fifth Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night: Interested in purchasing a grad ad? Not sure where to begin? Join us for our fifth annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night on Wednesday, November 6th from 4-7 p.m. in the AHS library computer lab. Take care of everything at once—complete all the paperwork, pay (cash or check), scan your photos, sit down with a yearbook staff member to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior, and approve it right on the spot. Appointments are not necessary. Visit the yearbook website at amityembers.com for more information and to check out samples of ads from previous yearbooks.

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:

*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 by Friday, Sept. 20th.

*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. Please click [here](#) to sign up for volunteering.

*Beecher Road School's Annual Halloween Hoot-Oct.19th, 11:30AM to 3:30pm. Please click [here](#) to sign up for volunteering.

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

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 1st. 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. Please send your email in advance of the 10/1 meeting so the correspondence can be added to the agenda.

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.

***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.

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.

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](#).

For a copy of this past week's competition results, please click [here](#).

Community Happenings

AMSB PTSO “Be AMITY” 5K Color Run/Fundraiser: The AMSB PTSO is sponsoring a [“Be AMITY” 5K Color Run](#), which will be on Saturday October 5, 9:30 a.m. Seeking runners and sponsors! It is sure to be a colorful and fun fall morning! Register to run by clicking on this [link](#). Do not want to run but would be glad to sponsor (many levels offered), click on this [link](#). Watch this fun [video](#) to see what is in store for those participating during the Color Run!

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!

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](#).

Boys Lacrosse Fundraiser-Car Wash: Please see this [flyer](#) for more information about the lacrosse car wash fundraiser being held this Sunday, 10am-2pm at Blue Check Deli in Woodbridge.

***WOODBRIDGE YOUTH SERVICES LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITES:**

Back to School Blowout- 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 to register for this event and/or to be added to our list of volunteers. Woodbridge Youth Evening Programs provide a safe, fun, drug-free environment for 7th & 8th graders in Woodbridge and Bethany. Parties are typically held at the Amity High School or Middle School in Bethany on Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm. 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 to choose a day and time to come from the high school and sort for an hour or two and receive community service credit.

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