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## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This has been an action-packed week at ARHS with the NEASC Decennial Accreditation Team visit from Sunday through Wednesday afternoon, Financial Aid Night and the first Amity Creative Theater cabaret event, a bunch of athletic competitions, our annual Club Day on Thursday and the mid-marking date occurring today. It is hard to believe how quickly the first part of the year has flown by, but we are in full swing of being an active, vibrant high school community. The NEASC visit was a huge success and, after various revisions and a final submission to the professional staff at NEASC this fall, we will receive a final copy of the team's report by the beginning of 2020, which will be posted on our website and shared with the community. A huge thank you to **everyone** who participated in the self-study throughout the 2018-2019 school year and all those who showed up on Sunday and throughout the week to help us out with the team's visit. This [picture](#) was taken of the ARHS faculty and staff after the visiting team's address on Wednesday afternoon. The members were very impressed not only with the offerings our school community provides for students, but the pervasive sense of strong community that is palpable throughout the high school. It is a testament to the intentional, hard work we have done to become a welcoming, inclusive school. During Club Day, students were given the opportunity to explore the more than 90 student-led clubs ARHS has to offer while also taking the time during an extended lunch to spend time talking and socializing. It is always a festive day at Amity! Finally, teachers have been asked to be mindful of their planning over the next few weeks during the observation of the upcoming holidays. Shanah tovah to everyone who is celebrating in the coming days. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** This week's college is the **Marist College** and the career of the week is **Film/Video**

**Editing and Production.** Founded in 1929, [Marist College](#) is located in Poughkeepsie, New York, approximately 80 miles from the BOW area. The college enrolls approximately 5,000 undergraduate students and offers 47 Bachelor's degrees. The cost of attendance is approximately \$61,000. Marist also has two satellite campuses in Manhattan, New York and Florence, Italy. [Film and video/editors and production specialists](#) “manipulate moving images that entertain or inform an audience” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). Expected job growth is much faster than average at approximately 11% through 2028. This is due to the increase in independent film/video projects created by internet-based producers. The average annual salary is \$ 62,650 for editors and \$ 54,570 for camera operators. Learn more about film/video careers by visiting the [University Film and Video Association](#) or the [American Cinema Editors](#) websites.

*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**

**Mid-marking Period:** Today marks the middle of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Teachers have been reminded to update gradebooks to accurately reflect student progress thus far. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher via email and/or encourage your child to make an appointment to meet with teachers after school.

**DEADLINE EXTENDED for AP Exam Registration!** We have heard the requests for more time! Please note the **\*UPDATED\*** timeline to pay for AP Exams. The registration dates are today through Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 11:59pm. Please use [this link](#) to register and pay:

AP Exam Fee:

- \$97 per exam
- AP Seminar and Research Exam fees are \$145 each
- AP Physics C has two exams – Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism

Late Fees: after November 4, 2019, late fees will be imposed as follows:

- o \$10 late fee per exam until November 15, 2019 (fee set by ARHS)
- o \$40 late fee per exam after November 15, 2019 (fee set by The College Board)
- o Anyone trying to pay after November 4<sup>th</sup>, please contact Gerilyn Ferguson at [gerilyn.ferguson@amityregion5.org](mailto:gerilyn.ferguson@amityregion5.org) for instructions.

**MyPaymentsPlus Announcement: The Amity Regional School District #5 was experience connection issues with MyPaymentsPlus earlier in the week where** payments were not going through. The issues have been fixed, however please be advised that, once a payment has been made, it will take 3-5 days for fees and Chartwell's payments to process.

### **Senior Happenings**

**Naviance Parent/Guardian Workshop:** The Amity High School College & Career Center is sponsoring a Naviance Workshop on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 6:30-7:30pm. This is a beginner's workshop for those who wish to use Naviance as a college search resource. Lynn Cocco, the College & Career Center counselor will walk parents through the benefits of Naviance. Please register in advance by emailing [lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org](mailto:lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org).

**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. Please click here for list of colleges coming next.

**FAFSA Form Assistance:** Various Financial Aid officers will be available at a variety of local locations to help parents complete the

FAFSA form for financial aid. Please see this [link](#) for information or visit for locations and dates.

**ARHS Financial Aid Night:** The Financial Aid Night [presentation](#) and the Senior Parent Night presentation are available on the website under the Counseling Dept.

**Announcement-Guaranteed Admissions:** Quinnipiac University has signed an agreement with Housatonic and Gateway Community Colleges to guarantee admission to students who attend a community college and earn a minimum of 3.0 GPA. For more information, please see this [link](#).

### **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Upcoming College Fair:** Sacred Heart Academy is hosting a college fair on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8. They are located at 265 Benham Street in Hamden. A list of participating schools can be found [here](#). All are welcome to attend.

**Hamden Adult Education:** The next registration for Hamden Adult Education is October 1 or 2 from 6:30-8:30. Students must call the office at 203-407-2028 to make an appointment.

**Save the Date:** The Amity Regional High School College Fair will be held on April 1, 2020 from 6:30-8:00.

### **Volunteer Opportunities in the Community:**

\*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.

\*Peck Place School in Orange is hosting their annual Spooktacular-Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Please sign up [here](#).

**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**

**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.

**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](http://amityembers.com) for more information and to check out samples of ads from previous yearbooks.

## **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](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.

**\*WOODBRIIDGE YOUTH SERVICES LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITES\***

**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 come from the high school and sort for an hour or two and receive community service credit.

