

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Throughout the first few months of school this year, we have had the opportunity to receive some feedback from the NEASC accreditation visiting team, had evaluations and performance assessments through academic classes, competed in athletic contests and celebrated our annual Club Day. Next week we will host the pre-ACT for 10th grade students and the pre-SAT (and National Merit Qualifying Test) for 11th grade students. These examinations serve as one measure and do not give us a complete picture of a whole child, but they do offer standardized feedback which we can use as part of a compilation of data for our students. Next week is also our 3rd 4-day school week in a row, but after that we get back to a few regularly-scheduled weeks to round out 1st quarter. As always, we have lot HAPPENING at ARHS.

Have a wonderful long weekend and rest up for an exciting week next week!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is the **Worcester Polytechnic Institute** and the career of the week is **Environmental Engineer**.

[Worcester Polytechnic Institute](#) is located in Worcester, Massachusetts, approximately a two-hour drive from the BOW area. WPI is a "[top 50 college](#)" with Amity students. WPI's curriculum promotes project based learning in order to teach problem solving techniques. WPI enrolls approximately 4,300 undergraduate students. While STEM fields represent the most popular majors, WPI also offers business, economics, humanities & arts and international & global studies just to name a few. For more information, please visit the [college's website](#).

"[Environmental engineers](#) use the principles of engineering, soil science, biology, and chemistry to develop solutions to environmental problems" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). According to BLS, environmental engineers can expect average job growth (5%) through 2028. The average salary is \$ 87,620 (BLS, 2019). About 25% of all environmental engineers work in engineering firms. Others are employed in government jobs (federal, state and local) or in managerial and consulting jobs. For more information, please visit the "[American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists](#)". *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

Upcoming Important Amity Referendum: There will be an important special referendum on **December 4th** to vote on funding capital improvement projects, including athletic facility improvements. All information, including FAQs and presentation can be found [here](#).

NEXT WEEK-October 16th PSATs, PACTs and Special Activities' Morning Program:

- Tenth grade students will be taking the PreACT and all 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT during the school day on Wednesday, October 16th. The PSAT is the **National Merit Qualifying Test** for juniors and is used to help students prepare for the SAT test. Students are asked to arrive promptly to school as no late admittance is accepted once the test begins. This testing date is set by the College Board and no make-up testing is permitted for either test.
- All freshmen will be participating in a Link Crew Activity starting in the Brady Center.
- Seniors will participate in a series of activities: senior class panoramic and aerial photo, senior class meeting, presentation on financial literacy for post-secondary planning, and a presentation on sexual harassment from the Milford Rape Crisis Center.

This is a regular full day of school for all student. Attendance will be taken as normal and a modified class schedule will be followed after the morning program.

BUY AMITY GEAR: Got Gear? Need more? Holiday Gifts? Fully customizable AMITY Gear! ORDER NOW [HERE](#).

9th-10th Grade Parents: The Fall STAR Assessment results for reading and math are now available in PowerSchool Unified Classroom for students in grades 7 through 11. [Click here](#) for directions on how to access these scores as well as information on the STAR Assessment.

Senior Happenings

UConn Student Discovery Day- The UConn Waterbury Campus will be hosting a Student Discovery Day on Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 1:30-4:45pm. This event will allow prospective students to attend a UConn class, an admissions presentation, a tour of campus and an inside look at The Brown Building. Please email beahuskywaterbury@uconn.edu to sign up for the day or call 203-236-9803.

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.

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.

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](#).

Local University Campus Fall Open House Information: The UConn Waterbury Campus is launching the **Allied Health Sciences** major at their campus as a four-year degree program starting the Fall 2020. This major pairs perfectly with the Certificate of Entry into Nursing offered by the School of Nursing as a 1-year post-baccalaureate program at the UConn Waterbury campus. Interested students should attend the upcoming Fall Information Session on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Please register [here](#). **Southern Connecticut State University** Open House-Saturday, November 2, 2019-1:30pm-4:30pm. Please register [here](#).

Notes from Counseling Department

The **ASVAB test** will be given at Amity on Thursday, November 14th from 8:30am until 11:00am. Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. The ASVAB or “Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery” is an online, multiple-choice test that helps students identify career strengths. **Students may register to take the test by signing up in the Career Center.** While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test.* **Taking the ASVAB does not obligate students to enlist!** Please [visit this link](#) for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities in the Community:

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

***Race Brook Monster Bash-Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2-5:30pm.** Please sign up [here](#).

***Peck Place Spooktacular-Saturday, Oct. 19th, 9:00am-4:00pm.** Please sign up [here](#).

***The 2nd Annual Woodbridge Arts & Music Festival-Saturday, Oct. 19th, 9:00am-1:00pm.** Please contact Bobbi Griffith at 203-843-8371.

***Turkey Hill Halloween Hoot-Saturday, Oct. 26th, 4:00-6:00pm.** Please contact jennydisorbo@me.com or rogersre13@gmail.com

***Orange Park & Rec Department Funtober/Trunk or Treat** at the High Plains Community Fairgrounds on **Oct. 26th (rain date 10/27) from 1-3pm.** Please email

Jessica Simone at jsimone@orange-ct.gov to sign up.

***Elementary School Drama Clubs!** Both Turkey Hill School, Orange, CT and Bethany Community School, Bethany, CT are seeking Amity High School students for their

Drama Clubs. Turkey Hill School meets on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and Bethany Community School meets on Wednesdays from 3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Please

email deborahsansone@gmail.com

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

November 1st Deadline: For students who are applying to a school with a Nov. 1 deadline, all transcript requests must be in Naviance by Thursday, October 18th.

Deadline for Dropping a Course: Please be aware that the deadline to drop a course or a level in course without a “W” appearing on the transcript is November 1st. If your child is having difficulty in a course, please be sure to speak to the teacher and school counselor prior to the deadline.

Join the PTSO! All families are encouraged to join the PTSO. You can join the PTSO by following this [link](#) or filling out this form.

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 4th 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:

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

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!

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 link to Amity Regional School District #5 “arbiter” site, please click [here](#).

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 Log on to [this site](#) today and register!

Amity Girls Basketball Clinics: This fall the Amity Girls basketball team is running six clinics for young ladies in 2nd grade to 8th grade. The Amity coaching staff and team will provide drills, shooting sessions, and much, much more. Come and support the Amity Girls basketball team and get ready for the upcoming season! Check out the flyer for more information.

EMT Course Offered: A 13 week EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) Program will be offered at Code One New Haven at 270 Amity Road Woodbridge, CT .Classes begin October 7th-January 2nd on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:00pm-10:00pm. For more information call 860-786-1789 or log on to code1web.com/EMT.

Relay for Life Open House: Please join us on Oct. 23rd for [Relay Open House](#). Beating cancer in our community is going to take a team effort. And we certainly couldn't do it without you! We're looking forward to joining forces with you to take down cancer at this year's Relay For Life of Bethany Orange Woodbridge, happening on May 16-17, 2020. The bigger your team, the faster you'll be able to reach your fundraising goal (\$100 minimum per participant to stay overnight). So now's the time to start rounding up your crew! Since the people closest to you are most likely to support your cause, start by reaching out to your friends, family, and colleagues to get them signed up. **Everyone is invited to the [Relay OPEN HOUSE](#) on October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center. We'll have food, fun, Relay prizes, insider tips, and more! So....get REGISTERED and get READY to RELAY!!**