

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This past week was another busy one at ARHS where we continue to work on building an inclusive, welcoming environment for all our community members. After a three-day weekend, we held our annual Pre-ACT/PSAT day for 10th and 11th grade students and special programming for 9th and 12th grade students. Part of the programming on Wednesday included the “[Start With Hello](#)” presentation from Sandy Hook Promise. This presentation is specifically aimed at building empathy and empowering students to be advocates of including and inviting peers to be a part of the community. Being civically responsible is also reflected in our school-wide learning expectations, which we will continue to report on via Unified Classroom and on report cards throughout the year. Through consistent communication and collaboration, we can continue to build on the solid foundation of community that has been established at ARHS.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is the **The University of Maryland** and the career of the week is **Actuary**. The [University of Maryland](#) is located in College Park, Maryland approximately 300 miles from the BOW area. Founded in 1856, the college offers 90 majors within their 12 academic schools. For those searching for unique programs, UMD offers an [Individual Studies Program](#) where students can create their own major. UMD is also a “[top 50 college](#)” with Amity students. “[Actuaries](#) use mathematics, statistics, and financial theory to analyze the financial costs of risk and uncertainty” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). Most actuaries work in insurance companies and receive on the job training. They also must pass a series of exams to become certified. According to BLS, actuaries can expect much faster than average job growth (20%) through 2028. The average salary is \$ 102,880 (BLS, 2019). For more information, please visit the [Society of Actuaries](#) 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

9th grade “tailgate” hosted by Link Crew: Tonight Link Crew will be hosting the annual Tailgate where 9th grade students are invited to come to the practice field by the track from 5:45 - 6:45 PM for a cookout and games. Wear pink or Amity gear and attend

the game with the whole crowd directly after. This event, including game entrance, is free to 9th grade students. See you there!

Class T-shirts- This year, class shirts for 10th through 12th grades will be purchased through MyPaymentsPlus! To fill out sizing requests, please go to PowerSchool, then E-collect, and the form is under each class name. After filling this out, the payment will be processed through MyPaymentsPlus. Thank you for your support for our graduation classes!

ARHS Bermuda Program Information Night: Amity has been studying Bermuda Coral Reefs for 30 years. Join us for the Bermuda Coral Reef Course Information Night on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 7-8 pm in the lecture hall at the high school. This 0.5 credit elective course in science occurs in the spring semester culminating in a 7 day field study at the [Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences](#) (BIOS). Bermuda course instructors will explain all aspects of the course and answer questions about the coursework, field experiences, accommodations and the application process. Students in grades 8-12 are eligible to apply. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity! Contact Valerie Cournoyer for more information, *contact:* valerie.cournoyer@reg5.k12.ct.us

Winter Sports Information Night: Tuesday October 29th at 6:30pm in the main gym will be our annual Winter Sports Information night. This is a MUST attend event for all students and parents/guardians interested in trying out for a winter sport. Mandatory information as well as tryout information will be presented. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT EVENT to attend if you are interested in a winter sport!

End of Marking Period 1: November 1st is the end of marking period 1. Grades will be finalized in PowerSchool by the end of the following week.

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.

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.

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](#).

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.

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:

***Turkey Hill Halloween Hoot-Saturday, Oct. 26th, 12:00-6:00pm.** 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

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](#).

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.

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.

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:

- 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 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 results from last week, please click [here](#).

For a link to the schedule for next week, 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!

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!!**