

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



"Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come."

-Dwayne Johnson, actor

We have continued our work of intentionally building a strong, inclusive and engaged community this week through various curricular and co-curricular programming. Between the ["Missing Person's Table"](#) and [panel discussion](#) on Veterans Day to the amazing state tournament games that have been played this week, our faculty meeting where teachers worked on active listening and building empathy, the Link Crew Ice Cream Social on Wednesday to parent-teacher conferences on Thursday night, this has been a full week at Amity Regional High School. Wednesday was also National Kindness Day, which was a nice follow-up to the bathroom-affirmation campaign sponsored by our UMTTR Club (members of the club posted positive, affirming signs in bathrooms around the school to remind people to be positive and practice self-care). As stated in the above quotation, success is predicated on consistent, hard work. Thanks to a dedicated student body, faculty and staff and a supportive parent and extended community, we continue to realize success as a school community and foster a positive experience for everyone within the ARHS family. Next week, student government will sponsor a "spirit week," which will culminate in our annual Homecoming Dance. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is **Wentworth Institute of Technology** and the career of the week is **Biomedical Engineer**. The [Wentworth Institute of Technology](#) is located in downtown Boston, Massachusetts, approximately 140 miles from the BOW area. WIT is a member of the [Colleges of the Fenway](#), where

the five neighboring institutions share resources. With approximately 4,000 students, WIT offers 18 majors and 19 minors primarily in technical fields. Students are required to complete at least two semesters of a [co-op program](#) in their major. [Annual costs](#) are approximately \$49,000 per academic year (tuition, fees, room and board). "[Biomedical engineers](#) combine engineering principles with medical sciences to design and create equipment, devices, computer systems, and software." (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). Most biomedical engineers are employed by manufacturers, hospitals, universities and at medical research facilities. **Average job growth is expected (4%) in this career through 2028** and the average salary is \$ 88,550 (BLS, 2018). For more information, please visit the [Biomedical Engineering Society](#) or the American Institute for [Medical and Biological Engineering](#).

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

Homecoming Tickets: Tickets for the 2019 Homecoming, which will be held on Friday, November 22nd, are on sale directly through MyPaymentsPlus. Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale now through November 21st. The dance will be held at the high school from 7-10.

School dance rule reminder: As a reminder, please note that all students attending the dance must arrive by 7:30pm (30 minutes after the start of the dance) and no students will be allowed to leave before 9:30pm (30 minutes before the end of the dance). This rule helps to keep students accounted for and safe. In addition, as with all school dances, all students will need to submit to a passive alcohol sensor conducted by the administration prior to entering the dance. Finally, if a student plans on bringing a guest from outside of Amity, the guest must submit a completed guest form and the Amity student must submit the form to the main office by the end of the day Thursday, November 21st. Please follow this [link](#) and refer to pages 26-27 for more information.

Parent-Teacher Conferences—no late buses: As a reminder, the 2nd and 3rd parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 20th and Wednesday, December 4th respectively. There will be no late buses and teachers are not available for after school help on these days.

Update from the counseling department: All juniors participated in a developmental counseling lesson this week through their English class. This lesson gave students the opportunity to learn about the way they relate to the world, collect information, make decisions and organize their world. All students took the Do What You Are Inventory in Naviance which is based off of the Myers-Briggs Personality Test. They were able to identify careers which matched their personality type. All of these results are stored in Naviance for students and parents to review.

Upcoming Alumni Visits for Juniors & Seniors: This year's Wednesday before Thanksgiving will feature a new twist to an annual tradition; students will need to choose one of the two presentations being offered on that day. The annual "[Alumni College Panel](#)" consists of alumni from the Amity Classes of 2018 and 2019. They will be here to share their college experiences and offer insight into the college process. A change to this year's panel is including a few older students to provide a slightly different perspective on college life. For those students who are interested in learning about alternatives to college, we will offer a concurrent presentation regarding "[Successful Career Paths without a Four Year Degree](#)". Students will choose which assembly attend at the time of the assembly on November 27th.

Speak-Up Reminder: Parents and students can help stop intolerant and inappropriate behavior by using our anonymous "Speak Up" system to report any bullying, drug possession, crime, and other school or community safety concerns by calling or texting 203-936-6784. There is also a [link](#) on the District 5 website.

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors: Please be reminded that if you have a December 1 college application deadline, you must submit a transcript request in Naviance by November 14th. If you have a December 15th college application deadline, you must submit your request by December 2nd.

Attention seniors-first quarter grades: If you would like first quarter grades to be sent to colleges, you must fill out a Google form. We will plan to send out first quarter beginning the week of November 18th, according to the college deadlines. Please use [this](#) Google doc. If you need grades sent to more than 10 schools, please fill out the form multiple times.

DIRECT ADMISSION DAYS at AMITY HIGH SCHOOL: Some local colleges will soon be visiting with our seniors for on-site admission appointments. ***In order to participate, seniors should have already submitted their application to the college at least one week before Amity's scheduled event.*** Please understand that financial aid information will NOT be available at these meetings and will be sent to you at a later time. ***Seniors must make an appointment in the CAREER CENTER in order to participate. Please click here for list of schools participating.***

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

Community Service Opportunities: *Woodbridge Youth Services: Looking for students to help sort food in the food pantry for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 or email at <mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org>.

***Bethany Historical Society:** Looking for help setting up their social media, scanning, graphic design, gathering materials for various projects and assisting with creating some Word Documents. Please contact Linda Wooster @ 203-804-2000 or ljwooster@gmail.com.

***Volunteers Needed for the 13th Annual Kristallnacht Commemoration** at Congregation Or Shalom in Orange, CT on Sunday, Nov. 17th from 8:00am-9:30am. If interested, please contact Edina Oestreicher at Edina.oestreicher@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.**

It's National School Psychology Week! As part of our comprehensive counseling service department, we have three school psychologists at the high school: Geoff Millenson, Linda Decesare, and Jenna DeRosa. They help to address the social-emotional needs of our students in a variety of ways. Although they do not meet individually with all students, they are available as needed. They are assigned alphabetically as follows:

DeRosa- last names A-F

Millenson- last names G-O

Decesare- last names P-Z

To learn more about what they do at ARHS, please see this [link](#). They are an integral part of our school and we thank them for their contributions!

Important Reminders

Steps for Field Trip/E-Collect Sign Ups: Starting this school year, we have migrated all field trip sign ups/permission slips to E-Collect forms through PowerSchool. While payments still occur through MyPaymentsPlus, the payment will not be seen until and unless the permission slip is first completed through E-collect. Please following these steps to register your child for a field trip:

1. Log on to PowerSchool/E-Collect Forms
2. Find the appropriate trip for your child (identified by the location and/or teacher)
3. Complete the permission slip information via the E-collect form

*please note: the fee will not be posted to MPP until after the trip closes on PowerSchool

4. Once you receive the email that you have a new fee on MyPaymentsPlus, log on to MPP and complete the transaction
5. The payment will be processed within 24-48 hours, in most cases

PTSO Update- FREE \$ FOR AMITY AS YOU SHOP FOR GROCERIES! Stop & Shop shoppers, please choose Amity to receive A+ Rewards from your Stop & Shop card! This is free to you (does not interfere with your Gas Rewards or any other rewards program), and brings free \$ to Amity. To sign up, please register your 13-digit Stop & Shop card #, if you haven't already, at Stopandshop.com. Then go to "My Account," then "Manage My Account," then "Rewards & Savings," then "A+ School Rewards." When asked for School ID #, please enter: **07220**. That's it! You will automatically earn points for the school every time you shop! If you need assistance, please call 1-877-366-2668, option 1. Please encourage friends and family to sign up too, thanks!

Hamden Adult Education: The next registration for Hamden Adult Education December 9th and 10th from 6:30-8:30. Students must call the office at 203-407-2028 to make an appointment. Classes begin on January 6th.

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](#).

Winter Sports Sign Up: If you have registered your child for Winter Sports and the status continues to show "Pending" after 2-3 days of registering, please contact either

the Athletic office or the Nurses Office for explanation as to why it has not been approved.

Thanksgiving Football Game: The home Thanksgiving football game is being held on Wednesday evening, 11/27 at 6:00 pm. **ALL** tickets for the game are \$5.00. Tickets will be sold Monday 11/25 and Tuesday, 11/26 during lunch waves. You may want to purchase your ticket(s) then to avoid the longer lines the evening of the game.

Community Happenings

Fall Play Tickets ON SALE NOW: Tickets are now on sale for the Amity Creative Theater production of “Dancing at Lughnasa”. This beautiful heart warming Irish play will take place on December 6th and 7th 2019 @8pm. Tickets and information at www.amitytheaterdepartment.com

Presentation on the Dangers of Vaping: Please take a minute to view this [flyer](#) regarding a presentation on the dangers of youth vaping sponsored by the Milford Health Department, Milford Prevention Council and Milford Legislative Delegation.

ARHS Spartan Academy Special Event: As part of the apiary program run by the Spartan Academy, there will be a showing of the new movie *The Pollinators* at Rave Cinemas in Milford on December 3rd. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.