

# ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Throughout this school year we have paid particular attention to building a strong sense of togetherness at Amity Regional High School while also honoring what each individual contributes to our greater community. Throughout this week, the Student Government has worked to bring the school together with the annual “Spirit Week” theme days. On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and faculty watched this [video](#) (thanks to the UMTTR club for finding the video) in Spartan Seminar before writing a “thank you” note to someone in the school community. The week will culminate tonight with the homecoming dance and is an awesome opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the accomplishments of the first 3 months of the 2019-2020 school year. These types of school-wide campaigns along with activities, such as parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday evening and the UMTTR Volleyball Fundraiser on Thursday afternoon, along with the final events of the fall athletic team championships are all part of the reason ARHS is such an incredible and successful school. I am grateful to be a part of this community and look forward to more exciting events throughout the rest of the school year.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** This week’s college is Albertus Magnus College and the career of the week is Art Therapist. [Albertus Magnus College](#) is located in New Haven, Connecticut, approximately 7 miles from the BOW area. Founded as a women’s college in 1925, the college became coeducational in 1985. The current population of full-time undergraduate students is approximately 600, of which 62% live on campus. The most popular majors are business, accounting, criminal justice, psychology, and human services. [Art therapy](#) is an integrative mental health and human services profession that enriches the lives of individuals, families, and communities through active art-making, creative process, applied psychological theory, and human experience within a psychotherapeutic relationship” (American Art Therapy Association website, 2019). Those who aspire to become art therapists must obtain a Master’s degree in order to become a practitioner. Art therapists are most often employed in schools, hospitals, mental health clinics and private therapy practices. The Bureau of Labor Statistics does NOT currently have information specifically for Art Therapists. However, under the topic of general therapists, the average annual salary is [\\$ 50,980](#) and [job growth for mental health counselors overall is 22% \(much faster than average\) through 2028 \(BLS, 2018\)](#). For more information, please visit the [American Art Therapy Association](#) or [Art Therapy Credentialing Board](#). *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 Reminder:** The annual ARHS Homecoming dance is tonight from 7-10 at the high school. Students must be in attendance on Friday for their regularly-scheduled school day. In addition, 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.

**Early Dismissal-Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>:** As a reminder, school will be on an early dismissal schedule next Wednesday before the Thanksgiving Holiday break. We will be holding 4 regular length class periods (5-8) before closing the day with the Student Government-sponsored Pep Rally. In addition to classes, each grade will participate in a full-grade activity of either a guest speaker regarding social media awareness (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades) or ARHS alumni-panel/post-high school planning discussion (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades). Please see this [schedule](#) for more details.

**Amity Regional School District No. 5 Bond Referendum:** Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Voting will take place at the regular polling places in each of the three member towns. Bethany – Bethany Town Hall, 40 Peck Road. Woodbridge – Center Gym, 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

QUESTION 1: “SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 5 APPROPRIATE \$3,194,300 AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL, BETHANY CAMPUS AND AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL, ORANGE CAMPUS?”

QUESTION 2: “SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 5 APPROPRIATE \$3,538,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR VARIOUS ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL?”

**Parent-Teacher Conference—no late buses:** The final parent-teacher conference will be held on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be no late buses on that day.

**ARHS Flag Football Game:** The annual flag football game between Amity's senior girls and North Haven's senior girls will be at North Haven, Monday November 25 at 6pm. \$5 admission.

## **Senior Happenings**

**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](mailto:ljwooster@gmail.com).

**\*The Volunteer Service Department at Yale New Haven Hospital** needs and welcomes energetic volunteers for their York Street and Saint Raphael campuses. Interviews are in the process now so please sign up for the upcoming winter/spring

session, which runs **January 27, 2020 through April 10, 2020**. Please sign up at [www.ynnh.org/volunteer](http://www.ynnh.org/volunteer). They are also adding a date which will not appear on the website, but will be available for Amity students on **Monday, December 9, from 3:00-5:00pm**. Please sign up for this interview by calling 888-700-6543 ext. 2.

**\*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 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.

**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](http://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!

**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.

## **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 and this past week’s 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 explanations regarding approval.

**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.

**Fall Sports Awards Night CHANGE:** Fall Sports Awards Night will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the gym. This awards night was previously scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 @8pm. Tickets and information at [www.amitytheaterdepartment.com](http://www.amitytheaterdepartment.com)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information. Ticket sales will close on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

