

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children.” ~Native American Proverb

Along with the [core values and beliefs, the academic social and civic learning expectations](#) at Amity Regional High School are the foundation upon which our school community and programming is established. The final aspect of the “civic expectations” states:

- Students will demonstrate an awareness of their global responsibility to others and the environment.

Today our students are living that expectation. The ARHS Student Government has asked all students wear blue, refrain from using plastic products to every extent possible and leave uneaten, packaged food on a designated, supervised table in the cafeteria in support of global climate awareness. There are other ways that ARHS students demonstrate their awareness, concern and passion for change regarding our environment-through club involvement, academic classes and co-curricular activities like field trips. As the quotation above intimates, we are the stewards of our earth. Our students are actively working to be responsible, caring stewards for their generation and beyond. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is **Sacred Heart University** and the career of the week is **Accountant**. [Sacred Heart University](#) is located in Fairfield, Connecticut approximately 20 miles from the BOW area. Founded as an independent, Catholic university in 1963, SHU enrolls nearly 9,000 students. Students can choose from over 70 [majors](#) within the 5 colleges and 2 schools. [Annual costs](#) are approximately \$60,000 per academic year (tuition, fees, room and board). [Accountants](#) perform work for industry as all organizations need financial recording and reporting services. Most entry level accountant jobs will require a bachelors’ degree. **Average job growth is expected**

(6%) in this career through 2028 and the average salary is \$ 70,500 (BLS, 2018). For more information, please visit the [American Accounting Association](#), the [American Institute of CPAs](#) or the [Connecticut Society of CPAs](#).

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

LAST CALL-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 takes place on December 6th and 7th 2019 @8pm. Tickets and information [here](#).

Mid-marking Period: Today marks the middle of the 2nd 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.

Updating information through PowerSchool: If you have a need to update your contact information for the newsletter, weather impacts on school, etc, please follow these directions. For support, you may contact the technology office at any time at 203-397-6205.

Amity Regional School District No. 5 Bond Referendum: Thank you to everyone who came out to vote on Wednesday, December 4th.

Senior Service Learning Program Parent Informational Evening: The **SSLP Parent Informational Evening** will be held on **Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Brady Center/Auditorium**. Lynn Cocco, the College and Career Counselor, will be presenting the expectations and guidelines of the 2020 Senior Service Learning Program (generally referred to as the SSLP or internship) and the Senior Interest Project (SIP). Parents are encouraged to attend if your senior is likely to participate in either of these programs.

Senior Happenings

May, 2020, Senior Service Learning Program Prep– if you are planning to participate in the Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP or internship) OR the Senior Interest Project (SIP), **please check your school email OFTEN**. The SSLP is an unpaid, experiential learning program where seniors may leave school to work at job sites. The SIP gives seniors an opportunity to conduct a research or mini-capstone

project on a topic of one's own choosing. BOTH programs occur during the last month of the school year **and more information will be emailed to all seniors before the winter vacation.** Participants are expected to meet program deadlines beginning in January, 2020.

Transcript Request Deadline: Please be aware that December 9th is the transcript request deadline for any students who would like transcripts sent out for a 1/1/2020 application deadline.

Additional Scholarship Resource Information: Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The Amity College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under the scholarship tab. Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college or university or additional websites like [this one](#).

Important: Financial Aid Form – By now, most of you have filled out the FAFSA form to apply for financial aid. In addition, some colleges require the CSS Profile form to be submitted as well. Click [here](#) for a list of those colleges and universities that require the CSS Profile Form. Also, please be aware that December 16th is the transcript request deadline for any students who would like transcripts sent out for a 1/1/2019 application deadline.

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.***

Notes from Counseling Department

OPEN CHOICE SEASON is HERE! – Open Choice means it is recruitment season for many public schools in Connecticut. If your family is interested in exploring the many different types of K through 12 public schools available to Connecticut residents, please take the time to visit some of the following websites:

- Visit the State of CT's [Regional School Choice Office](#) for fair information and info sessions about interdistrict magnet schools and Open Choice programming.
- Visit the [CT Technical High Schools](#) website for information about the xx schools statewide.
- Visit the [Regional Science and Technology Education](#) website for information about schools in your area.

Local Gap Year Fair: The USA Gap Fair at Fairfield Ludlowe High School in Fairfield, Ct will be offering a gap year fair for all to join on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 6:00-8:30pm. This is an opportunity to learn about a number of life-changing gap year programs from all around the world. Many of these programs also offer summer opportunities for students. For more information or to register for this event, please click [here](#).

EMT Course: The Naugatuck Valley Community College is offering an EMT Course to the public. Classes beginning January 22, 2020 to May 17, 2020. You can earn 6 college credits while training to be an Emergency Medical Technician. Classes are conducted by Connecticut State Certified EMS-Instructors. For course information, please call 203-596-8746. For Registration, please call 203-596-2177.

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 [here](#). 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.

Community Service: The Bethany Clark Memorial Library is looking for volunteers to help with their annual Charles Dickens Dinner on Sunday, December 15, 2019 and their mini-golf fundraiser on February 1, 2020. Please sign up in the Career Center.

Summer Opportunity: The United States Air Force Academy's summer seminar application is now open to all high school juniors from **December 1st 2019 until January 15th 2020**. The link to apply for summer seminar can be found [here](#).

Important Reminders

Fall 2019 PSAT Results: On Monday, December 9th, online score reports for the PSAT will be available for all 11th grade students who took the test in October. Students will need to access their College Board accounts.

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!

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 winter sports, please refer to the athletic department’s website [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.

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

Community Happenings

ARHS Teen Life Class’ “Good Night Done Right” Fundraiser: Would you be willing to donate ONE pair of NEW pajamas? (See attached flyer) Please support our 5th Annual Jammie Drive, where our goal this year is to provide one pair of pajamas for EVERY child, grades K-8, at Wexler Grant Community School in New Haven, Ct. No time to head to the store? No worries. On-line orders and/or monetary/gift card donations can be mailed to us at: "Good Night Done Right" c/o Amity Regional High School 25 Newton Road Woodbridge, Ct 06525.