

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



These are unique and unprecedented times. I think back to the this time last week when preparing the weekly newsletter and considering all of the activities for which our school was preparing. While those activities have been put on hold while our local, state and federal community respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, we will continue to communicate on a regular basis and celebrate the strength of Amity Regional High School. Throughout this week, our students, faculty and staff have responded with impressive calm to the pandemic and impending school closure. Students have asked appropriate questions, adults have been reassuring without claiming to know all of the answers and the school week continued with as much normalcy as possible. We modified the lunch schedules to allow tables to be disinfected between lunch waves, adjusted activities to assist in social distancing and held meetings virtually (i.e. the March PTSO meeting) to continue to communicate while not putting anyone at risk. While the times feel uncertain, it is important for all of us to continue to work together to minimize the spread of virus. As mentioned in the joint superintendents' [letter](#) from yesterday, "the purpose of the school closure is to minimize transmission through contact." The plan for reopening of school has yet to be determined, but you can remind your children that they can use this time to engage in supplemental learning activities. Students can review Unified Classroom for resources that are available and continue to complete work that was assigned prior to the closure. My hope is we will have more information soon, but until then please continue to be vigilant and safe. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is **Keene State College** and the career of the week is **Nurse Practitioner**. [Keene State College](#) is a public college located in Keene, New Hampshire, approximately 142 miles from the BOW area. Enrollment is currently at 3,440 undergraduate students - 59% are out-of-state students. Most popular majors include education, safety & occupational health applied sciences (protecting employees in the workplace), business, public health, psychology, criminal justice, biology and film. [Annual costs](#) are approximately \$37,000 per academic year (out-of-state tuition, fees, room and board). "[Nurse Practitioners](#) coordinate patient care and may provide primary and specialty healthcare" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). Individual states have different educational

and licensing requirements for Nurse Practitioners. However, all must have earned a masters' degree. The median salary is \$113,930 and the profession is expected to have ***faster than average job growth at 26% through 2028*** (BLS, 2018). For more information, please visit the [American Association of Nurse Practitioners](#) or "[The Balance Careers: What Nurse Practitioners Do](#)".

Happenings and Information

Resources for families: The following links provide information about speaking to children about the current pandemic outbreak as well as resources for managing safe and healthy habits:

- This [link](#), from the National Association for School Psychologists page, offers information to parents about how to talk to children about COVID-19
- This [link](#), from the social/emotional learning site RULER, offers ways to manage anxiety around the COVID-19 outbreak
- This [link](#), from the American School Counselor Association, pulls together a number of resources to assist families and offer information

Supplemental learning sites: Please remind your children of the following supplemental learning sites that are offered through Amity Regional School District #5:

Study Island

- ELA, Health, Math, Science, Social Studies, AP, SAT and ACT test prep
- Lessons, flash cards, assessments, practice
- [Click here](#) for log in directions for students or Log in with Clever
- Contact Lisa Lassen if you can't access your Study Island account

Discovery Education

- ELA, Career/Workplace, Health, Math, Science, Social Studies, Visual/Performing Arts, World Language
- Videos and video segments from the Discovery Channel
- Sign in with Google

Senior Happenings

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](#).

Current Local Scholarships Available! Applications available in the Career Center:

American Italian Women of Greater New Haven

Joseph Cuzzocreo Memorial Scholarship

Orange Rotary Club

Bethany Lions Club

Orange Scholarship Fund Assoc.

Glenn Moon Scholarship

Amity Charitable Trust Fund

Orange Community Women's Scholarship

Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary/Allied Health Scholarship

Junior League of Greater New Haven Voluntarism Scholarship Award

Orthopaedic Specialty Group Scholarship

Orange Little League Scholarship

Notes from Counseling Department

Do you care about the Environment? The Natural Resources Conservation Academy Conservation Ambassador Program at UConn is a summer opportunity for high school students (grades 9-11) who are interested in the environment, science, and community engagement. Through a week-long field experience at UConn and a community conservation project, this program engages students in natural resource science and conservation biology in a fun and exciting way through experiential, place-based learning. The field experience will take place from **July 19-25** at the UConn Storrs Campus. **Applications are due by April 1, 2020.** Please click [here](#) for more information.

Important Reminders

Student Efficiency Award Nomination Form: Please click on this [link](#) for the student application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence. The deadline for applications this year is April 24, 2020. There will be one recipient from each school and each awardee will each receive \$300 and recognition at the June Board of Education meeting. Click on this [link](#) for more details. Students can complete forms electronically and return them to me via e-mail or submit paper applications. Extra forms are outside the main office.

Substitute Teachers Needed: If you are interested in becoming a [substitute teacher for Amity Region 5](#), please click on the link and fill out an application.

Athletics

Athletic Department Update: Spring sports are postponed until further notice. Please stay tuned for updates.

Community Happenings

ACT presents *The Drowsy Chaperone*: While the show dates have yet to be determined, the show will go on! Information will be communicated as soon as the dates are set. Thank you for your support!