

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have spent this week beginning to learn about how to most effectively support a strong teaching and learning environment in this constantly-changing educational environment. Teachers worked throughout the week to orient themselves to new health and safety protocols, curricular reviews, Google Classroom, a completely new online classroom management system (Aristotle Borderless Classroom), beginning to conceive and plan for hybrid blended teaching and learning, and continuing to intentionally include social/emotional components in to daily lessons necessary to support our students. We are an institution of learning and learning is an evolving process. However, we are also a community of dedicated educators, students, parents/guardians and community members who are committed to continuing to make Amity Regional High School the most successful and inclusive school possible. We are excited to welcome students on Monday and Tuesday back to our hallowed halls, even though things will look and feel different. We are looking forward to learning and growing with the entire school community as we have done in the past, particularly over these past 5 months. Have a wonderful weekend and welcome back!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

### Happenings and Information

**Expectations For Monday/Tuesday:** Students should come to school with their device (school-issued for 9-11). Teachers will take time during this day to meet their students, review some health and safety expectations and ensure students are set with virtual classroom platforms. **One adjustment to the schedule is we will be meeting with all 8 periods on Monday and Tuesday.** We will still only expect

students who are onsite each day to participate in classes. Please note: Link Crew Leaders will be on hand to help students find their classroom locations throughout both days.

**Class-Wide Google Classrooms:** To help streamline communication with our students school-wide, we have created grade-level Google Classroom pages. The link for this page will be sent to students through their Amity Gmail accounts and, therefore, only students will be invited to the class page. We will use this page to send out information and share resources to 10th grade students. We ask that students check this classroom page regularly along with their amityschools.org email so they can stay up-to-date with all relevant information.

**Required Covid-19 Health and Safety Video:** Please take some time to watch [this video](#) on important health and safety information prior to sending students back to school next week. This video will also be posted in the ARHS Administrators' Google Classroom pages.

**Introductory Videos and Documents:** The following videos and documents will be posted on the Class-Wide Google Classroom pages for all students and we will ask each student to watch these videos before school starts next week. These videos are valuable resources for parents/guardians, as well.

- • [One-to-One for Students](#)
- • [Aristotle for Students](#)
- • [Google Classroom for Students](#)
- • [PowerSchool Unified Classroom for Students](#)
- • Document explaining logistical procedures for arrival and dismissal, hallway conduct, attendance procedures and other changes to the flow of the high school building and day

**Spartan Stories Welcome Back:** On Tuesday, September 1st, at 1:00, the entire student body will be asked to watch the 2020 Spartan Stories Welcome Back kick-off, which will be posted on the class pages. This video will be shared with the community through the Happenings Newsletter next week.

**Update on Aristotle for senior personal devices:** Aristotle will be pushed out to students who have decided to use their own device through a Chrome extension. The only thing students need on their device is Google Chrome Browser. When they sign in to the Chrome browser using their school issued email account (@amityschools.org) the Aristotle extension will be available as a browser extension. This extension will allow the student to join classes and interact with the Aristotle Borderless Classroom. The only information teachers will be able to see will be what is in that specific Chrome window; no other information pertaining to other programs running on the computer at the same time will be accessible to staff.

**Senior Device Distribution Procedures:** We ask that any seniors that requested a device with the full Aristotle suite to please stop by the Technology Help Desk through the (temporary) glass doors in the Library Media Center on Monday or Tuesday. A device will be issued and recorded at that time. Accidental protection options will be available through PowerSchool for parents to fill out. You may also contact the technology department if you have questions at [helpdesk@amityregion5.org](mailto:helpdesk@amityregion5.org).

## **Athletics**

**First Day of Practice:** Due to the predicted rain tomorrow, the fall sports season will kick off Monday, August 31 at 4:30pm. 16 of our 18 fall teams will begin conditioning and skill sessions. Tryout information (time and place) is [here](#).

### **Reminders about Fall Sports:**

- **All PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST complete a COVID screening daily for their student-athlete. The instructions to set up the app are [here](#).**
  - o Daily COVID screenings must be completed by 9am on Weekend/Holidays and 1pm Monday-Friday
- ALL students MUST attend virtual or in-person school every day to be eligible to participate.
- Athletic teams practice/compete daily, even on virtual school days.
- Students who opt out of in-person learning are NOT eligible for participation in athletics.
- EVERY student-athlete must come prepared each day with:
  - o Mask (gaiters are not acceptable)
  - o 32oz of Water (minimum) – CANNOT SHARE WATER
  - o Sports specific equipment as needed
- Game schedules are not available at this time. Coaches will communicate them when they become available.