

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



During this, our 3rd week of school, we presented our 2020 Open House program. This is the first time in 15 years that we have been able to host this program on one night as one full school community, as the current pandemic necessitated a virtual format. However, in keeping with the concept of building a strong sense of community, teachers were encouraged to focus their video presentations on explaining **why** they teach rather than exactly what they will cover in the course or how the grade will be compiled. I hope you enjoyed the Back-to-School tour that your child lead you through and that you had the opportunity to get a sense of what it is like for your Amity Regional High School student. While Covid-19 has had a dramatic impact on our daily lives, it has not changed our commitment as educators to our students, our school and our community members. We teach because we care about children, we care about our society and we are working to create positive change for our future. Have a good weekend and, to those who are celebrating, Shanah tovah um'tukah.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College & Career of the Week:** [East Carolina University](#) is located in Greenville, North Carolina, approximately 580 miles from the BOW area. Notable [facts](#) include over 23,000 undergraduates are enrolled, approximately 40% of all students major in STEM or health care fields and more than 20% participate in research projects with faculty. Eight of ECU's twelve colleges offer over 80 [undergraduate degree programs](#). ECU also has a maritime/ocean studies facility in the Outer Banks of North Carolina called the [ECU Outer Banks Campus](#). The facility conducts research within the fields of Estuarine Ecology, Coastal Engineering and Ocean Energy, Public Policy and Coastal Sustainability, Maritime Heritage, and Coastal Processes. [Annual tuition for out-of-state residents](#) is approximately \$33,652.00. Learn more by visiting the [website](#) and taking a [virtual tour](#).

“[Maritime Archeologists](#), also known as underwater archeologists, study past human cultures with an emphasis on how humans interacted with the world's oceans, lakes and river systems” (oceanoday.noaa.gov). Maritime archaeologists must obtain a master's degree in archeology to work in this career path. Most people will begin by studying subjects such as history, oceanography, geology and chemistry. As with any [underwater job](#), one must become an expert diver and extensive global travel is required. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, [archeologists](#) earn an average salary of \$63,670 annually and the field is expected to have a 5% increase (faster than average) job growth through 2029.

Some [colleges that offer programs in maritime archeology](#) include:

<a href="#">East Carolina Univ</a>	Texas A&M	Univ of West Florida
Indiana University	University of Hawaii	Univ of Southampton (UK)
Alexandria Univ (EGYPT)	Flinders Univ (AUS)	Univ of Haifa (ISRAEL)

## **Happenings and Information**

**Virtual Club Day:** For club day students will be making videos about their club to highlight the work and activities they do that will be posted to a Club Council Google Classroom by the end of September. Invites to the Club Council Google Classroom for students will be forthcoming. Also, students can spotlight their club through morning announcements, student happenings, and other activities that the club council is planning.

**Spartan Seminar will start on Wednesday, September 23rd:** We will continue to hold our advisory period, Spartan Seminar, on Wednesdays. The schedule for a Spartan Seminar day can be found here and on the Admin Google Classroom page. Students should look for an email or an invite from their Spartan Seminar teachers regarding Wednesday's session, which will begin the school day at 9:45.

**ARHS Peer Tutoring is BACK!** PEER TUTORING is available to any student who would like academic assistance. Trained peer tutors will work with you online via Google Meet or Zoom. Please fill out the form [HERE](#) and a peer tutor will contact you.

**Free Breakfast/Lunch Program:** Beginning on Monday, September 21st, all Amity Regional High School students will be able to receive a "grab and go" lunch and breakfast for the following morning during student dismissal. Fully-remote students may sign up to pick up meals after student dismissal. Please refer to the district-wide email sent on 9/16 for more information.

## **Attention 9th Grade Students who attended AMSB-AMSB 2019-20 Yearbook**

**Update:** The deadline has been extended for purchasing an Amity Middle School Bethany 2019-20 school yearbook until Sep 25th. This will be the last chance for former AMSB students to purchase a yearbook! If you would like to purchase a copy to help remember this most unusual year, please click on this [link](#) to submit your order. The Yearbooks will be delivered to AMSB (current 8th graders) and ARHS (current 9th graders) and we will contact you regarding pick up when they arrive.

## **Senior Happenings**

**College Visits Throughout the Fall:** Welcome Back Students! This fall, college representatives will be visiting us virtually. Juniors and seniors may register for virtual college visits by signing into NAVIANCE and following these instructions:

- Click on COLLEGES - RESEARCH COLLEGES - COLLEGE VISITS
- Scroll through the listing of colleges (sorted by date and time)
- REGISTER for those visits you want to attend. (More details to follow.)

Virtual visits will be held afterschool on week days between the hours of 3pm to 7pm. You can view the complete listing of visiting college representatives in Naviance, OR you can view the [upcoming week's visit listing HERE](#). Visits begin on Monday, September 14th and conclude in mid-November. For more information about virtual college visits, please contact the [College & Career Center](#).

**Interested in attending a NACAC Virtual College Fair ?** Here's your chance to hear from admission representatives from more than 600 colleges and universities locally, across the country, and around the world. Topics will include how to apply, financial aid, student life, diversity, academics, athletics, study abroad and more! Click to see the list of exhibiting colleges on the following dates: [Monday, Oct. 12, 2020 from 1-9pm](#), [Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020 from 12-8pm](#), [Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 from 2-10pm](#). Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like. Parents are invited, too. Simply sign up at [virtualcollegefairs.org](http://virtualcollegefairs.org) now and register for one or more fairs. On the event date, use your phone or computer to log in. Learn, connect, ask questions, and discover your best college fit!

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Looking for a part-time job?** The College & Career Center will be posting part-time employment opportunities for students to browse through in the Career Center. A list of

the companies in the BOWA area, who have hired Amity students in past, are listed for your own research. Please stop in the Career Center if you need assistance with the process of finding a job.

## **Important Reminders**

**Join the ARHS PTSO:** Amity High School PTSO is kicking off its 2020-2021 membership drive. Brand new this year-paid membership includes access to our new interactive portal for communication, up-to-date information on events and much more! To join, please go to [AmityPTSO.org](http://AmityPTSO.org) and see this flyer for more information.

**ARHS 2020-2021 Independent Study Program:** Any 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student that is interested in applying for the Independent Study Program must submit their completed proposals to Mrs. Campbell no later than Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mrs. Campbell with questions.

**Underclassmen Picture Days:** Underclassmen photography will take place on campus on **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>**. More details and a complete schedule are forthcoming. Information on photography sessions for fully remote learners is also forthcoming.

## **Athletics**

**Covid-19 Slate Screening:** Please be sure to complete your student-athlete's daily screening **prior** to 1pm through the Slate app.

## **Community Happenings**

**Orange Food2Kids:** This non-profit program provides bags of food to food-insecure kids. Packages are delivered twice a week-on Tuesdays and Fridays-to BOW families' doorsteps. The food is kid friendly, and individually packaged. It includes breakfast, lunch and snack items for a few days. To receive more information about this service or to volunteer, please text or call to 203-668-7099 or 203-887-1088. Please be prepared to state how many kids are at the house and an address for the packages to be delivered.

**Yale International Relations Virtual Symposium:** IRSY has an exciting announcement!! IRSY will return this fall in a **new virtual format** and we are excited

to invite Amity Regional High School to our conference. This year, IRSY will take place on **October 18th, 2020**. As a reminder, IRSY is a **free** one day conference for high schoolers that focuses on teaching International Relations and Model UN skills. While IRSY will now be virtual, many of the things you can expect will be the same. We will still have intense simulations of political crises, keynote speakers with decades of experience in International Relations, and fun workshops to improve your Model UN skills. Any high school student is welcome to register and attend. Registration is open now and will close in mid-October. You can register [here](#).