

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This week we reinstated our advisory program, Spartan Seminar. We began the school day on Wednesday in Spartan Seminar groups and took the 24 minutes to either get to know one another or re-introduce ourselves to our Spartan Seminar groups. Spartan Seminar groups are formed in 9th grade and are consistent with both students and advisors for the 4 years of an Amity student's high school career. This program is one of the ways we actively work to build a just community where all members are invited in to the conversation and connected to one another. Throughout the year, the program will focus on the goal of helping each member of the Amity Community to become the best version of themselves through building a strong, inclusive community. In addition to Spartan Seminar, we will also hold our first-ever Virtual Club Day to kick-off the school year next week. While we hope that clubs will be able to have in-person meetings in the future, clubs are encouraged to arrange for online meetings and plan our activities that can be completed in a virtual format for the time being. Whatever the future brings, we are navigating our way through this new experience of school **together**, which will lead us to being a **stronger Amity** community. Have a good weekend and Yom Tov to those observing the holiday.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Career of the Week: “[Administrative Services Managers](#) plan, direct, and coordinate activities that help an organization run efficiently” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). The median annual salary for [this career](#) is \$96,940 and job growth is expected to be faster than average at 6% through 2019 (BLS, 2019). Those college students who [major in business management](#) can expect to earn solid, foundational business and organizational skills while providing themselves with varied job prospects as they move forward in their careers (study.com, 2019). For more information, visit the [American Management Association](#), the [Society for Human Resource Management](#) or the [Future Business Leaders of America](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in business management include:

Tulane University	University of Connecticut	Southern CT State Univ
Quinnipiac University	Sacred Heart University	Fairfield University

Central CT State Univ	Albertus Magnus College	Univ of New Haven
Bryant University	Bentley University	Babson University
UMASS/Boston	Univ of Rhode Island	Northeastern Univ
Springfield College	Hofstra University	New York University

Happenings and Information

Holiday Observance Monday: As a reminder, in observance of Yom Kippur there will be no school on Monday, September 28th. Teachers have been asked to be mindful of assignment due-dates based on the holiday. Yom Tov to those who will be observing the holiday!

Underclass Picture Days: Underclassmen photography will take place on campus on October 6th, 8th, 9th, and 29th. Please note a change from the originally announced dates; there will be NO sessions on the 16th. More details and a complete schedule are forthcoming, so parents and students should be sure to check their e-mail. Photography sessions for fully remote learners will take place from 12:45-2:00 on October 8th for students with last names A-K and on October 9th for students with last names L-Z. There is no appointment necessary for fully remote students. Remote students should enter the high school's front entrance for a temperature check and then proceed to the district presentation room via the side exit. Security personnel will assist in providing direction.

AP registration is officially open! Use this [link](#) to register and pay for AP exams: CollegeBoard is strict about deadlines for registration so please sign up on time!

- Registration is open from Friday, September 25, 2020 - Friday, November 6, 2020
- AP Exam Fee: \$98 per exam
- AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees: \$146 per exam
- Late Fees: Registration will reopen from November 15, 2020 - March 1, 2020 but will have a \$40 extra late fee (as set by CollegeBoard, not ARHS)

Grade 12 SAT Test: We will offer the opportunity for seniors to take the SAT on October 14th as part of the CT SAT School Day that was canceled in March. An email with more information was sent to parents/guardians of seniors yesterday.

Grade 11 PSAT: We will offer the opportunity for all juniors to take the PSAT on October 14th. An email with more information was sent to parents/guardians of juniors yesterday.

Senior Happenings

College Search Information Sessions/Virtual Open Houses: To learn more about searching for colleges, check out these upcoming virtual opportunities [here](#).

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 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!

Local virtual event for prospective students: Southern CT State University will be offering a **Virtual Open House on Saturday, September 26th, 2020 from 10am-1pm**. This is a great opportunity to gain a stronger perspective of a day in the life of a SCSU student through a series of online presentations that will discuss the student/family experience, academic programs, and student life at SCSU. Please click [here](#) for a personalized access link to SCSU's platform.

Notes from Counseling Department

Google classrooms: The counseling department has set up a Google classroom for each grade level. Please remind your child to accept the invitation.

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

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.

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 and see this flyer for more information.

ARHS 2020-2021 Independent Study Program: Any 11th or 12th 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 28th. Please contact Mrs. Campbell with questions.

Athletics

Competition begins this weekend: While there are no spectators allowed at competitions, we wanted to be sure to share the calendar with the community. To view the calendar for ARHS Fall Sports competitions, please click on this [link](#).

Community Happenings

Amity Adult & Continuing Education - Fall 2020: The Amity Adult & Continuing Education catalog for the Fall 2020 - Virtual Session is now [online](#)! We have many great options for this session and we hope that you will consider registering for a course or maybe two! Consider taking a course with a friend and/or a family member for more fun! **The Fall Session courses include:**

- Finance
- Art (Acrylic and Watercolor)
- Fitness (Hula Hoop, Walking)
- Fly Fishing
- Holiday Crafting
- Knitting
- Songwriting and Production
- Memoir Writing
- Learn to Speak Polish

....and many others! With the ongoing pandemic, we will be offering all of our courses in a virtual format. Instructors will be teaching via Zoom or Google Meet. Once registered, you will receive an email with the link or code for your class. When class is scheduled to start, you click the link and you will be entered into the class. All course materials that may be needed will be explained by the instructor and can be purchased through the instructor. Email them for details.

Questions? Email us

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Drivers Ed: [Elite Driving School](#) is pleased to offer a fall 2020 driver education class beginning on Wednesday September 30, 2020. This class will meet virtually on Monday and Wednesdays from 2:50 - 4:50 pm. We have a fully functioning google classroom where students will find course resources and complete homework assignments. Due to the google meet format, students will be expected to be present and "on camera" for the full class time, and, in addition, complete all assignments by the posted due date. The cost of the online course is \$170. 8 hours "in-vehicle" time is \$380. Elite Driving School will also be offering "in-vehicle" lessons, as usual, as part of the course. [Register today!](#)