

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We continue to progress through our unique school year with the intention to be the best learning organization we can be for our students and our community. Over the next few weeks, we will make some slight changes to our opening plan, including having students with last names A-K report to the school building on Wednesdays (all students will follow a regular early dismissal schedule--from 7:34 to 12:12--on Wednesdays). There is a song in the musical *Wicked* called "[For Good](#)" that includes the following line from the chorus: "Because I knew you, I have been changed for good." I have been thinking about this song as we have worked through the evolution of opening our school and district to in-person learning while continuing to support all students--whether in school or remote--every single day. We are able to take these next steps because of the success of our initial reopening plan and the support we have had from our greater Amity Community. Thank you for that support; because of it, we will be changed for good. Today our Club Council is launching our "Virtual Club Day" for all students to view various opportunities for club involvement at the high school through the Club Council Google Classroom (students have been invited to join the classroom through their amityschools.org email accounts). For now, clubs will continue to meet virtually but we are hopeful that we will be able to slowly include some in-person club activities in the future. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's College is St. Bonaventure University and the career is auditor. [St. Bonaventure University](#) (SBU) is located in St. Bonaventure, New York, approximately 380 miles from the BOW area. SBU enrolls about 2,000 undergraduate students and encourages them to seek personal growth and a better understanding of the world while pursuing their higher education. Over 50 [majors](#) are offered throughout 5 academic schools; most popular majors include [business/finance](#), computer science, video production, health science, journalism, and sports management. [Combined-degree programs](#) are also offered in medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, osteopathy, and pharmacy. [Annual tuition](#) is approximately \$51,000. Learn more by visiting the [website](#) or [taking a tour](#) (in person or online). "Accountants and [auditors](#) prepare and examine financial records", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). [Auditors differ from accountants](#) as they "verify the work done by accountants" (topaccountingdegrees.org, 2020). [Accountants and auditors](#) are employed in both the public and private sectors. In order to gain experience in this

field, most auditors begin their careers as general accountants. Overall job growth is expected to be at 4% (as fast as average) through 2029 and the median salary is \$71,550 (BLS, 2019). For more information, please visit the following websites: [The Institute of Internal Auditors](#), or the [National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in accounting & finance include:

St. Bonaventure Univ	Babson College	Fairfield University
UCONN	College of Holy Cross	University of New Haven
Quinnipiac University	Siena College	Rochester Inst of Tech
SUNY/Albany	Western CT State	Adelphi University
Southern CT State	Endicott College	Ithaca College
UMASS/Boston	Sacred Heart University	Suffolk University

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

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 is \$98 per exam; AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees is \$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).

October 14th PSAT/SAT Plan: As a reminder, all **11th and 12th grade students** are invited to sit for the **PSAT and SAT (respectively) on Wednesday, October 14th** at the high school. Ninth and 10th grade students and any 11th/12th grade students who do not take the PSAT/SAT on that day will be expected to engage in asynchronous activities and instruction. We will run a regular early-dismissal (7:34am start) schedule on that Wednesday.

Amity Trident goes "Back to School": The Amity Regional High School Newspaper, *The Trident*, has been continuing to publish throughout the conclusion of last school year and the beginning of this school year, despite the pandemic. Click [here](#) to view the September edition.

Thank you from the Amity Faculty and Staff: We wanted to send a very warm thank you for the back-to-school gift from the ARHS PTSO. The silver key chain with the Block A and "Amity Strong" inscription is a helpful reminder of the support we receive from our parents and community. Thank you!

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors/Financial Aid Information: Please be aware - the FASFA has been made available as of Oct. 1st. Students and families should begin applying for [financial aid](#) as soon as possible. Colleges use FASFA information to determine need for institutional-based aid and grant money. Find out what documents you will need to complete [here](#). Get started now as many financial aid awards are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some colleges will also require the CSS Profile as part of their financial aid process. Please click [here](#) for a list of schools that require this form. This information can also be found on our AHS [website](#).

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!

Free Webinar: If you are interested in any of the **University of California colleges**, please check out this webinar - sponsored by InGenius Prep. A former admissions counselor from UC Berkeley/UC Santa Cruz will share information about the admissions process at all UCAL colleges. Learn more or register for the webinar [here](#).

Notes from Counseling Department

Hamden Adult Education: The Hamden Adult Education will be holding its registration night FOR TERM 2 for Credit Diploma Classes ON WEDNESDAY 9/30/20, AND THURSDAY 10/1/20 from 6-8 pm in the foyer of Hamden High School outside the Adult Education office. All students must CALL AHEAD OF TIME to our office at (203) 407-2028 to make an appointment! Students must be at least 17 years old and have the following:

- An official transcript
- A withdrawal form
- A current Photo ID
- A Social Security Number
- Proof of Residency (in Bethany, Orange or Woodbridge)

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

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.

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.

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.

Athletics

Competition: 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](#).

Attention Interested Amity Students: Interested in pursuing a career in sports management or communications? The athletic department is seeking qualified students to assist in live streaming our athletic events. Students will earn community service and experience in sports management and communications. Please stop by the athletic department office or email: egoodwin@amityregion5.org if interested.

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

at: philip.dolan@amityregion5.org or kim.doran@amityregion5.org

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!](#)