

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have a tradition at Amity Regional High School of using the rocks at the entrance to the campus to identify and celebrate events in our community. These mile"stones" include welcoming 9th graders at the start of every year with the [Link Crew-decorated rock](#), highlighting senior nights for various athletic teams (like [volleyball](#) and [girls swimming and diving](#)), celebrating Pride week in April and National Teacher Appreciation Week in May. In most cases, student groups decorate the rock in anticipation of the event to come. This is a concrete example of one of our core values: passion. Last spring, the rock lay fairly dormant (with the exception of Teacher Appreciation Week) due to the district shut down and the move to remote teaching and learning. It has been one of the highlights of the fall to arrive on campus to see the rock decorated in celebration of some of our events. Along with physical manifestations of our community, we have also been hard at work to focus on the social and emotional impacts of school. This past week, the ARHS faculty worked on [Restorative Practices](#), which focuses on strengthening relationships and fostering inclusion, specifically discussing how to naturally incorporate some restorative practices in to our everyday work with students. Our commitment to the Amity Regional High School community is steadfast and, regardless of what we face, we will continue to demonstrate our strength through our traditions and our practices. Have a good 3-day weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: The [University of Hartford](#) is located in West Hartford, Connecticut, approximately 45 miles from the BOW area. UHart's 350-acre campus enrolls over 4,200 undergraduate students and offers 97 majors within seven schools - including the prestigious [Hartt School of Music](#). [Annual tuition](#) is approximately \$58,000 (depending upon major and housing/meal plan choices). For [more information](#), please visit the [admissions website](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). "[Broadcast and sound engineering technicians](#) set up, operate, and maintain the electrical equipment for media programs" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). During an average workday, [B&SE technicians](#) will often set up, operate, and maintain the electrical

equipment used for events such as television broadcasts, musical performances and movie sets. The median annual salary is \$45,510 and job growth is expected to be at 9% (faster than average) through 2029 (BLS, 2019). For more information, visit the following websites: [Audio Engineering Society](#) or the [Association of Music Producers](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in sound recording technology include:

University of Hartford	Berklee School of Music	Five Towns College (NY)
UMASS/Lowell	Columbia College (IL)	University of New Haven
SUNY/Fredonia	DePaul University (IL)	Syracuse University

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

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 (for B day classes-periods 1-4, 7&8). We will run a regular early-dismissal (7:34am start) schedule.

Yearbooks on Sale: For a limited time, *Embers 2021* is available for pre-order at the cost of \$70. When the regular sales window opens on November 15th, the cost will increase to \$75. It will increase again to \$80 on January 17th, 2021. Visit amityembers.com to reserve your copy today!

OBOA Event: One Book One Amity is sponsoring an after-school event for students and staff called “Books and a Blanket” on Tuesday, October 20th (L-Z cohort) and Wednesday, October 21st (A-K cohort) from 12:30-1:30 near the pond. Please feel free to bring a lunch or grab one from school along with a blanket or towel to sit on. We’ll eat and discuss the memoirs read this past summer. To ensure we’re following CDC guidelines, everyone must register for this event in advance by filling out this [form](#). Social distancing will be enforced. Here’s a [flyer](#) about the event.

Reminder about Lunch Program: We encourage all students to grab a lunch bag from Chartwells on the way out of school or sign up to pick up a lunch during fully-remote days. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

Senior Happenings

Senior Portrait Yearbook Pose Selection: Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by **Friday, October 30th**. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found on the [senior FAQ page](#) on the yearbook website.

Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook: The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for inclusion in *Embers 2021*. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! Visit amityembers.com and click "Submit Photos" beneath either the "For Seniors" or "For Parents" tabs. Please send only high-resolution photos and keep submissions to just one per student. If you send us more than one, the yearbook staff will select a single photo for inclusion in the yearbook. No professional photos will be accepted as they are copyright protected. All photo submissions are due **Friday, December 18th**.

Yearbook Grad Ads: Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers 2021* yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! Visit amityembers.com to see the grad ad order form for details. If you're looking for ideas and inspiration, you can also view plenty of grad ads from previous years [here](#). All grad ad orders are due on **Friday, December 18th**.

Are you thinking of joining the military after high school? An active member of the United States Marines will be offering a **Virtual Career Talk on Thursday, October 15, 2020 @ 4:00pm**. If you would to join this virtual meeting, please email Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center at paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

Local Scholarship-American Legion-Post #127 of Orange Award-This scholarship is awarded to a male or female in the 2021 graduating class for citizenship, overall academic achievement, and excellence in U.S. History and Americanism. The student must be a child of a current member of the Orange Post #127 with a continuous membership for a term of not less than 3 years. For more information, please contact the Career Center @ paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

Connecticut College Application Day will be held virtually on **Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 10am-12:30pm**. This event is a great opportunity for seniors to receive expert assistance in completing their college applications. Professionals from Colleges and Universities around New England will help students achieve your postsecondary dreams. Please register [here](#).

Additional College Resources: Seniors and parents are encouraged to visit our College & Career website [here](#), where you can find general information about college search resources, weekly college visits, Direct Admission Days at Amity, College & Career of the Week, career search resources, community service information, and working papers requirements/employment guidance.

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 Visits Throughout the Fall: 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](#).

College Search Information/Upcoming Virtual Fall Open Houses: Click [here](#).

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!

It's a one-stop shop Connecticut event-CONNECT Virtual College Fairs! Take advantage of a unique opportunity hosted by representatives from Connecticut's public universities (Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western) and the University of Connecticut. Find out what makes each institution special and have all your questions answered, without having to schedule five different Zoom meetings. Students can chat with representatives at each university. **Event dates include Monday, Oct. 19 at 7-8pm, Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7-8pm and Sunday, Nov. 1 at 1-2pm.** Click [here](#) to register.

The Florida State University System: Your College Adventure Awaits! If you are interested in any of the 12 public Florida universities, meet with Deans/Directors of Admission who will host a panel discussion on **Thursday, October 15 at 7:00pm**. Please go to webcast.fiu.edu to join this event.

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

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).

Underclass Picture Days: The final underclassmen picture day will take place on campus on October 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.

Athletics

Spectator update: Beginning Monday, October 12th Amity Regional High School will be allowing each student-athlete to have 2 guests at our home athletic events, both indoors and out (Girls swimming & diving will only be able to accommodate guests during virtual meets). Please keep an eye out for more information, including Covid screening and registration forms, from your child's coach.

Competition: To view the calendar for ARHS Fall Sports competitions, please click on this [link](#). Events are also being livestreamed. You can watch by clicking [here](#).

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

Public Health Information Update: Per the [CT State Department of Public Health](#), please review the following information if you and/or your family is traveling out of state:

- **Self-Quarantine for Affected Travelers:** All Affected Travelers shall self-quarantine for a period of 14 days on their return to CT if they have spent 24 hours or more in an affected state. See updated list of Affected States on the Travel Advisory Website.
- **Testing Alternative:** An Affected Traveler is exempt from the self-quarantine requirement if they have a COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to returning to CT, or at any time following their return to CT, and the PCR test result is negative.

-Only PCR tests shall be accepted.

-The Affected Traveler must remain in self-quarantine while awaiting the test results and until a negative test result is submitted to the State of CT.

-Please follow the State requirements for travel forms and submission of negative test results to the State of CT.

-Please contact your child's school nurse if you will be traveling and before your child's return to school.

-Written proof of a negative test result is required for return to school. This testing alternative applies to the travel advisory only, not to the 14-day self-quarantine recommendations resulting from a close contact situation.

Virtual) Internet Safety Program: BRIDGES of Milford is sponsoring internet safety webinars for parents and students during the week of October 19th. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information and to register.

ARHS Students- Looking for Community Service hours?? Help the AMSB PTSO on Oct 17, 2020 from 8:30-12:00 and earn service hours. You will help with the logistics of the Color Fun Run by spraying or throwing powder at runners/walkers and set up and clean up. Email amsbptso@gmail.com.