

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This week we were able to welcome the 11th and 12th grade students back to the school building for the first time as full classes since March. Students in 11th grade took the PSAT and the SAT was administered to 12th grade students. While sitting for a standardized test does not, usually, create a sense of community and camaraderie, it was wonderful to have the opportunity for the entire Class of 2021 and 2022 back in the building together, again. The adjustments we have made to our everyday lives, including simply coming to school, because of the coronavirus pandemic are truly remarkable, especially when reflecting on the changes over the past 7 months. Our teachers continue to work innumerable hours to try to deliver the highest quality experience to our students, not just academically, but also socially and emotionally. They are helping our children prepare for their future and navigate the present not only through their delivery of instruction, but also modeling citizenship, kindness and support. Thank you for your continued support of the faculty and staff of Amity Regional High School as we continue to try new things and work to make this school the best it can be for our students. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Temple University](#) is a public university located in Philadelphia, PA, approximately 190 miles from the BOW area. In addition to the main campus, there are three others - one in nearby Ambler, Pennsylvania, one in Rome, Italy and the other in Tokyo, Japan. Temple currently enrolls over 29,000 undergraduate students and offers [over 150 majors](#). [Annual tuition](#) and housing totals approximately is \$41,000 for out of state students. To learn more, take a [virtual tour here](#) or visit the admissions office's [website here](#). [Social workers](#) help people solve and cope with problems in their everyday lives" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). Social workers are employed in many different types of healthcare settings such as schools, hospitals, mental health facilities, social service agencies and private practices (BLS, 2019). All social workers are required to obtain state licensure and most will need to earn a masters' degree in order to practice. The average annual salary is \$50,470 ([higher in CT](#)) with expected job growth to be 13% (faster than average) through 2029. To learn more about becoming a [social worker](#), please visit the following websites: [National](#)

[Association of Social Workers](#), [School Social Work Association of America](#) or the [Council on Social Work Education](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in human services/social work include:

Temple University	Southern CT State	Albertus Magnus College
Boston University	Adelphi University	Salve Regina University
Univ of Saint Joseph (CT)	Univ of Maine/Augusta	Lesley University
Endicott College	Eastern CT State	Providence College
SUNY/Stony Brook	Marist College	Sacred Heart University
Univ of New Hampshire	Iona College	Siena College

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

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!

Ask Amity: Ask Amity is a program run by the Amity National Honors Society dedicated to answering questions from the ARHS parent and student community. If you have any questions about Amity clubs, sports, teacher expectations, classes, or support systems, then this is the place for you. All answers are authentically written by Amity students, and questions can be either personal to your student or published anonymously on our website. To ask a question, check out our [website!](#)

Support the ARHS PTSO through Stop & Shop: Please choose Amity to receive A+ Rewards from your Stop & Shop card! This is free to you (does not interfere with Gas Rewards or any other rewards program), and brings free \$ to Amity. To sign up, please register your 13-digit Stop & Shop card #, if you haven't already, at Stopandshop.com. Then go to "My Account," then "Rewards & Savings," then "A+ School Rewards." When asked for School ID #, please enter: **07220**. That's it! You will

automatically earn points for the school every time you shop! If you need assistance, please call 1-877-366-2668, option 1. Please encourage friends and family to sign up too, thanks!

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 (quite a few)

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**.

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. Applications are available in the Career Center.

Attention Seniors: Connecticut College Application Day will 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. Additional information can also be found on our AHS [website](#).

Free Workshops for FAFSA: New Haven Promise, Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Program and CT Students for a Dream are joining forces to host a series of FAFSA workshops for the Class of 2021. Financial aid professionals will be on hand to help students and families navigate the process of need-based federal aid. For workshop dates and to register for free please click [here](#). Sessions are capped at 100 participants. Those who sign up will receive a checklist of items that they will need to have during the workshop in order to successfully complete the process. Zoom call details will be sent in advance to the meeting.

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: [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.

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.

VOLUNTEER AS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTOR: Volunteer tutors will learn techniques to assist ESL students with dialogue, listening comprehension, oral fluency, phonics, reading comprehension and writing skills. No previous teaching experience required! Call The Literacy office between the hours of 9am-2pm at 203-878-4800. For more information on Literacy Volunteers of the Southern CT's ESL and other volunteer programs, visit www.lvsct.org.

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 through 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).

Athletics

Spectator update: As a reminder, Amity Regional High School now allows 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 refer to information sent, 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](#).