

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have reached the end of October. It is hard to believe that we have been in school for almost an entire quarter (1st marking period ends next Wednesday) but amazing to think about how far we have come since the final days of August. The last full week of August was the first time our teachers, other faculty and staff had the chance to truly begin to try to prepare for a completely new approach to teaching and learning. Throughout the 1st quarter, our teachers, students, administrators and staff have worked hard to adjust, refine and adapt to this current--and novel--way of doing school. We will continue to have a need for flexibility as we enter 2nd quarter and patience as decisions are made about the access and structure of the school day. One thing that is constant is our commitment to providing the best educational experience possible for our students. Parents and guardians can help us by being consistent with following the learning model your child is subscribed to. If your child is participating through the on-site model (full or hybrid), please have your child attend school on the days she/he is scheduled to be onsite. The "all-remote" option continues to be supported (please contact your child's school counselor if you would like more information). Whatever the future holds for us, we will work hard to be #AmityStrongerTogether and continue to demonstrate our core values of **fairness, respect and passion**. Don't forget to "fall back" on Sunday as we end daylight savings time. Have a wonderful, safe and healthy Halloween weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Providence College](#) is located in Providence, RI, approximately 115 miles from the BOW area. Founded in 1917, PC is one of Amity High School's "[Top 50 Colleges](#)" (most applications sent). PC enrolls about 4,300 undergraduate students and offers [over 50 majors](#). Experiential learning, research opportunities and [study abroad](#) programs are encouraged for all majors. [Annual tuition, room and board](#) are \$69,978 for the 2020-2021 academic year. For more information, check out the [admissions website](#), read [fast facts](#) or [visit the campus](#). "Advertising, promotions, and [marketing managers](#) plan programs to generate interest in products or services", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). [Marketing managers](#) are important team members as they directly help to produce sales or services within an organization and can directly impact profitability. A bachelor's degree is usually required for marketing managers, as well as experience in sales, marketing or advertising. The average annual salary is \$135,900 with expected job growth to be faster than average at 6% through 2029 (BLS, 2019). To learn more about this career, please

visit the following websites: [American Marketing Association](#), [Sales & Marketing Executives International](#), and the [EMarketing Association](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in marketing include:

Providence College	University of Connecticut	Bentley University
Assumption College	Fairfield University	Central CT State
UMASS/all locations	University of New Haven	New York University
St John's University	Fashion Institute of Tech	SUNY/Binghamton
Rhode Island College	Southern CT State	Bryant University
Clark University	Mass College of Lib Arts	Endicott College

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Class Day Schedule Adjustment: Beginning on Thursday, November 5th, the Amity Regional School District will be extending the school day to 12:47 release for all students. Please review the adjusted bell schedule [here](#). Additionally, we have reviewed and adjusted the ARHS letter day calendar. The 2nd quarter letter day calendar is published through the ARHS Letter Day Google Calendar for students, staff and faculty.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up Adjustments with Full Onsite:

- **Drop Off For Full Onsite:** When Amity returns to an all onsite model, students will be admitted entry to the building at 7:10am. Students should continue to follow the directive of no congregating in the hallways at any time, including before school, in between class periods or after school. Morning car drop off will start at 7:10am and continue to be on the side of the building until all busses are cleared from the front, at which time cars will be directed through the front bus lane to complete student drop off if necessary.
- **Student Dismissal for Adjusted Day (12:47 dismissal):** In the afternoon, we will continue to first dismiss students who are riding busses or driving themselves. We will then dismiss students who are being picked up at roughly 12:55 (cars will be allowed on campus through the front only at that time). Students who are being picked up will be asked to wait in the front of the building

but spread out between the fire road access (end of the building) all the way to the district offices (past the lunch patio). We appreciate your patience as we continue to adjust and incorporate mitigation strategies to keep our community healthy.

First Quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences: Please be reminded that Parent-Teacher Conferences will be virtual this year. Registration will be completed through PowerSchool Forms. Teachers will be sending links for the virtual meetings via email. Directions for registering for conferences can be found [here](#).

Notes from SRO Sapione:

- **Student Driver Information:** Please be reminded that newly licensed drivers must comply with all CT State Driving Laws, including passenger restrictions for the first six and twelve months of receiving a license. Aside from safety concerns, there are legal ramifications to not following the laws. Please see [this link](#) for a full review of the expectations and CT State Statutes for Parents, Teen Drivers and their passengers.
- **Newton Road Safety:** Please be aware, Newton Road and the surrounding roads are town roads and not part of the Amity Regional High School campus. As such, parents are discouraged from stopping cars to drop off or pick up on Newton Road, Old Mill Road or any of the surrounding side streets. For safety purposes, please follow the directions for drop off and pick up set by the high school.

Snacks during the school day: Students are able to eat in the cafeteria at the designated tables during study hall or passing time, if space allows. Only students who do not have a cafeteria study hall should use passing time for a snack break. Security personnel will monitor table use during passing time and all tables will be sanitized in between use. Students will not be able to eat in the school building before school.

Peer Tutoring help: The ARHS Peer Tutoring program is back and eager to help Amity students. To request PEER TUTORING, please use [this new link](#). Thank you!

Deadline for Dropping a Course: Please be aware that the deadline to drop a course or a level in course without a “W” appearing on the transcript is November 4th. If your child is having difficulty in a course, please be sure to speak to the teacher and school counselor prior to the deadline.

Grade 10 HOBY Leadership Seminar: ARHS will sponsor one sophomore student to attend the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar to be held the first weekend of June (specific date and time are TBD, but they are planning for an in-person event at a local college). Students spend the time engaging in leadership development activities, collaborating with like-minded students from throughout the state, and exploring leadership from three perspectives: individual, group, and society. For more information about HOBY, please visit their website [here](#). Interested students should complete the application found in their Counseling Google Classroom and submit to their school counselor. Applications are due by Friday, November 13th. Please be aware that the selected student is required to stay overnight at the location of the event under the supervision of HOBY for the entire duration of the event.

Attention seniors-first quarter grades: If you would like first quarter grades to be sent to colleges, you must fill out a Google form. We will plan to send out first quarter beginning the week of November 16th, according to the college deadlines. Please use [this](#) Google doc. If you need grades sent to more than 10 schools, please fill out the form multiple times. This form is also available on the Counseling Google Classroom along with a short video explaining who needs to request grades and how to do that.

Senior Happenings

ON-SITE ADMISSIONS DAYS - Some local colleges will conduct (virtual) on-site admissions appointments with Amity HS seniors. (Please see the list of participating schools and dates [HERE](#).) Seniors are encouraged to participate as they will receive admissions decisions during their appointments! **Applications MUST be submitted to each college at least TWO WEEKS BEFORE the scheduled date.** [CLICK HERE](#) to make an appointment with any of these college representatives.

Senior Portrait Yearbook Pose Selection: Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by **TODAY 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.

Yale College Essay Workshop is being offered to high school seniors on **Sunday, November 15, 2020 from 1:00-2:30PM**. Seniors will work directly with a STEM Mentor over Zoom. A draft of your essay must be uploaded to register. If interested, registration is required at onha.yale.edu/2essay2020. Parental permission is required to participate. For questions, please email sateja.paradkar@yale.edu.

Register for a free webinar hosted by Sallie Mae! This webinar is geared to help college-bound students and parents learn the key tips on applying for scholarships and how to create a winning scholarship essay, and more. Space is limited, so please register early! Please register [here](#) for the **Wednesday, Nov. 11th 1-2pm** webinar or [here](#) for the Thursday, **Nov. 12th 8-9pm** webinar.

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.

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](#).

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. **The next event date is 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.

Are you looking for Community Service? As we all know, Community Service within our towns and beyond is pretty limited these days. However, there are opportunities that will arise throughout the year. The College & Career Center will advertise these opportunities as they become available through many venues. Please check our website [here](#), the Career Center's bulletin board, Happenings and [here](#) for other local opportunities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Vallie at paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

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

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!

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.

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

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](#).

Community Happenings

Opportunity for Parent Feedback: The local town prevention agencies are hoping to gather parent feedback through this [survey](#) on youth substance and mental health in our towns. BRIDGES and the Milford Prevention Council is working with our community to move the local council (BOWDAAC) forward. Thank you, in advance, for your feedback.

Election Volunteer Opportunity: The town of Orange is in need of 5 or 6 volunteers to assist with the upcoming election, which will be held Tuesday November 3, from 6 AM to 8 PM. The current pandemic has presented a critical challenge in obtaining poll workers in conducting election activities in compliance with Covid-19 guidelines. We have recently had a number of workers elect to withdraw from assisting. At this time we are not fully staffed. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older by law. Training as well as required PPE will be provided. Interest parties can contact me or the Registrar at 203-891-4716 or 203-891-4715. Tino Russo, Deputy Director Emergency Management own of Orange 203-605-1466.