

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



On Saturday, March 20th, 2021, we welcomed spring; on Monday, March 22nd, 2021, we welcomed our full student body back in to the high school building after more than a year of physically emptying our hallways and classes. Since March 12th, 2020, we have learned how to put school online, re-open the building, ensure mitigation protocols, continue a semblance of student life through clubs and activities and build back to where we are now, which includes a majority of the student body gracing our classrooms and hallways each day--albeit without lunch or a full day--and bring with them the vibrancy and atmosphere of what Amity Regional High School truly is. We will not work to "return to normal," but, rather, rebuild a new normal based on the experience, interactions and lessons we have all learned over the past 12 (and counting) months. We are a different community than we were a year ago, with different goals and different needs. The educators who have committed themselves to this work and to our children will continue to learn and grow from this experience, as will the students within our school building and those who are still at home. We have reached the end of the 3rd marking period for the 2020-2021 school year and look forward to even more growth as we work through this final part of the year. I wish everyone a restorative a peaceful holiday, if you are celebrating this weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week:

[University of Rhode Island](#) - TUESDAY, MARCH 30th at 2pm

- Located in Kingston, RI
- Approximately 14,570 undergraduates enrolled - see [fast facts here](#)
- [SPORTS](#) - 16 NCAA DIVISION 1 teams
- [OUT-OF-STATE ANNUAL TUITION](#) - \$33,354 (2021-2022)
- OVER 90 UNDERGRAD [MAJORS](#) INCLUDE - computer science, engineering, biology, criminal justice, human development, landscape architecture, supply chain management.
- Visit the [ADMISSIONS WEBSITE HERE](#).

University of Connecticut -WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st at 2pm

- Located in Storrs, CT
- Approximately 18,900 undergraduates enrolled (at Storrs) - see [fast facts here](#)
- [SPORTS](#) - 22 NCAA DIVISION 1 teams
- IN-STATE [ANNUAL TUITION](#) - \$28,812 (2020-2021)
- EXPLORE [MAJORS](#) - unique program for undecideds called [ACES, Academic Center for Exploratory Students](#)
- Visit the [ADMISSIONS WEBSITE HERE](#).

University of New Haven -THURSDAY, APRIL 1st at 2pm

- Located in West Haven, CT
- Approximately 6,800 students enrolled - see [fast facts here](#)
- [SPORTS](#) - 16 NCAA DIVISION 2 teams
- [ANNUAL TUITION](#) - \$41,370 (2021-2022)
- MOST POPULAR [MAJORS](#) INCLUDE - business management, biology, sports management and cyber security
- Visit the [ADMISSIONS WEBSITE HERE](#).

“[Civil Engineers](#) design, build, and supervise infrastructure projects and systems” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). [Civil engineers](#) work on various projects such as building roads, tunnels, buildings, airports, bridges, water supply systems and sewage treatment systems. Entry level job applicants must have earned a bachelors’ degree to enter the field. Expected job growth is slower than average at 2% through 2029 and the average annual salary is \$87,060 BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Society of Civil Engineers](#), the [National Society of Professional Engineers](#) and the [Society of Women Engineers](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in civil engineering include:

University of Connecticut	University of New Haven	University of Rhode Island
Central CT State Univ	University of Hartford	UMaine/Orono
UMASS/Dartmouth	Northeastern University	Quinnipiac University
US Coast Guard Academy	University of Vermont	Worcester Polytech. Inst.
Roger Williams University	New York University	CUNY/City College
Rochester Polytech Inst.	Syracuse University	SUNY/Stony Brook

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Next week's schedule/learning model: We will continue with the current learning model (full in-person) next week. If your child is currently choosing to be fully remote but wishes to return to in-person learning, please complete the form (Opt Back In to In-

Person Learning) through PowerSchool and wait for a confirmation return date from the school counselor. Please allow 5 to 10 school days to make the switch. Students who are on quarantine or already enrolled in the learning model do **not** need to complete the opt-in form.

No School-April 2nd: As a reminder, there will be no school on Friday, April 2nd.

3rd Marking Period Report Cards: Report cards for marking period 3 will be issued the week of April 5th. Information regarding 4th marking period and whether or not final exams will be held will be sent by mid-April.

College and Career Planning for Juniors: JUNIORS - Next week, THREE colleges will host virtual visits during our final March Madness events. See the list of participating colleges here. ZOOM links to the visits will be posted in the Counseling Grade 11 Google Classroom on the day of each visit.

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors: Seniors who are planning on participating in the SSLP (Senior Service Learning Program) **must** read their emails on a weekly basis. Important information will be sent to you regarding the procedures and process of the program. **ALL** information can be found on the school website under [College & Career Center](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cocco at lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org.

Local Scholarship Opportunities: Please see this [link](#) for a list of community scholarship opportunities for current seniors.

Outdoor Senior Lounge Grand-Opening: Today was the opening day for the outdoor senior lounge (although the weather did not fully cooperate). The members of the Amity Class of 2021 will be the first-ever group to have access to the courtyard during study halls as their senior lounge. The traditional (indoor) senior lounge remains closed due to Covid-19 mitigation protocols, but we are excited to offer this space to our students as an alternative. Information regarding protocols and size limits are posted near the entrance as well as with study hall monitors. Happy spring and enjoy!

Notes from Counseling Department

ASVAB test will be given at Amity High School on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 8:00am**. Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be held using the paper & pencil testing format instead of an online format. This policy change is expected to remain in effect for the

remainder of the school year. **Students may register to take the test by signing up [here](#).** While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test.* **Taking the ASVAB does not obligate students to enlist!** Please [visit this link](#) for more information.

Upcoming College Fair Events: The [NACAC](#) (National Association for College Admissions Counseling) and [NEACAC](#) (New England **Association for College Admission Counseling**) **2021 Spring College Fair will be virtual!** Drop in on Zoom sessions offered by hundreds of colleges. Hear about student life, majors and programs, financial aid, scholarships, and more. For dates and times, please visit individual websites.

2021 Summer Programs-Virtual and/or Various Locations: Looking to take a pre-college course or partake in a fun hands-on program? Please find a list of summer program opportunities as a courtesy to students and families. The Amity High School has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs. If a student and their parents decide to pursue any of these programs, they should conduct their own review. Please click [here](#) for a list of available summer programs in and outside of Connecticut.

UConn Pre-College Summer Program is now accepting applications for the 2021 Summer! Please visit [here](#) for a selection of courses available this year. Costs, fees, & discounts can be found [here](#) too.

Important Reminders

Save the dates-Spring Celebrations: Plans are in the works for on-campus, outdoor junior and senior proms as well as other senior activities. Details are still being worked out, but the **weekend of June 3rd-5th** has been identified as the weekend for the outdoor prom celebrations.

Athletics

Spring sports information: Our annual spring sports information night was last week. If you missed the virtual webinar, please view it [here](#). The spring season starts tomorrow, but some teams will not start practice until Monday. Please check with your child's individual coach/team for more information. The plan is to have a full spring season including regular season, SCC championships, and CIAC state championships.

Community Happenings

Woodbridge Youth Services Programs

- **Red Cross Babysitter Training:** Two-day training for ages 12-18 from 9 am - 1pm on Tuesday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 14 at the Center Building at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Students must attend both days to earn certificate. Social distancing measures will be in place and masks are required. Snacks will be provided. The fee is \$60 for residents, \$65 for non-residents. Space is limited. Call Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 for information or to register or e-mail: npfund@woodbridgect.org
- **Woodbridge First Selectman's Youth Award Nominations Sought:** Woodbridge Youth Services, in collaboration with First Selectman Beth Heller, is accepting nominations for the First Selectman's Youth Award. The annual award, now in its twenty-second year, will be presented to a deserving young Woodbridge resident later this spring. People's United Bank in Woodbridge will sponsor the \$200 award. Call 203-389-3429 for more information or you may find the nomination form on the Town's website at <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>. Parents may not nominate their own children. Please submit nominations to Woodbridge Youth Services at 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, by Monday, April 12, 2021.
- **Gratitude Baskets-**Youth Services wishes to commend all the students who donated baskets in appreciation of the hard work and dedication of our school personnel. All baskets have been delivered to Amity Regional High School for staff to enjoy. Thanks for your kindness.