

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have worked our way to our first actual, full April Break since April, 2019. Last year, we were in a strange, muted time, hunkered down in our houses and conducting school through asynchronous assignments and independent check-ins. We are at a point now that the break feels like an actual school break and that brighter days are coming, both physically and metaphorically. Information regarding the conclusion of the school year, such as whether we will hold traditional final exams or in-class larger assessments for 4th marking period, will be forthcoming during the last few weeks of April. Additionally, we are hopeful that school districts will be given guidance from the State on end-of-year school celebrations so we can release plans for proms, awards nights and, of course, graduation. Based on how we have persevered as a community for the past 13 months, I have no doubt that we are ready for whatever the future will bring. I have faith that the future is full of promise. Have a great weekend and a wonderful April Break!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Assumption University](#) is a private, Catholic university located in Worcester, Massachusetts. Founded in 1904, Assumption officially became a university last year. Enrollment is just under 2,000 students and most popular [majors](#) include Human Services/Rehabilitation Studies, Marketing and English. AU also offers [unique articulation agreements](#) with graduate programs at institutions such as the University of Notre Dame (engineering), Duke University (environmental science) and Duquesne University School of Law, just to name a few. [Annual tuition, room and board](#) (2020-2021) fees are \$63,601. Learn more by visiting AU's [admissions website](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). “[School counselors](#) help students develop the academic and social skills needed to succeed” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019). School counselors also assist students in making career plans, especially when seeking educational opportunities beyond high school. A masters’ degree and state licensure is required to work as a public school counselor. Expected *job growth is much faster than average at 8% through 2029* and the average salary is \$57,040 (BLS, 2019). To learn more, please visit the [American School Counselor Association](#) or the [Connecticut School Counselor Association](#) websites.

Some colleges that offer graduate programs in school counseling include:

Assumption University	Southern CT State Univ	University of Connecticut
Bay Path University	University of Rhode Island	Fairfield University
Duquesne University	Sacred Heart University	CUNY/Brooklyn College
Univ of Southern Maine	Lehigh University	Western CT State Univ
Penn State Univ/Abington	Central CT State Univ	UMASS/Amherst

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Post-Break Learning Model: We will return to full in-person on Monday, April 19th. Please review [this letter](#) if you are traveling during the April break. While quarantine is no longer required, it is strongly suggested.

Reminder — Buy Your 2021 *Embers* Yearbook: The 2021 edition of *Embers* is currently on sale for \$80, and there are now only 75 copies still available for purchase. Visit amityembers.com to reserve your copy today! Please note that those who do not pre-order are not guaranteed a yearbook

Earth Day Awareness Activity: The Amity Environmental and Marine Biology Clubs welcome Amity Students to Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. They will be hosting a community activity throughout the week of April 19th where students are invited to paint rocks with Earth Day messages, photograph them and post on the club social media accounts. Prizes will be given for inspiring art and messaging. Rocks can be painted now through Earth Day. River rocks will be available at the security station when students leave the building for the day. Any rock is fine and students are also encouraged to take a walk and find their own stones, too. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

Attention Juniors- SAT Results: Results from the **March 24** CT SAT School Day will be available on **April 18**. Students should access their results through their College Board account.

Scholarships: Every year, we are able to select recipients for scholarships supported by members of the Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge communities. Approximately 100 scholarships are given to members of the senior class who demonstrate the attributes and characteristics described in each scholarship. Our scholarship application will be up and running later today. The deadline for all applications here is April 23rd at 3:00 pm. Students will receive directions on how to complete the application through school email.

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors: As a reminder, the SSLP Preliminary [contracts](#) are due April 20th!

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

Notes from Counseling Department

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

Morning Drop-Off/Student Parking: With the return to full in-person, we have many more student drivers on campus than previously in the year. Please remember that students who are being dropped off may begin to arrive at the front of the building at 7:10 (entrance to the building begins at 7:15 and classes begin at 7:34). Drop-off is on the side of the building from the stop sign near the bus-loop all the way up to the entrance to the rear parking lot. Students may enter the building either in the front or the back doors. Additionally, our student drivers may take some time to park their cars, which disrupts traffic flow. Please plan accordingly (there are very few cars dropping off between 7:10-7:25, after which the line is drastically slower).

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: Amity spring sports are in full swing. Please visit the [athletic department website](#) for more information.