

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



The first full week of May is National Teacher Appreciation Week. This year's theme was "Amity Teachers Help Us Grow" and we had the opportunity to celebrate the ARHS educators with student messages, flowering plants for each member of the school staff and wonderful food from the PTSO and AEA. In addition, Thursday was National Nurses' Day and today is School Lunch Hero Day! Our school village is dependent on all of the educators. This has been an unprecedented year and one day or week is not enough time to show our appreciation, but the message remains that we are grateful to the hard work, dedication, focus and passion of our educators. As we move through the final weeks of this school year and look forward to award ceremonies, proms and graduation, it is astonishing to think about how far we have come since this time last year. We are committed to keeping our school safe by following mitigation strategies through the end of the year and looking forward to beginning next year with a fresh start and renewed energy. Happy May!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: The [University of Miami](#) is a private university located in Coral Gables, Florida. Originally [chartered in 1925](#), UMiami is a premier research institution that enrolls approximately 17,000 students. Over 180 [majors and programs](#) are offered within 11 schools and colleges. Most popular majors are nursing, business/finance, biology, psychology and marketing. UMiami's 16 [athletic teams](#) compete in the [Atlantic Coast Conference](#) (NCAA Division 1). [Annual tuition, room & board](#) is \$69,152 per year (2020-2021). For more information, please visit UMiami's [admissions website](#), read the [admitted student profile](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). "[Marine biologists](#) are scientists who research life in the oceans and other saltwater environments such as estuaries and wetlands. [They](#) observe and analyze data, conduct experiments, rehabilitate injured marine animals and document the origins, behavior, genetics and diseases of marine life" (betterteam.com, 2021). Entry level jobs will require a bachelor's degree in marine biology. It would also benefit job candidates to have good scuba diving skills. "Average job growth is expected at 4% through 2029 and

the average salary is \$ 66,350” ([Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019](#)). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA), the [American Fisheries Society](#), and the [Oregon Institute for Marine Biology](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in marine biology include:

University of Miami	University of Connecticut	College of the Atlantic
Roger Williams University	SUNY/Maritime	University of Tampa
Univ of Maine/Machias	University of New Haven	Salem State University
University of Rhode Island	UMASS/Dartmouth	Boston University
Northeastern University	Eckerd College	FLA Gulf Coast University
Sacred Heart University	SUNY/Stony Brook	Univ of New England

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Learning Plan: For the remainder of the year the high school will continue to follow the current in-person learning model (12:47 dismissal). There will be 3 remaining days with earlier dismissals (May 28th and June 7th 12:12; June 8th 10:12).

Prom Participation: For 11th and 12th grade students (who are in-person) wishing to attend their respective proms, forms must first be completed through PowerSchool. Tickets can then be purchased on MyPaymentsPlus.

Senior Happenings

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

SSLP Updates:

- **Final Contracts: Due May 12th**
- **Timesheets: Due June 4th**
- **A Final Project: Due June 4th**
- **Reminders: ACADEMIC CLASSES END on Friday, May 14th**

Notes from Counseling Department

Attention Juniors: Take an opportunity to visit a couple of upcoming virtual college fairs before your senior year! The [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. The **New York State Association for College Admission Counseling (NYSACAC)**, in partnership with CollegeXpress, is hosting a virtual college fair on **May 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT**. This event is free and designed for high school students and their families to learn more about the college admission process and meet with admission officers from more than 180 colleges and universities. Please register [here](#) and find a [list of colleges](#) attending this event.

Attention Juniors! Are you thinking about a HUMANTIES major in college? Learn more about the pros and cons of a Humanity major. Check out this FREE webinar, sponsored by InGenius Prep on **Tuesday, May 11th at 8pm**. Register at [this link HERE](#).

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.

Important Reminders

No final exams: There will be no traditional final exams this year. While classes/courses may include larger end-of-marking period assessments at the end of the 4th quarter, these assessments will be incorporated in to the marking period grade rather than be a separate 10% of the overall grade. Due to the removal of exam periods this year, each marking period will count as 25% of the final course grade for a full year course.

Athletics

Buy Your 2021 Amity Yard Sign: The Booster Club is selling yard signs; please see this flyer for more information or. Contact Mr. Ernie Goodwin, Director of Athletics at egoodwin@amityregion5.org. Sales will also take place at various athletic events this spring.

Community Happenings

ARHS Orchestra Spring Concert –This year's concert will take place on May 13th at 6:30 pm in Brady Center and will feature members of Chamber Orchestra and Amity Orchestra. The concert will include pieces by Mozart, Gershwin, Elgar, and the premiere of “If You Were the Sky.” The livestream link will be available early next week on VPA website (click Performing Arts, Music, then [Orchestra](#)).

PTSO Project Graduation Sales: It’s back! Project Graduation Balloon sales are now open. We have also added a green gift alternative this year...check it out. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information and visit AmityPTSO.org to order.