

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have reached a momentous point as a state, where transmission rates of Covid-19 are trending down and vaccinations rates are trending up. Members of our local community have mirrored the efforts seen on a state level with following mitigation protocols, being vigilant about reporting sickness and getting tested and staying home when either or both of those occur. Wednesday of this week marked the occasion of the governor lifting many of the restrictions with which we have been living for more than a year. This is all very encouraging, but we must remain vigilant. In accordance with the CDC and [CT State Guidelines](#), we will continue to follow our mitigation protocols through the remainder of the school year, including hallway directional arrows, proper mask wearing for everyone at all times while inside the building, handwashing and staying distant while outside. We are at a point in the school year where we are celebrating--with awards ceremonies, championship athletic contests, spring concerts, proms and, ultimately, graduation. We have a lot to celebrate at the end of this very unique year, and our perseverance and resiliency as a community should be included in those reasons. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Brandeis University](#) is a nonsectarian, research university located in Waltham, Massachusetts (9 miles west of Boston). Brandeis was “founded in 1948 by the American Jewish community at a time when Jews and other ethnic and racial minorities, and women, faced discrimination in higher education” ([brandeis.edu](#)). The university offers [40+ academic programs](#) to over 3,600 undergraduate students. Most popular majors are economics, biology, business, psychology, public policy, computer science and mathematics. The Brandeis “Judges” support 19 [athletic teams](#) who compete in the [University Athletic Association](#) (NCAA 3). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is \$76,456 (2021-2022). For more information, please visit Brandeis’s [admissions](#) website, view [fast facts](#), or take a [virtual tour](#). “[Medical scientists](#) conduct research aimed at improving overall human health” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). To work as a [medical scientist](#), an MD degree or PhD in biology or other life science field is required. Most are employed in research facilities such as colleges, universities or privately owned companies. The average salary is

\$91,510 and faster than average (6%) job growth is expected through 2029 (BLS, 2020). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science](#), the [American Society for Microbiology](#), and the [American Association for Clinical Chemistry](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in biology include:

Brandeis University	University of Connecticut	Southern CT State Univ
Sacred Heart University	SUNY/Stony Brook	CUNY/Hunter College
UMASS/Amherst	Long Island University	Merrimack College
Quinnipiac University	Endicott College	Fairfield University
Springfield College	Albany Coll of Pharm & Health Sciences	Hofstra University
Trinity College	SUNY/Albany	Northeastern University

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Early Dismissal Friday, May 28th: Please note that, due to an elementary district early dismissal on Friday, May 28th, the high school will dismiss at 12:12.

OBOA (OneBook/OneAmity) Summer 2021: OBOA is back, again with a thematic approach to summer community reading rather than a single title. This year, **One Book One Amity (OBOA)** will have a social justice focus. As you will read in [the letter](#) and see in the video, students can pick from a range of social justice topics as they select a book that's right for them. They may select fiction or nonfiction, graphic novels or even audio books. We just ask that they've read something that they can think, talk, and write about when they get to school in the fall. In the fall, English teachers will, once again, administer a short assessment that will be used for diagnostic and discussion purposes only. Please take 4 minutes to watch [the reveal video](#) and enjoy!

Class of 2022 Senior Portraits: Senior portrait sessions for the Class of 2022 will be held by appointment at Robert Taylor's studio in Stratford beginning on June 20th and continuing throughout the month of July. Within the next few weeks, parents will receive an e-mail with a link to sign up for their desired appointment date and time. Please note that there is no charge for a single sitting. Additional information is forthcoming.

2021 Yearbook Availability and Distribution: Online sales have closed, but yearbooks are still available for purchase in person. In-person learners can bring payment to Mr. Clark or Mrs. Hulse to guarantee their copy. Remote learners can drop off payment at the front of the building or mail it to the school (addressed to the attention of *Embers* Yearbook). The cost is \$80, payable by cash or check made out to Amity High School. Remaining copies are currently being sold on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. The Class of 2021 will receive their yearbooks at an on-

campus event in early July; underclassmen will receive their books when school resumes in the fall. Additional information regarding distribution is forthcoming.

Unified Theater 2021 Production: Hello Amity Community! Amity Unified Theater's motto is to always put the spotlight on ability. We proudly present our 2020-21 Unified Theater production, "[U-Tubers](#)". Enjoy!

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors: Interested in working at a summer camp in Vermont? Camp Ohana in Fairlee, Vermont is looking to hire camp counselors this summer. You must be 18 years old to apply and fully vaccinated. The camp provides free food and housing for its counselors, in addition to a salary. Please find all camp information on their [website](#).

End-Of-Year Reminder: Please be sure to update your college admission outcomes in Naviance by completing the Senior Graduation Survey. Go to "About Me", select Surveys from your school and then select "Senior Graduation Survey"

Final Transcripts: Final transcripts will go out to the college you are attending in the middle of June. Please be sure Naviance is updated correctly to avoid a delay.

Scholarships! Hey seniors, take a look at some last minute scholarships for [college](#) and [ROTC](#) interest.

Notes from Counseling Department

Gateway CC Course Opportunity: If you are a current sophomore or junior who is interested in taking a course at Gateway Community College beginning in August through our High School Partnership Program, please complete this [Google doc](#) by 5/26. You can take one college course for credit as long as it meets outside the hours of our school day and it is not a course we offer at Amity. If you have questions, please see your school counselor.

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.

Virtual Career Fair Day A Success! Amity High School typically hosts a career fair for sophomores each year, which brings in local community members to talk about their careers. Due to COVID and restrictions, we had to take a different route. The use of Zoom has allowed us to open these presentations to a wider audience, so this year we decided to focus on Amity alumni. The Career Center was very excited to present these 25 interviews to our 10th graders. We are also very proud to showcase our past Amity graduates to our BOW community. It is amazing to see what are alumni are pursuing these days and most importantly learning the impact Amity High School has had on their lives. Please take the time to view the interview videos [here](#).

Are you an emerging writer? Take advantage of a summer [“Virtual Vermont Young Writers Extravaganza”](#) for high school students (rising freshmen to current seniors) & adults. This virtual event will take place from June 24th, to June 27th through Summer Gale’s Farm in Leicester, Vermont. For applications and fees, please click [here](#).

Juniors-Virtual informational session: If you are interested in Emory University, Washington University in St. Louis, Johns Hopkins University OR the University of Notre Dame, there will be a virtual information session for all 4 schools this Sunday, May 23rd from 4-5pm. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Important Reminders

Visual and Performing Arts Happenings Webpage: Amity Regional High School’s visual and performing arts department has created a webpage to share exciting installations and information about what is going on with curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Check it out [here](#)!

Athletics

Save the date-FALL SPORTS INFORMATION NIGHT: The Amity Athletics Fall Sports Meeting will be held on Thursday June 10th at 6:30pm. This will be a VIRTUAL meeting. More information will be sent in future newsletters.

College Athlete Picture Day: Any student-athlete who is planning on competing in college next year is invited to have a picture taken through the athletic department on May 26th at 2:30pm on Field #3 (Lacrosse/Soccer). Please contact the athletic department for more information.

Community Happenings

Amity Creative Theater is BACK with Anastasia, the Musical: The Amity Creative Theater is proud to present the Broadway musical Anastasia. Anastasia is the story of Anya, an orphan in 1920s revolutionary St. Petersburg, yearning to discover her lost family, who very well may be the last Czars of Imperial Russia. Anastasia is as musical for the whole family! And... for the first time ever the show will be presented outdoors here on the Amity campus under the big top to provide a safer environment for our audience and students. The show will be presented June 16th through the 26th. Tickets can be purchased at www.amitytheaterdepartment.com/events or call (203) 392-2019.

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.