

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Memorial Day is our country's recognition and honoring of those who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country. It is a pensive holiday, but also a time for us to reflect and take stock of where we are as a community and individually. Over the past year, we have reimagined so many facets of our daily lives and have been actively engaged with addressing issues of bias that impact our school community. We have grown together even as we remained partially apart and are building back better from what we have learned throughout this experience. For our seniors, this is a significant time as they move in to the final days of compulsory education. During these final days of the 2020-2021 school year, I wish you all a restful weekend and I look forward to continuing to grow with and beside you. Happy Memorial Day, 2021.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Utica College](#) is a private college located in Utica, New York, (near Syracuse) approximately 220 miles from the BOW area. Approximately 2,800 full time undergraduates are enrolled and 72% of them live on campus. Most popular [majors](#) include nursing, homeland security and disaster management, health service preparatory studies, criminal justice and psychology ([Niche.com](#)). The Utica "Pioneers" support [25 athletic teams](#) who compete in the [Empire 8 Athletic](#) Conference (NCAA 3). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is estimated at about \$37,000 for 2021-2022. To learn more about Utica, please visit their [admissions website](#), read about their [unique programs](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). "Information security analysts plan and carry out security measures to protect an organization's computer networks and systems" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). A bachelor's degree in computer science or other computer related field is required for entry level positions in this field. The average salary is \$103,590 and MUCH faster than average (31%) job growth is expected through 2029 (BLS, 2020). Demand for [information security analysts](#) is expected to be very high due to the increase in cyber crime. To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium](#), the [Information Systems Audit and Control Association](#) and the [Association of Information Technology Professionals](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in computer science/cyber security include:

Utica College	University of Connecticut	University of New Haven
Fairfield University	Southern CT State	Quinnipiac University
Sacred Heart University	Bentley University	Pace University
SUNY/Farmingdale State	FLA Polytechnic Univ	Wentworth Inst of Tech
Albertus Magnus College	Boston University	Eastern CT State
FLA State University	Roger Williams University	Johnson & Wales Univ

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Final Days of School: Please note, we will dismiss on June 7th at 12:12 and at 10:12 on June 8th. All 9th-11th grade students will return their school-issued devices and power cords during a special homeroom on June 7th. **Please be sure your child brings both device and power cord to school on June 7th.**

Reminder-Afternoon Student Pick Up: Please be reminded that student pick up is in the front of the building after bus dismissal. Please do not ask your child to walk off campus to be picked up at the Woodbridge Town Center as this causes dangerous situations for our students and results in traffic concerns.

School Climate Survey: In order to help us gather information about our school, community and programing, we ask parents to complete this [annual school climate survey](#). The survey will be open until June 7th. Thank you!

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.

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](#).

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

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.

Notes from Counseling Department

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](#).

Interested in the summer Entrepreneurship Academy at Long Island University? This Entrepreneurship Academy is an intensive program for ambitious students planning to major in business. The Academy will be held Sunday, July 11-Saturday, July 24. Please find more information [here](#).

High School rising Seniors interested in learning more about an exciting career in the aircraft maintenance industry? The **CT Aero Tech**, a Federal Aviation Administration approved school, is hosting an Open House to meet the staff and facility on **Saturday, June 12th from 9:00am-12:00pm**. CT Aero Tech School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians, an extension campus of Bristol Technical Education Center, is located in Hartford, CT. This event will take place at CT Aero Tech, 500 Lindbergh Drive, Brainard Airport, Hartford, CT. For more information, please contact Dawn Graham at 860-566-1234 or email dawn.graham@cttech.org.

2021 Summer Camp Positions: JCC of Woodbridge is looking for students to work at their 8-week summer camp, which will run **June 21-August 13th**. Students must be 16 years and up. For more information on the JCC Summer Camp Program, please visit their [website](#) or email at campdirector@jccnh.org or alisonl@jccnh.org.

Working Papers Update: With an increase in Working Papers requests for summer employment, please find an updated list of requirements for student employment [here](#).

Important Reminders

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!

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 and information about sign-ups will be sent separately.

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.

Operation Balloon - Volunteers Needed: The PTSO is looking for volunteers to help blow up and distribute balloons to our seniors. Please click on [this link](#) below to sign up. Your help is greatly appreciated.

