

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



It is probably safe to say that this has been a one-of-a-kind school year for everyone involved--students, educators, parents, alumni and community members. As this will be the final full newsletter of this year, I wanted to take the space to thank everyone involved in this year for helping keep our school open and our community healthy. The educators have worked tirelessly to create a semblance of school through remote access, while simultaneously creating lessons that engage the in-person learners, while they, along with our administrators, counselors and service educators, worked countless hours to help our students socially, emotionally and academically. Our coaches and club advisors got creative with meetings, practices and flexible competition schedules due to quarantines. Our staff--custodians, administrative assistants, food service personnel, paraeducators--all did their parts to keep school functioning and accessible. Parents have supported their children at home, worked to stay connected with teachers and support staff through various forms of communication. Our alumni helped us kick off the year with virtual "Spartan Stories" and continue to hold our sophomore career fair with the interviews they gave about their lives after Amity. Our community continued to support us through offering community service hours to our students, continuing to mentor for scholastic research projects and Senior Service Learning Program. Finally, our students showed resiliency, determination and compassion throughout the year with their physical, academic and social behaviors. This year has been a testament to the adage "It takes a village to raise a child." No one knew what it would take to run school through a pandemic. While we do not know what challenges next school year will bring, it is clear that we have the fortitude to work together to create a strong learning community where our students can grow to be "contributing citizens of a just society." Amity is stronger together. Have a wonderful weekend and a healthy, happy summer!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

Reminder-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.**

Shout out to our SSLP/SIP Seniors! Congratulations to the Class of 2021 for completing a successful 3-week internship/research project. We are so proud of our seniors!

Senior Award Night Presentation: Last night, we held senior award night where we awarded over \$106,000.00 in scholarships and awards to 161 members of the senior class. To view the presentation, please click [here](#).

Attention Parents of 10th Grade Students: PreACT scores were distributed to 10th grade students through sophomore English classes. Any absent or remote students may pick up their scores at the security desk at the front of the building starting on 6/7.

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 21st and continuing through August 14th. Students will make their own appointments and prepay for their sessions to secure their time slots. Full details and instructions were e-mailed to rising seniors as well as posted in the Class of 2022 Google Classroom earlier this week.

Yearbook Availability: Online sales have closed, but yearbooks are still available for purchase in person until the end of the day on Monday, June 7th. 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.

Yearbook Distribution: The Class of 2021 will receive their yearbooks at an on-campus event scheduled for July 9th. Attendees will gather by the pond and are encouraged to bring camping chairs or blankets to make themselves comfortable while they experience the book together and sign one another's copies. In order to pick up their books, attendees will need to present a QR code that will soon be e-mailed to them at their school addresses. Details were e-mailed to current seniors as well as posted in the Class of 2021 Google Classroom earlier this week. Underclassmen will receive their books when school resumes in the fall.

LAST CALL for Underclass Portrait Proof Cards: Underclass portrait proof cards for fully remote students remain at the front security desk and can be picked up at the high school's front entrance. If you have not yet ordered prints of your student's portraits and are still interested in doing so, it's not too late, but you will need the

instructions and the unique PIN on their proof card to place your order. Any proof cards that are not picked up by the end of the school day on Tuesday, June 8th, will be discarded.

Updates 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](#).

Pre-Career Opportunity Program: Are you a high school rising senior 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](#).

Attention Juniors! Over the summer, please take the opportunity to check out the [College & Career Center website](#) as a resource to help you with your college & career searches.

Important Reminders

Parent School Climate Survey and Reopening Survey: Please be reminded to complete the annual parent school climate survey [here](#), if you have not already done so. In addition, please complete the survey sent via email from Superintendent Byars regarding the 2021-2022 reopening of school.

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

Congratulations to **ALL** our spring athletic teams. This year EVERY team (11 of 11) made all SCC and CIAC playoff tournaments; a great accomplishment! Girls tennis (16-0) and boys lacrosse (14-0) finished the regular season undefeated, while girls lacrosse (13-1) finished the season with a 13 game winning streak. Five teams made the SCC championship finals: boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, softball, girls tennis and boys tennis, while girls golf finished as SCC tournament runner-up. Boys lacrosse and girls tennis were crowned SCC Champions! Congratulations to the girls tennis team for also finishing as CIAC Class LL state runner-ups. Boy's golf, girls golf, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, and individuals from girls tennis, boys track and field, and girls track and field are still competing in their respective CIAC state championships. GO SPARTANS!

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.

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.