

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Today we conclude another unprecedented and amazing school year. It was wonderful to have so many students in school today as we wrapped up our final 3 class sessions of the year. We have navigated hybrid and remote high school, contact tracing and quarantining, and the beginning of the rebuilding of our school culture. We were able to bring our students back, have a full athletic season, proms, in-person senior awards and graduation. We will continue to plan for next year over the summer and will be communicating what school will look like for the 2021-2022 school year as soon as possible. For now, it is imperative that everyone take some time to rest, rejuvenate and recover from what has surely been an incredible school year experience for students, parents, families and educators. Have a good summer!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

Diversity in Action Plaque Installation: On Monday, June 7th, the Diversity in Action Club revealed the newly-mounted plaques at Amity to display our commitment to inclusion and honoring diversity. Please see the picture [here](#). The plaques are located at the entrance to the school in the vestibule and the rear athletic entrance.

2021-2022 BOE District Calendar: Please find the approved Amity Regional School District #5 2021-2022 school calendar [here](#).

Information about 2021-2022 School Year: Information will be shared via email regarding the reopening of school as it becomes available, most likely beginning in August. Stay tuned!

Summer Hours for Main Office and Counseling Department: Summer hours will begin on Wednesday, June 9th, and last through Tuesday, August 24th. Please

contact an administrative assistant between the hours of 7:30-2:30 at 203-397-4830 if you have a question or need assistance.

Calliope: This year's edition of the Amity art and literary magazine, *Calliope*, has gone virtual again! Please ask your child to check out the edition [here](#) (using amityschools.org email to access).

OBOA: As a reminder, students will have choice in their summer reading this year. However, the topic for next year's programming will relate to social justice. Please check out suggested reading and more information at the ARHS Library site [here](#). Also, please encourage your child to post pictures while reading throughout the summer to [this OBOA Instagram page](#).

2021-2022 Student Schedules: Schedules will be available to students and families through PowerSchool for the 2021-2022 school year by the middle of August.

June Trident Issue: The final issue of the school newspaper, *The Trident*, can be found [here](#).

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.

Senior Happenings

Congratulations to the Amity Class of 2021! We will be holding the commencement ceremony today, as planned, at 4:00pm at the Westville Music Bowl. Due to the location, the event will not be livestreamed. Parking will be open starting at 3pm.

No Masks Needed at Graduation: Due to the excessive heat, the local departments of public health have indicated that those attending outdoor graduation ceremonies are not required to wear masks during the ceremony. Graduates will be allowed to be unmasked throughout the ceremony, as are audience members.

Notes From Counseling

Resources for summer: [These resources](#), listed on the District Covid Information webpages, are available to families throughout the summer month.

Important Reminders

Speak-Up: Parents and students can help stop intolerant and inappropriate behavior by using our anonymous “Speak Up” system to report any bullying, drug possession, crime, and other school or community safety concerns by calling or texting 203-936-6784. There is also a [link](#) on the District 5 website. While this is monitored during the summer months, please be reminded that, if there is an emergency, call emergency personnel.

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.

Continue to be safe and well, Amity!