

# ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



## Core Values

**Fairness**

**Respect**

**Passion**

## Mission Statement

**The mission of Amity Regional High School is to create an inclusive community that affirms the contributions, strengths, and talents of all of its members. We bear a responsibility to ourselves and to the school community to develop in all students the skills and the desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society.**

It is hard to believe that we are at the beginning of another school year. With just over one week to go before we welcome students back for the official first day of school, we are busy with facility preparations and ready to welcome our faculty and staff next Wednesday and Thursday. Link Crew Orientation day for 9th grade students will be held **in person** next Friday. While our preparations continue to involve mitigation strategies for Covid-19, we are in a much different place this year. We have worked through amazingly-challenging times, persevered as a learning community and ready to take the next step in this journey where all students and members of our school community are welcomed and included. It is important to refer to both the ARHS Core Values of fairness, respect and passion as well as the mission statement, which explicitly states our responsibility to help students develop in to contributing citizens of a just society. I look forward to this new school year which brings more opportunity for all of us to learn and grow together.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

## Happenings and Information

**Tuesday Reopening of Schools Webinar:** Please be sure to read the communication sent from Superintendent Byars on Wednesday, August 18th regarding the upcoming webinar on school reopening that will take place on Tuesday, August 24th at 6:30pm. You may register [here](#). If you are unable to register for the webinar, the conversation can be viewed via the livestream. The webinar will also be viewable as a recording after Tuesday night.

**2021-2022 Student Schedules and School Calendar:** Student schedules will be available through PowerSchool beginning Monday, August 23rd. The current letter-day calendar can be found [here](#). Students are encouraged to subscribe to the ARHS Google Calendar using their amityschools.org Google accounts. Additionally, invitations to join Google Classrooms from teachers, counselors and administrators will be forthcoming next week for students. More information will follow on the first day of school for all students on August 30th.

**Link Crew 9th Grade Parent Orientation Night:** *Want to know more about Link Crew?* On the evening of Wednesday, August 25th, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, all incoming ninth-grade parents or guardians are invited to attend an interactive informational Link Crew assembly in the Amity High School main gymnasium. The Link Crew coordinators will be talking about Link Crew and shedding some light on Friday's Ninth Grade Orientation. Please note: this session is open to parents/guardians; students should not attend.

**Link Crew 9th Grade Orientation:** Amity Link Crew's Ninth Grade Orientation will be held in person on Friday, August 27th from 8:00am-1:15pm. Parents and guardians are asked to enter the back entrance via N. Pease Road and follow a one-way traffic flow down the driveway toward the high school to drop their children off by 8:00 am (when the event begins). Upon arrival, they will be greeted by Link Leaders. Masks must be worn by all students while indoors. A cookout lunch at the pond will be provided for free before the 1:15 pm pick-up. Please follow the same traffic pattern entering from N. Pease for pick up at the pond. Please note: there are no bus runs on this day. Parents or guardians are asked to provide transportation.

**Save the Date-Senior Parent Night:** Senior Parent Night will be held in person on **September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at ARHS**. Counselors will provide an overview of the college application process for parents. As these meetings will take place in classrooms, we will need to limit attendance to **one parent or guardian per child**. An invitation and registration will be sent by your child's counselor by the end of next week. A copy of the presentation will be sent out after that night for those who cannot attend.

**Amity Regional School District #5 Required 1:1 Program:** Please see this [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for information about the 1:1 program for Amity students. All students will be required to use the district-issued devices beginning this school year. As always, all students will be expected to adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

**Student Parking:** Student parking at Amity Regional High School is restricted to currently licensed juniors and seniors. Please see [this announcement](#) for more information (this was also sent out earlier in the summer to parents/guardians of rising 11th and 12th grade students).

**2021-2022 Region 5 District Calendar:** Please find a copy of the Amity Regional School District No. 5 2020-2021 School Calendar [here](#).

**First Day of School Welcome Back Program:** On Monday, August 30th, we will welcome all students back to the 2021-2022 school year. This will be an early dismissal day and we will be following a special program schedule (more information will be shared in next week's newsletter). School begins at 7:34 and will conclude at 12:12 on August 30th and 31st. The first full day of school will be Wednesday, September 1st.

**Free and Reduced Lunch Form Application:** All information and forms regarding the free and reduced lunch program can be found on the district website at this [link](#).

**OBOA Community Reading: As a reminder, this summer's whole high school read is based on the theme of social justice.** Look on the [AHS Library website](#) for information and a link to suggestions for titles. Pick one that suits you in terms of topic and reading level. Happy reading!

**Annual Pesticide and Asbestos Letters:** These letters contain information about the district's [pesticide use](#) (CT Public Act 99-165) and [asbestos abatement](#) information.

## **Athletics**

**First Day of Practice:** The first day of practice for most fall sports is Thursday, August 26th. Tryout and other information (time and place) can be found [here](#).