

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Today we welcomed the Amity Regional High School Class of 2025 during Link Crew Orientation. It was wonderful to have our Link Leaders and 9th grade students have an in-person orientation and be able to engage in many of traditional and adjusted Link Crew activities to accommodate for mitigation strategies. This was a wonderful primer before we welcome all students back to school on Monday, August 30th for our annual Back to School Kick Off where we will celebrate our return for the 2021-2022 school year. Students will spend the day in their Spartan Seminar groups, participating in various activities that will be part of our community-building focus for the year. We will include our annual Spartan Story activity where students will hear from Kim Simon, Amity Class of 2011. Please see [this document](#) for information about Kim. We will continue to build upon our core values of fairness, respect and passion this year while encouraging our students to become active members of our school community using our theme of #AmityUnited. We are looking forward to an awesome year! Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career Center Notes:** Welcome Back Everyone! The “College and Career of the Week” column will begin next week. In the meantime, here is some information you may find helpful:

- Many college representatives will begin visiting Amity HS with in-person and virtual visits from September 13th through November 12th. Juniors and seniors may begin to register for these visits via Naviance. Go to Naviance to view the schedule.
- New recommended reading for college-bound seniors and their families - “[Get Real and Get In: How to Get Into the College of Your Dreams by Being Your Authentic Self](#)” by Dr. Aviva Legatt.
- The College Tour - is a television series that showcases many colleges around the US. (UCONN was featured in one episode.) [Check it out here!](#)

· The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy offers a FREE college education to students who are interested in maritime careers. MMA is hosting a virtual information session on Tuesday, August 31st at 6pm. Please [register HERE](#).

## **Happenings and Information**

**Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick Up Instructions:** Please be sure to read [this document](#) for important instructions regarding student drop off and pick up instructions. If students are being dropped off in the morning rather than taking the bus, it is important to enter from the back entrance (North Pease Road); vehicles will exit out the front driveway (Newton Road) after dropping off the student on the side of the building.

**Tuesday Reopening of Schools Webinar:** Please click on this [link](#) to view the webinar held this past Tuesday with school and district administration and staff regarding the reopening of school for the 2021-2022 year.

**2021-2022 Student Schedules:** As a reminder, all student schedules were released on Monday, August 23rd. Schedules can also be viewed through the Parent Portal on PowerSchool. Please be sure to review student schedules between now and Tuesday, August 31st, as some details may have changed (such as lunch wave designation, classroom locations and teachers). All students should report to their Spartan Seminar (homeroom) locations on Monday morning, August 30th.

**2021-2022 ARHS Bell Schedules:** We have modified the regular bell schedule to accommodate for an additional lunch wave. This year's bell schedule can be found [here](#).

**PTSO Sign Up:** Please consider becoming a member of the Amity Regional High School PTSO. This [link](#) will take you to the registration page.

**Underclass Picture Days:** Underclass pictures will be taken during English classes on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. English teachers will inform their classes of which day to prepare for. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org).

**Yearbook Distribution:** Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors who ordered a 2021 yearbook will receive can pick up their books during their SSP session on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Students will be advised of the specific pickup location prior to that date.

**Last Call for Senior Portraits:** "Last chance" senior portraits will be taken on campus on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. If your child did not make an appointment with Robert Taylor Photography over the summer, this will be the very last opportunity to have a portrait taken in time to be included in the yearbook. We want all our seniors to

be in the yearbook, so please note that THERE IS NO CHARGE for this single sitting. For multiple sittings, please contact Robert Taylor Photography at (203) 377-0739 to schedule an appointment at the studio. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org).

## **Senior Happenings**

**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**. A copy of the presentation will be sent out after that night for those who cannot attend. Please use this [Google form](#) to sign up.

**Senior Late Arrival/Early Dismissal:** ARHS Seniors may be eligible for late arrival or early dismissal designation based on study halls and good standing. In order to apply for this designation, students must print a physical copy of their schedules, circle the appropriate periods for the later arrival or early dismissal and have a parent/guardian sign the form for approval before submitting to the student's associate principal to be reviewed and processed. Please note: the approval process will take a few days after the signed schedule has been submitted. Approval will be reflected on the student's schedule through PowerSchool and is indicated when the study hall is changed to a "late arrival" or "early dismissal."

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Community Service:** Amity High School offers a community service graduation incentive for all students. Students who complete and document 100 hours of community service hours over the course of their 4 years at Amity High School will receive a certificate of recognition and an honor cord on the day of their graduation. If you are interested in volunteering throughout the school year, please stop by the Career Center to see a variety of volunteer opportunities posted on our community service bulletin board or visit our school website [here](#). Copies of blank community service forms are available [here](#). If you have any questions regarding community service, please email Paula Vallie at [paula.vallie@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org).

## **Important Reminders**

**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).

**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!

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

**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](#).

## **Athletics**

**Fall Sports Information:** Fall sports have begun! Information regarding tryouts and teams can be found [here](#).

## **Community Happenings**

**SAT Prep Course via Amity Adult Ed:** Lentz and Lentz will be running their Fall classes. For more information and registration please see this [flyer](#).