

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have reached the conclusion of our first full week of school, including a return to a full day at ARHS. This has been a busy week, full of reintroductions to mitigation practices and the cafeteria for lunch as well as orientation to new practices, such as "swiping" in to classes and to register for lunch. After a full-day of programming focused on welcoming our students and establishing a sense of community through Spartan Seminar, whole grade and whole school activities on Monday, we moved in to Tuesday with all 8 periods meeting for students and teachers to begin to get to know each other and establish expectations. Wednesday was our first regular, full school day since March 12, 2020 and on Thursday evening the counseling department hosted our annual "Senior Parent/Guardian Night" to discuss post-secondary planning for our 12th grade students. As we come to the conclusion of this week, students and educators have made a return to the routine of school and we are looking forward to a fulfilling school year. There will be no school on Monday or Tuesday in honor of the Labor Day and Rosh Hashanah holidays. Have a restful weekend and l'shanah tovah to all who are celebrating!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: The [United State Merchant Marine Academy](#) (USMMA) is one of five federally sponsored military academies in the USA. USMMA is located in Kings Point, (Long Island) New York, approximately 80 miles from the BOWA area. Enrollment is 950 students (known as "[midshipmen](#)") and most student expenses are paid by the US Government, keeping a midshipman's [individual costs](#) very low. USMMA Candidates must follow a detailed [admissions process](#) and pass rigorous physical fitness challenges. Midshipmen choose from five [programs of study](#) and are [obligated to fulfill service requirements](#) after graduation. USMMA also offers a robust extracurricular life with [18 NCAA-D3 athletic teams](#) and many [clubs/organizations](#) on campus. To learn more about USMMA, please visit the [admissions website](#) and take an [in-person](#) or [virtual tour](#). "[Logisticians](#) analyze and coordinate an organization's supply chain" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). A bachelor's degree is usually required for entry level positions in this field. While most industries employ [logisticians](#), the majority of jobs are found in transportation and the

warehousing of goods. The average salary is \$76,270 and average job growth (4%) is expected through 2029 (BLS, 2020). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Society of Transportation & Logistics](#), [Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals](#), or The [International Society of Logistics](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in logistics include:

US Merchant Marine Acad	U of Maryland/Coll Park	Bryant University
UMASS/Boston	Florida Polytechnic Univ	Univ of Rhode Island
Quinnipiac University	Adelphi University	SUNY/Binghamton
Penn State University	Rutgers University	Northeastern University
Univ of New Haven	Bridgewater State Univ	Bentley University

Or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Link Crew Video: As noted in last week's newsletter, we held our 9th grade orientation day on Friday, August 27th. Please see this [video](#) for highlights of the day's activities.

Student Accident Insurance: Current documents for purchasing student accident insurance and filing a claim can be found on the ARSD Website [here](#).

CAS-CIAC Student Equity Advisory Board: The Student Equity Advisory Board is an initiative by CAS-CIAC to help students throughout the state of Connecticut to "bring awareness to inequities in Connecticut and collaborate on ways to enhance inclusion in schools for all students." For more information and access to the student application, please use this [link](#).

Student Parking Forms: Student parking forms have been temporarily suspended in order to assess the total number of spots that remain available. The forms will reopen soon and parents of 11th and 12th grade students will be notified when the form is, once again, available.

PTSO Sign Up: Please consider becoming a member of the Amity Regional High School PTSO. This [link](#) will take you to the registration page. Please note: the first meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00pm** in the ARHS Library Media Center, room 131.

Underclass Picture Days: Underclass pictures will be taken during English classes on Tuesday, September 28th, and Wednesday, September 29th. 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.

Yearbook Distribution: Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors who ordered a 2021 yearbook will receive their copies of *Embers 2021* on Friday, September 10th. Students should proceed to the patio area just outside the cafeteria during their SSP session, and they should arrive prepared to scan their student ID cards. In the event of inclement weather, distribution will occur in the main lobby.

Senior Happenings

Welcome Back Amity Seniors! Your **College & Career Center** is ready to assist you with making your post-high school plans. Please visit [our website here](#) OR check out our brief [intro video here](#).

University of California Free Info Session: If you are considering applying to one or a few of the University of California schools, learn how to apply with one application to nine fabulous campuses across the golden state. This free webinar: **[“A Complete Guide to the University of California Schools”](#)** will be presented by a former Admissions Reader at UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz, on **Thursday, September 9th, at 8pm EDT**. If interested, **[please register here](#)**. This is sponsored by **InGenius Prep**, an education company founded at Yale, and operates with the largest team of former admissions officers for application counseling.

College Visits Throughout the Fall: Welcome Back Students! This fall, college representatives will be visiting us both in-person and virtually. Juniors and seniors may register for virtual college visits by signing into NAVIANCE and following these instructions:

- Click on COLLEGES - RESEARCH COLLEGES - COLLEGE VISITS
- Scroll through the listing of colleges (sorted by date and time)
- REGISTER for those visits you want to attend.

Virtual visits will be held afterschool on Tuesdays & Thursdays between the hours of 4pm to 7pm. You can view the complete listing of visiting college representatives in Naviance, OR you can view the [upcoming week's visit listing HERE](#). Visits begin on Monday, September 13th and conclude in mid-November. For more information about virtual college visits, please contact the [College & Career Center](#).

Last Call for Senior Portraits: "Last chance" senior portraits will be taken on campus on Monday, September 20th. 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.

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.

Important Reminders

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.

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](#).

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

CIAC Student Athletic Advisory Board(SAAB): For information about the CIAC's SAAB, please see this [link](#). To apply, click [here](#).

Amity Sports Broadcasting: Are you interesting in sports broadcasting? The athletic department is seeking students to run and produce live/recorded athletic events throughout the school year. We are in need of students to run cameras, operate switchboards, and do play-by-play announcing. If you are interested, please [complete this form](#) so we can reach out to you. Thank you and GO SPARTANS!

Amity Athletics Booster Club: The Amity Athletics Booster Club will hold their first meeting of the school year Thursday, September 9, 2021, 6:30pm in room 501. All interested parents are welcome. The booster club is currently in need of some leadership positions and help! All attendees must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th!

Fall Sports Information: Fall sports have begun! Information regarding fall sports 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](#).

