

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We are continuing to adjust back to full-length school days, lunch in the cafeteria and regular length periods at ARHS. This past Wednesday was the first in-person PTSO meeting in over 18 months. Today we marked the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks with a special announcement and moment of silence as well as a reminder about our commitment to working together to build an inclusive and respectful school culture. In addition, the ARHS Student Government sponsored a "red, white, and blue" day to commemorate the anniversary. Next week will be the first of two in-person Back to School Nights (for parents of 9th and 12th graders) and, while we will be limiting attendance, we are looking forward to having parents return to our hallways and classrooms. We are rebuilding our sense of in-person community and working hard to demonstrate the values of fairness, respect, and passion that are the foundational elements of all that we do at ARHS. I look forward to the continued partnership and collaboration among faculty, parents, staff, students and community members as we work towards a bright and hopeful future. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** [Manhattan College](#) (MC) is a private, Catholic college located in Riverdale, New York, approximately 70 miles from the BOWA area. [Founded in 1853](#), MC currently enrolls approximately 3,900 undergraduate students on its suburban campus just north of New York City. Over [100 programs](#) are offered through the college's six schools which includes business, engineering, liberal arts & sciences, and health. Student life is very active at MC with over [100 clubs & organizations](#) on campus as well as 17 NCAA Division 1 [athletic teams](#) (in the [Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference](#)) to offer. [Annual tuition](#) is estimated at about \$40,000 (fees vary by school) for 2021-2022. To learn more about Manhattan College, please visit their [admissions website](#), view their [fact sheet](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). "[Nuclear medicine technologists](#) (NMTs) prepare and administer radioactive drugs for imaging or treatment" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [NMTs](#) primarily work with patients in hospitals performing diagnostic tests to assist doctors in learning more about one's condition. An associate degree is required for entry level positions. The average salary is \$79,590 and 8% job growth is expected through 2030 (BLS, 2020). To learn more,

please visit the following websites: the [American Society of Radiologic Technologists](#) and the [Radiological Society of North America](#).

*Some colleges that offer programs in nuclear medicine technology include:*

Manhattan College	Gateway Community Coll	Salem State University
Regis College	Springfield Tech Comm College	Miami-Dade College
Rutgers State Univ	Rochester Inst of Tech	Thomas Jefferson Univ

## **Happenings and Information**

**Back to School Nights:** Next Tuesday night, September 14th, we will host our annual Back to School Night for parents of 9th and 12th grade students. **Please note: due to space limitations, only 1 parent or guardian may attend for each child; mask wearing will also be required at all times in the school building.** Rather than convene in the Brady Center for a whole-school address before the class program begins, Mrs. Mahon will pre-record a message for parents that will be sent out on Monday. The in-person Back to School Night program will begin at 6:30 in classrooms, with 1st period/session beginning at 6:35. The schedule for the night can be found [here](#). Please note, you will be following your child's A day schedule for periods 1-6 and B day schedule for periods 7-8. Link Crew Leaders will be on-hand to assist with directions as will the building administrators.

**Yom Kippur Observance:** In observance of Yom Kippur, there will be no school next Thursday, September 16th.

**Onsite Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic:** As a reminder, the Amity Regional School District will be hosting a COVID vaccine clinic at Amity Regional High School on September 23rd from 8-4:30pm. This clinic will be open to all students and staff. Students ages 12 and up may participate in this clinic, as it is Pfizer vaccination clinic.

**School Nurse Introduction:** We welcomed two new members of our staff in the health office this year, school nurses Kate Enders and Maegan Wing. Please see [this letter of welcome](#) and information from the two nurses.

**Independent Study Opportunity:** Any junior or senior that is interested in completing an Independent Study must contact Mrs. Campbell at [Courtney.campbell@amityregion5.org](mailto:Courtney.campbell@amityregion5.org) All proposals are due to Mrs. Campbell by Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> by 3:00pm. Please note: an independent study does not count toward the full-time class enrollment of at least 6 classes per semester.

**Junior/Senior Parking Update:** As a reminder, Monday, September 13th marks the date that all students who have bought/been issued a parking sticker should begin park

in their assigned spots. If there is a car parked in a student's assigned spot, we are asking that student to park in visitor parking and report the situation to the main office. The person parked in the wrong spot will be asked to move so the student can park in the correct, assigned spot.

## **Senior Happenings**

**College Visits begin next week!** We are happy to announce many college representatives will be visiting Amity High School both in-person and virtually **starting Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**! Juniors and seniors may register for 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.

Most virtual visits will be held during afterschool hours on Tuesdays & Thursdays between the hours of 4pm to 7pm. You can view the complete listing of college visits in Naviance, OR you can view the [upcoming week's visit listing HERE](#). ***This year we will limit each student to no more than 8 visits.*** If you cannot attend a visit, updated notes will be posted on Naviance. For questions, please contact the [College & Career Center](#) at 203-397-4836 or email [paula.vallie@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org).

**Women's College Information:** For those who may be interested in attending a women's college, check out "The Sister Colleges" webinar (Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Smith and Wellesley Colleges) on Tuesday, 9/14 at 7:30pm or Saturday, 9/18 at 1pm. The deans and admissions directors from each "sister" college will host a panel discussion about the outstanding opportunities that women's colleges offer. [Register HERE](#).

**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 Parent Night Program:** If you were unable to join us for senior parent night, please find the attached Google Slide presentation or you can listen to an audio recording [here](#) from one of the school counselors.

**Financial Aid Night:** Financial Aid Night will be held on **Sept. 21st at 6:30** in the Brady Center. This event will be limited to parents of seniors only and we ask that one

parent per student attend. A copy of that presentation will be shared in our weekly happenings on Sept. 24th.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School **on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:30 am** in the ARHS Presentation Room. Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be offered through an online format. **Students may register to take the test by signing up [here](#).** While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test.* **Taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test does not obligate students to enlist!** Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).

**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 view our community service bulletin board or visit our school website [here](#). Copies of blank community service forms are available [here](#). For more information, please email Paula Vallie at [paula.vallie@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org).

**Local Healthcare Webinar: Yale New Haven Hospital Volunteer Services** is sponsoring "Careers in Healthcare", a 3-part, virtual webinar series on 9/14, 9/16 and 10/6, from 4-5pm. The webinars feature panelists who are in both clinical and non-clinical roles at YNH. They will discuss the personal and academic challenges they have faced in pursuing their professional objectives. Careers represented include those that require a college degree and others that do not. For registration information, please [click HERE](#).

**Juniors & Seniors Mark Your Calendars:** The Southern Connecticut College & Gap Year Fair will be held on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm at the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheatre, 500 Broad Street, Bridgeport. This fair will provide all New Haven County and Fairfield County students and parents the ability to meet and learn about the colleges, universities and gap year programs from across the country and abroad all in one night. For more information, please visit [this site](#).

**Upcoming Local Community Service Opportunities:** The **Orange Country Fair** at High Plains Community Fairgrounds needs volunteers on **Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am.** Interested students should email Lynn Plaskowitz at [lplaskowitz@aol.com](mailto:lplaskowitz@aol.com) or text at 203-627-1673. The **Bethany Harvest Fair** on **October 3, 2021** is looking for volunteers for their annual event. To sign up please email Mrs. Vallie at [paula.vallie@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org).

## **Important Reminders**

**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](#).

**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).

## **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 Athletic Booster Club will have a table setup at Open House for membership registration and we will be selling yard signs and stickers. We look forward to seeing you!

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

## **Community Happenings**

**Amity In-Person Continuing Education:** Please join us for one of our great enrichment courses! Click [HERE](#) to view our catalog! Enjoy exploring this catalog. If you have any questions, please call 203-397-4188. Questions? Email us: [philip.dolan@amityregion5.org](mailto:philip.dolan@amityregion5.org) OR [kim.doran@amityregion5.org](mailto:kim.doran@amityregion5.org)

**SAT Prep:** Lentz & Lentz SAT prep classes start September 18, 2021 at Amity High School. Register today by clicking [HERE](#)!