

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We concluded the month of September with our annual Club Day event. Over 50 student-led clubs were presented to our entire student body during an extended lunch period, where students were able to peruse the clubs in a festival-like atmosphere outside. These types of events are what we have been missing over the past 18 months and are an integral part of what the high school community is made of. In addition, the myriad clubs and activities offered at the high school complement the ideas presented in the BOWA Portrait of the Graduate that is designated as the "course of scholastic experiences." Students thrive when they are engaged in a balance of curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Through positive interactions with the school community, like becoming active members of school clubs, our students will continue to engage in healthy social interactions and the expected behaviors of a learning environment. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Springfield College](#) is located in Springfield, Massachusetts, approximately 65 miles from the BOWA area. Known as “the [place basketball was invented](#)”, Springfield College’s [mission](#) statement is “*to educate the whole person in spirit, mind and body for leadership in service to others*”. About 2,500 undergraduate students are currently enrolled. Students select from [undergrad programs](#) in four academic colleges - Arts & Sciences, Physical Education, Performance & Sport Leadership, Health Sciences, and Social Work & Behavioral Sciences. There are many [clubs & organizations](#) on campus to choose from, as well as 23 NCAA Division 3 [athletic teams](#) ([New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference](#)). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is approximately \$54,000. For more information check out the following links: the [admissions](#) office, [fast facts](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). “[Physical therapists](#) help injured or ill people improve movement and manage pain” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Physical therapists](#) must obtain a DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy) degree and become licensed in the state where they plan to practice. PTs spend most of their workday on foot, moving between patients they see in hospitals, clinics/offices and sometimes in patients' homes. Faster than average job growth (21%) is expected through 2030 and the average salary is \$91,010 (BLS, 2020). For more

information, please visit the following websites: the [American Physical Therapy Association](#), the [Connecticut Physical Therapy Association](#) and the [International Neurological Physical Therapy Association](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in physical therapy include:

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| Springfield College | University of Connecticut | Quinnipiac University |
| Sacred Heart University | University of Saint Joseph | University of Hartford |
| Boston University | Saint Anselm College | UMAINE/Farmington |
| Bridgewater State Univ | Merrimack College | Utica College |
| Mass Coll of Pharmacy & Health Sciences | Long Island Univ/Brooklyn | SUNY/Binghamton |
| CUNY/Hunter College | University of Rhode Island | Ithaca College |

Or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

After School Activities/Supervision: As a reminder, late buses run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays throughout the school year for students who have scheduled appointments or supervised activities after school. Students may only stay after school for an organized, supervised activity.

Speak-Up Reminder: Parents and students can help the administration address behaviors of concern, including intolerant and inappropriate behavior, by using our anonymous “Speak Up” system to report any bullying, drug possession, crime, mental health or other school or community safety concerns by calling or texting 203-936-6784. There is also a [link](#) on the District 5 website.

Underclass Photo Makeups and Retakes: Underclass photo makeup and retake sessions will be held in the senior lounge on Monday, November 8th. No appointments are necessary; students should drop in during their SSP session. Makeup sittings are free for any students who were absent on their original picture day in September, but there is a \$5 fee for retakes; checks should be made out to Robert Taylor Photography. Students desiring retakes will also need to return their original photo packages, including all photos.

Upcoming PSAT Day: On Wednesday, October 13th, all 11th grade students will take the PSAT exam during the morning sessions of school. This will be a regular school day for all other grades. More information will be sent to parents of 11th grade students next week.

Senior Happenings

Senior Yearbook Pose Selection: Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by Monday, November 1st. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found on the senior FAQ page on the yearbook website, amityembers.com.

Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook: The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for inclusion in *Embers* 2022. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! Visit amityembers.com and click "Submit Photos" beneath either the "For Seniors" or "For Parents" tabs. Please send only high-resolution photos. All hard copies should be clearly labeled so that they can be returned to their owners. Please keep submissions to just one per student. If you submit more than one, the yearbook staff will select a single photo for inclusion in the yearbook. All photo submissions are due Wednesday, December 22nd.

Seventh Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night: Interested in purchasing a grad ad? Not sure where to begin? Our seventh annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take advantage of the opportunity to work one-on-one with a yearbook staff member to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior, and approve it right on the spot! To sign up, please provide us with your information via [this Google Form](#), and we will get back to you with an appointment time and Zoom link.

Attention Seniors/Financial Aid Information: Please be aware - the FASFA will be available as of **Oct. 1st**. Students and families should begin applying for [financial aid](#) as soon as possible. Colleges use FASFA information to determine need for institutional-based aid and grant money. Find out what documents you will need to complete [here](#). Get started now as many financial aid awards are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some colleges will also require the CSS Profile as part of their financial aid process. Please click [here](#) for a list of schools that require this form. Additional information can also be found on our AHS [website](#).

Financial Aid Night Presentation Program: If you were unable to join us for our Financial Aid Presentation, which was held on Sept. 21st, 2021, please find a PowerPoint Slide presentation [here](#).

Fall College Visits Are Back! Many college representatives are visiting Amity HS both in-person and virtually. Most **virtual** visits will be held during afterschool hours on Tuesdays & Thursdays between the hours of 4pm to 7pm. ***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. Juniors and seniors may begin to register for these visits via NAVIANCE. A list of weekly visits can be found [here](#). For questions, please email paula.vallie@amityregion5.org.

SENIORS -to assist you with completing your college applications, ATTEND one or more of our **20-minute, MINI-WORKSHOPS** on the following topics:

- Getting started with your **COMMON APPLICATION**-Thurs 10/7
- Using **NAVIANCE** with your Common App-Fri 10/8
- Writing a **RESUME** for your College Application-Tues 10/5
- Sending **TEST SCORES** (ACT/SAT) to colleges-Wed 10/6

ALL sessions will be held in the CAREER CENTER during SSP. **[REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND!](#)**

Upcoming Virtual College Fairs sponsored by NACAC and NEACAC: Connect with hundreds of colleges and universities at NACAC Virtual College Fairs in Fall 2021. High school students, transfer students, and families are welcome to attend for free. See a list of events [here](#).

Notes from Counseling Department

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) 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 test does not obligate students to enlist!* Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).

Juniors & Seniors Mark Your Calendars: The **Southern Connecticut College & Gap Year Fair** will be held on **Oct. 5th 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](#).

Local Healthcare Webinar: Yale New Haven Hospital Volunteer Services is sponsoring "Careers in Healthcare", a 3-part, virtual webinar series on 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](#)

Important Reminders

New Yearbook Publisher: The yearbook staff is excited to be working with Jostens, its new publisher, this school year. Parents are advised that any e-mail communications they may receive from Jostens are legitimate, not phishing attempts. This change does not impact the yearbook's continuing partnership with Robert Taylor Photography. *Embers* was previously published by Herff Jones.

Order and Prepay for School Pictures: Ahead of next week's underclass picture days on September 28th and 29th, parents can now order and prepay for prints of their children's school pictures online. Instructions are available [here](#). The payment portal will be active until Wednesday, October 6th. After this date, Amity's bulk order will be processed, and digital proof cards will be e-mailed to parents who did not place orders. These proof cards will feature a watermarked proof image along with the codes to order prints online. At that point, prices will be slightly higher, and orders will be shipped directly to families' homes rather than to the school.

Buy Your Yearbook: The 2022 edition of *Embers* is now officially on sale! The current, special Back-to-School price is \$75, but hurry—this is a limited time offer! The cost will increase to \$85 on October 1st! Visit amityembers.com to reserve your copy today! Please be advised that due to the need to train a brand new student staff, the transition to a new publisher, and several other factors, the yearbooks will not arrive until summer 2022.

Share Your Photos with the Yearbook: Parents, history is made at your hands! You've watched as your children have grown, developed, learned, and achieved. Don't miss the opportunity to help document that journey! *Embers* strives to tell the whole story. To do so, we need your help! We're looking for photos of everyday school life, activities, and events, and we're hoping that you'll share them with us throughout the school year! While we can't guarantee that all shared photos will be published, we can say for certain that we can't even consider your pictures unless you share them with us! Visit amityembers.com to upload your photos today!

2021 Yearbook Pickup: Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors who ordered a 2021 yearbook and did not pick it up during last week's distribution window can visit the library during their SSP session on Friday, September 24th, for pickup. Students should arrive prepared to scan their student ID cards.

Athletics

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

A Spartan Sisterhood: Check out this [video](#), produced by CAS-CIAC, about the various sibling groups of the Amity Regional High School Field Hockey Team.

Community Happenings

Amity Adult & Continuing Education: [Babysitting Adventures](#) is back by popular demand! This popular course will be offered Thursday October 14, 2021 at Amity High School. This course will take you through the dynamics of babysitting. We will cover aspects of babysitting that will help you be professional, make decisions, safety, hands only CPR and first aid and more. As the one in charge you need to have different tools in your babysitting bag. This class will help you with the on the job skills you need.

CPR/First Aid: Certification for CPR and First Aid will follow the course from 8:00pm - 9:00pm and is through the American Heart Association. There is an additional fee of \$40.00 for the certification card. **You will need to register for both classes if you would like the CPR and First Aid certification.**

Friends and Family - CPR/First Aid Only: The CPR and First Aid certification is open to family and friends of those enrolled in the 5pm - 8pm course and can register for certification only, from 8pm - 9pm. There is a separate section to register.

[Register today!](#)

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