

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have reached the conclusion of our sixth week of school, albeit one of the first full weeks, and we are beginning to hit our stride as a school community. Clubs have revved up their work, many holding initial kick-off meetings this week. One of the five components of the BOWA Portrait of the Graduate is to be a “planner.” By organizing one’s time, planning out responsibilities and becoming engaged with co and extra-curricular activities, ARHS students will be able to experience a more fulfilling, truly reflective high school education. While we were able to hold classes in person during our hybrid learning last year, the true high school culture of after-school activities, athletics and art endeavors was missing. Now that we are able to organize in-person after-school activities, offer late-buses for students who are staying for formalized activities, and plan for larger activities in the future, we are beginning to rebuild to a much more in-depth high school community culture than we have had since March, 2020. Next week, our 11th grade students will sit for the PSAT exam on Wednesday in the morning before attending the last two class sessions of the day. This standardized assessment offers a formative benchmark for students and their families to see where the student stands in certain academic areas. In addition, we will hold our annual OBOA Day of Dialogue Workshop Series on Thursday, October 14th, prior to the early dismissal for students. Students were able to plan their own schedules for next Thursday’s school-wide event by first reading the descriptions of the more than 30 workshops being offered around various topics that relate to social justice before registering to attend 3 of those workshops during sessions 4-6 next Thursday. We are looking forward to these co-curricular events during our school days next week and our continuous rebuilding of a true high school experience for our students, faculty and staff. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: The [University of Pittsburgh](#) is a public institution located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, approximately 460 miles from the BOWA area. Founded in a log cabin on the American frontier [in 1787](#), UPitt has grown into a top-tier, research-based university. Over 18,000 undergraduate students are enrolled in [over 400 programs](#) within 16 schools/colleges. UPitt’s “[Guaranteed Admissions Programs](#)” offer students admission to top-ranked graduate programs in fields such as nursing, business, public health, engineering, and many others. [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is about \$48,000 (varies by major) for out-of-state students. For more information check out the UPitt [Class of 2025 Class Profile](#), the [admissions office](#) link, or take a [virtual tour](#). “[Nurse](#)

[Practitioners](#) coordinate patient care and may provide primary and specialty healthcare” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). Individual states have different educational and licensing requirements for [Nurse Practitioners](#). However, all must have earned a masters’ degree. The median salary is \$117,670 and the profession is expected to have **faster than average job growth at 45% through 2030** (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the following websites: [American Association of Nurse Practitioners](#), [American Nurses Association](#) and the [International Council of Nurses](#).

Some colleges that have nurse practitioner (graduate) programs include:

Univ of Pittsburgh UCONN Yale University
UMASS/Amherst SUNY/Stony Brook Central CT State
Simmons College Pace University Fairfield University
U of Southern Maine Rivier University U of New Hampshire
Northeastern Univ UMAINE/Orono SUNY/Buffalo
SUNY/Binghamton Fairleigh Dickinson Husson University

Or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

October 14th Vaccine Clinic Reminder: Please be reminded that the second Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic offered by Griffin Hospital will be held in the Amity Region #5 District Office Conference Room on Thursday, October 14th, from 8:00-4:30. This clinic is open to the public.

PSAT Day Reminder: Juniors will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 13th during the morning class sessions. All other students will attend classes as normal on that day. Parents of 11th grade students received an email earlier in the week regarding the PSAT/NMSQT program.

OBOA Day of Dialogue Workshop Day: As a reminder, next Thursday will be an early-dismissal day for students. We will also be holding our annual OBOA Day of Dialogue workshop day during the morning. Please see this [link](#) for a copy of the schedule for the day.

Plans for 2021 ARHS Homecoming Dance: The annual ARHS Student Government Homecoming Dance is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November

20th, at Amity Regional High School. More information regarding ticket sales, timing, and expectations will be sent out as the date draws nearer. Please note: This year's ARHS Homecoming will only be open to current Amity Regional High School students (grades 9-12) and proof of vaccination **or** a negative Covid-19 test taken within 72 hours of the dance will be required to attend the dance.

Senior Happenings

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](#).

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.

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](#).

AP registration is officially open! Use [this link](#) to register and pay for AP exams:

College Board is strict about deadlines for registration so please sign up on time!

- Registration is open from Friday, October 1, 2021 - Friday, November 5, 2021
- AP Exam Fee: \$100 per exam
- AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees: \$148 per exam
- Late Fees: Registration will reopen from November 19, 2021 - March 1, 2022 but will have a \$40 extra late fee (as set by College Board, not ARHS)

Important Reminders

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.

First marking period/transcript impact: The first marking period ends on November 5th. Students who need to move down a level or drop a course must do so by November 5th to not receive a WP or WF on the transcript.

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.

Athletics

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

Community Happenings

Upcoming Webinar: Join a webinar offered to parents & students in the BOW area on “COLLEGE READY SOCIAL MEDIA.” **This program is sponsored by the JCC and Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven** and will be hosted by **Author Lisa Good** on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30PM** via Zoom. Lisa Good will discuss an in-depth conversation to help your kids be their authentic self-online while putting their best foot forward. Don't let a post, tweet, like, follow or 30-second video derail your student's college dreams! If you would like to be a part of this event, please register [here](#). A \$10 fee is required.

Connecticut Foodshare: Drive-Thru food distribution sites have been extended through October. Connecticut-grown produce will be available at all distributions; please see this flyer for more information.

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!

