

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This week has been a busy week with PSATs for all juniors, an early dismissal for professional learning, as well as our Day of Dialogue Program on Thursday prior to student dismissal. The OBOA Day of Dialogue is a program that epitomizes many of the dispositions that are illustrated in the BOWA Portrait of the Graduate, including empathizer and communicator. As stated in the Portrait of the Graduate, “an empathizer is a learner who continuously grows their capacity to understand multiple perspectives.” The Day of Dialogue is based on the idea of learning from peers, faculty, and outside presenters about their different experiences and interests. Another goal of this program is to strive to build a greater sense of community, similar to the impact of our annual [Club Day](#) program from September 30th. Please take a few minutes to view the video from ARHS Club Day, posted on the main website, to catch a glimpse of this work in action at Amity. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Wentworth Institute of Technology](#) (WIT) is a private college located in Boston, Massachusetts, approximately 145 miles from the BOWA area. WIT is one of the five colleges within the “[Colleges of the Fenway](#)” (COF) Consortium. With strong programs in experiential learning, every one of WIT’s 3,900 undergraduates is required to complete 2 semesters of [co-ops](#). [Majors](#) are offered in the fields of engineering, architecture, computer science and business management. WIT offers many extracurricular activities such as [clubs and organizations](#), [18 D3 athletic teams](#) and the city of Boston to explore. [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is about \$52,000 (varies by housing and meal plan costs). For more information about WIT, check out their [admissions office](#), view [quick facts](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). “[Industrial machinery mechanics](#), machinery maintenance workers, and millwrights install, maintain, and repair factory equipment and other industrial machinery” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [IMMs](#) must obey strict safety measures and stay focused in order to stay safe on the job. Most IMMs work in factories and other industrial settings, such as pipelines. A high school diploma is required to enter this field and many IMMs receive on the job training. The median salary is \$54,920 and the profession is expected to have *faster than average job growth at 19%* through 2030 (BLS, 2020). For more

information, please visit the following websites: the [Society for Maintenance and Reliability Professionals](#), check out this detailed [job description here](#) or learn more about [apprenticeship programs](#), other [local training programs](#) and [Middlesex Community College's program](#) - all in Connecticut.

Happenings and Information

From the Health Office: If a student is feeling sick, please be sure the student stays home and then provide a negative PCR test upon return to school when they feel better.

Key symptoms include:

Feeling feverish

Measured temperature of 100.4 or above

Chills

Uncontrolled new cough

Shortness of breath

Difficulty breathing

Loss of taste or smell

Fatigue

Muscle/body aches

Nonspecific signs and symptoms include:

Sore throat

Runny nose

Congestion

Headache

Diarrhea

While some students have colds or allergy symptoms around this time of year and masks should be our first line of defense against transmission, but if the students are

experiencing the key symptoms listed above, they should stay home and quarantine until receiving negative PCR results.

Ninth Grade Tailgate: The Link Crew leaders would like to formally invite all 9th grade students to the [Amity football tailgate](#) event in the upcoming week! Next **Friday, October 22nd**, the Link Crew leaders from **6-7 pm**. The Link Crew tailgate will be **free** for all ninth grade students if they choose to attend, and there will be a variety of games, activities, and food! The food served will be free and will include options such as hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and chips. In order to enter the tailgate, bring your **school ID**. We would advise all students to dress warmly since the weather has been getting colder in past weeks in the evenings. If you attend, **you will be able to get into the football game for free**. We hope that all students can attend the tailgate and enjoy a fun football night with all the Link Crew leaders and their friends!

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.

Senior Class Group Photo: Next Thursday, during 2nd session, we will take the Class of 2022 group photo on the all-weather field.

Senior Happenings

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 Military Visit: The **Connecticut National Guard** will be visiting Amity High School on **Monday, October 18, 2022 from 10:30am to 12:30pm**. The National Guard will set up a table outside of the cafeteria during all lunch waves. Interested students may visit with the recruiters at this time.

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](#).

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.

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

Student Billboard Contest Opportunity: BOWDAAC (Bethany Orange Woodbridge Drug/Alcohol Action Committee) is holding a **Billboard Contest** for all Amity Regional High School students 7th through 12th Grade. Students attending Amity Middle and High Schools are eligible. Please see this [announcement](#) for more information