

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Yesterday morning, the Amity Class of 2022 had the opportunity to assemble on the new all-weather field for the annual aerial class picture (to depict the year 2022 through a drone camera shot). While this act of class unity is one small experience, it is symbolic of a greater concept of building a sense of community through school. This is accomplished much more authentically when we are physically present with one another, on a regular basis, participating in full school days. We have worked throughout this fall to rebuild our sense of school community through other important functions such as Club Day, athletic events, and [Day of Dialogue](#) (please navigate to the bottom of the page and view the “Superintendent’s Showcase” to see excerpts from the Day of Dialogue). School is built on the social contract that includes collaboration, respect, empathy, and patience. These concepts are also reflected in our BOWA Portrait of the Graduate. We are almost two full months into the school year, and we are beginning to hit our stride as a school community. We will continue to learn and grow with each other through curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular endeavors, but our commitment to building a strong school community is steadfast. Enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** The State University of New York ([SUNY](#)) at [New Paltz](#) is located in New Paltz, New York, approximately 90 miles from the BOWA area. Originally [founded in 1828](#), SUNY-NP has grown from a small teacher's college into a [nationally ranked university](#) that offers its 6,000+ undergraduate students a choice of 100 [majors](#). Dual-degree programs are also offered in medicine, optometry, business, engineering and education, as well as programs for pre-health professions and pre-law. There are 17 D3 [athletic teams](#) on campus and they participate in the [SUNY Athletic Conference](#). Campus life is engaging with many [clubs and organizations](#) to pursue. [Annual tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is \$37,365. For more information about SUNY-NP, check out their [admissions website](#), read through [FAQ's](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). “[Dental hygienists](#) examine patients for signs of oral diseases, such as gingivitis, and provide preventive care, including oral hygiene (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Dental hygienists](#) work in dental offices and may work either full or part time hours. An associate’s degree is needed to work in this profession and state

licensure is required. The median salary is \$77,090 and *faster than average job growth is expected at 11%* through 2030 (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the following websites: the [American Dental Hygienist Association](#), the [International Federation of Dental Hygienists](#) and the [National Dental Hygienists Association](#).

*Some colleges that have dental hygiene programs include:*

University of New Haven	University of Bridgeport	Tunxis Community College
Goodwin College	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	SUNY/Farmingdale
Regis College	Springfield Tech Comm Col	Hudson Valley Comm Coll
Rutgers University	University of Rhode Island	SUNY/Canton
Rowan College	Manor College	PA College of Technology
Rhode Island College	Harcum College	Comm Coll of Rhode Island

*or search in Naviance for more choices!*

## **Happenings and Information**

**Freshman Tailgate Tonight:** Tonight is the annual Link Crew Freshman Tailgate night! Link Crew leaders will be holding this tailgate event for all ninth-graders as a free event. This event will take place from **6-7 pm**. There will be a variety of games, activities, and food! The food served will include options such as hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and chips. Students must present their **school IDs** for entry. If a student attends, **the student 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!

**Homecoming 2021:** Tickets for the Student Government sponsored ARHS Homecoming Dance will be sold through the “forms” function of PowerSchool. Tickets will be single-sales only and will be on sale from the afternoon of Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, 11/20, from 7-10pm. Information on dance expectations and parameters can be found on the Homecoming Ticket Form in PowerSchool.

**Music in Motion is BACK!:** The Amity Music Department is proud to bring back our annual Music In Motion production! It's been TWO years since our last show and we are very excited to be able to bring it back!! This year's show is Titled-**Music In Motion 2021 - Come Together**. Please join us on November 4, 2021 at William Johnson field for this year's production entitled "Come Together". There will be performances by the Amity Band, Amity Choir, Amity Jazz Band and the new formed

Amity Percussion Ensemble! See this flyer for more information. Admission is free!! We hope you'll join us!

- **When: November 4, 2021 - 6:00pm performance**
- **Where: Amity High School - William Johnson Field (Football Stadium)**

**Deadline for Dropping a Course:** Please be aware that the deadline to drop a course or a level in course without a “W” appearing on the transcript is November 5th. If your child is having difficulty in a course, please be sure to speak to the teacher and school counselor prior to the deadline.

**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)

**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 Happenings**

**Paying for Post-Secondary Education:** You've submitted your FAFSA. GREAT! Now what? [Click here for follow up FAFSA information.](#)

**Attention seniors-first quarter grades:** If you would like first quarter grades to be sent to colleges, you must fill out a Google form. We will plan to send out first quarter beginning the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>, according to the college deadlines. Please use [this](#) Google doc. If you need grades sent to more than 10 schools, please fill out the form multiple times. This form is also available on the Counseling Google Classroom along with a short video explaining who needs to request grades and how to do that

**Seniors!** You can apply to UCONN, SOUTHERN CT, CENTRAL CT, WESTERN CT and EASTERN CT for FREE if you apply on "APPLICATION FEE FREE DAY", November 15th, 2021. [Click here for more information!](#)

**Western Connecticut State University's School of Visual and Performing Arts** is pleased to announce audition dates and portfolio review days for the Fall 2022 semester. To register and review audition requirements, please visit [here](#).

**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](#).

**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](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org).

## **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](#).

**Career Opportunities:** Are you interested in Architecture, Engineering or Construction careers? If so, check out a FREE mentoring program called "ACE" where students can explore these career areas, work with professionals in the field and possibly win scholarships. Go to [acementor.org](http://acementor.org) to learn more.

**ACT Testing Company:** Students and their parents are invited to join them for a **free** virtual college and career planning event-*My Journey: High School to College & Career* on **Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 10:00am – 12:30pm**. Students and parents can choose their own [sessions](#) to learn how to prepare for college and career-from finding scholarships to transitioning to life on campus and everything in between. Deadline to [register](#) is **October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**.

## **Important Reminders**

**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.

**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

We realize that the 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.

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## **Athletics**

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

**Unified Soccer Tournament:** Please join us on Tuesday October 26, 2021 at 3:15 pm on the athletic fields for our annual Unified Sports Soccer Tournament.

**Softball Meeting:** The Amity Softball Coaches will be holding a meeting for anyone interested in playing this year on Thursday October 28th at 6pm. The meeting will take place in the lecture hall. This is an important meeting to meet the new coaching staff, learn about out of season conditioning, and other preparations for the 2022 softball season. If you are unable to make the meeting, please email coach Amanda at [aacampora925@gmail.com](mailto:aacampora925@gmail.com) and she will send you the minutes.

## **Community Happenings**

**From Woodbridge Youth Services:** Call 203-389-3429 or email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org) for information or to sign up for programs.

- **Welcome to Our New Program Coordinator:** Sarah Pearson has joined the staff of Youth Services to research and implement programs. She comes to us with degrees in Social Work and Sociology, and has worked with students at Beecher Road School. Please join us in welcoming her, and feel free to contact us with ideas.
- **Job Bank:** Raking season is upon us. Teens who want paid, outdoor work should contact Youth Services to schedule an interview. The Job Bank is a referral service for residents who offer odd jobs to members.
- **Toys 4 Kids:** This program supports Woodbridge and Bethany families and surrounding towns to provide holiday toys to those in need through TEAM, Inc. Due to

COVID restrictions, online giving is encouraged. Financial support is desperately needed to purchase toys for children and gift cards for those 8 – 12. To donate, please visit TEAM's website at <https://teaminc.org/toys-4-kids-2021/>. Collection boxes for new, boxed toys for ages 0 - 8 will be available in the town library and in Youth Services until November 30. To apply for toys, see TEAM's website for online application and requirements to be posted on 11/16/21.

- **BOWDAAC:** Bethany-Orange-Woodbridge Drug/Alcohol Action Committee is seeking a few new members to meet monthly to plan programs which help to prevent substance abuse within our community. If you are interested, please contact us for more information.
- **Job Opening in Youth Services:** Per diem Youth Program Assistants are needed for after-school or evening programs. 2 years of college and some experience working with teens preferred. Contact Youth Services for more information.

**Woodbridge Human Services-Suicide Prevention Training and Community Conversation on Thursday, Oct. 21** with Pam Mautte, Director of the Alliance for Prevention & Wellness, and Kara Sepulveda of Quinnipiack Valley Health District. The training, QPR (Question, Persuade & Refer) - Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention, is offered at no cost to the community. Call for Zoom Link to be emailed or use Zoom link provided. May need to copy the link to your browser provided. Join the Zoom Meeting via this [link](#).

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