

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



On Monday, our school community experienced a threat to the foundational sense of security and safety we have spent many years working to build. Despite the security team, facility measures of a sally port and ballistic-resistant windows, a community can be made to feel unsafe through email communication. In addition, we witnessed how social media can exacerbate that feeling as misinformation can be spread widely and without vetting. As the school community came back together throughout the rest of the week, students and adults processed what happened on Monday through whole-class discussions as well as one-on-one conversations. While our sense of security will rebuild over time, our trust in each other and belief that we are all working toward the same goal of creating a safe, secure learning environment where all members are included and have an opportunity to grow and develop in to contributing members of society. This mission is ongoing and one to which we remain deeply committed. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Northern Vermont University](#) (formerly known as Johnson State College) is a public university located in Johnson, Vermont, approximately 275 miles away from the BOWA area. A second campus is located in Lyndon, Vermont (formerly known as Lyndon State College). NVU at Johnson enrolls about 1,150 students. Interesting [majors](#) include mountain resort management (6 nearby resorts), atmospheric science (climate change, meteorology), exercise science (program is rated top 5% in the country), psychology (BS/MS in 5 years), criminology, BFA in Woodworking (partnership with Vermont Woodworking School) and a new nursing program that will begin in fall of 2022. NVU sponsors 13 D3 [athletic teams](#) who compete in the [North Atlantic Conference](#). [Annual tuition](#), room and board for out-of-state undergraduates is \$38,870 (2021-2022). For more information, go to NVU's [admissions website](#), check out their [quick facts](#) or take an [online tour](#). *NOTE - in the fall of 2022, ALL of Vermont's public colleges will be renamed. NVU will become "Vermont State University at Johnson"*. [Line installers and repairers](#) install or repair electrical power systems and telecommunications cables, including fiber optics" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Line workers](#) meet with many dangers on the job including high-

voltage electricity, being exposed to the elements and working high above ground. A high school diploma or equivalent is required to obtain an entry-level position in this field. The median salary is \$75,030 and zero percent job growth is expected through 2030 (BLS, 2020). For more information, visit these websites: [State of CT Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Office](#), [MyNextMove.org](#) and [BigFuture](#).

Some colleges that have electrical/power cable installation programs include:

New England Inst of Tech	SUNY/Alfred	Delaware County Comm College
SUNY/Delhi	Hudson Valley Comm Coll	Williamson College of the Trades

Or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Homecoming 2021: Tickets for the Student Government sponsored ARHS Homecoming Dance are being sold through the "forms" function of PowerSchool. Tickets are single-sales only, cost \$20, and will be on sale until Wednesday, November 10th. 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.

ARHS Veterans Day Recognition: As part of our recognition program for Veterans Day, we are asking students to submit brief recordings, family, or friends who have served in any of the armed services. If your child is interested in contributing, please remind your child to check the Administrator's Google Classroom.

STUDENTS - need help with academics? Work with a peer tutor for extra help. Either stop into the Career Center after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays OR fill out the [form HERE](#) for one-to-one tutoring assistance at other times. See Mrs. Staak or Mrs. Cocco in the Counseling Office if you have any questions.

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:
<https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>

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 have 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 15th, 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

College Visits: Many college representatives from around the country 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. 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 free. See a list of events [here](#).

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](#).

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 the "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.

Yearbook Grad Ads: Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers 2022* yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! Visit amityembers.com for details!

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.

Notes from Counseling Department

Ninth Grade Counseling Lessons: We have completed the development-counseling lesson to all grade 9 students. Freshmen learned about the Naviance program they will be using throughout high school. They also completed a "Freshman Intake Form" that was shared with their counselors and a "Strengths Explorer" inventory, which introduced them to possible career pathways. Counselors also reviewed good habits for

success and resources for whenever students need assistance. Please [click here to view the lesson](#).

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 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 29th 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. However, 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](#).

ARHS Booster Club News: Please come and support the Amity Athletic Booster Club at the next meeting Thursday, November 4th at 6:30 pm at Amity, room 501. Old/New members welcome.

Community Happenings

From Woodbridge Youth Services: Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org for information or to sign up for programs.

- **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.

