

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Today marks the end of the first marking period for the 2021-2022 school year. While it has been quite an eventful first quarter, we have been able to settle into a more consistent daily routine. The school community has readjusted to the shared social contract that is integral to the functioning of school and, for the most part, life has entered a phase where regular activities and interactions of high school life have become normalized. Last Friday, we hosted a guest speaker for about 200 students who are enrolled in forensic science, true crime English elective or the “It’s the Law” class. Dr. Henry Lee visited Amity to offer a presentation that focused on his own work in criminal forensic science as well as his tenets of strong work ethic and focus. Additionally last week, we hosted our annual Unified Soccer Tournament where a variety of area schools competed together on the new Amity All-Weather Field. This is another yearly event that was on hiatus last year due to the pandemic. Last night, Music in Motion returned to Amity, but was also held in the stadium as an adjustment due to the continued mitigation protocols. Many of the ARHS fall sports teams have competed in Southern Connecticut Conference Tournaments over the past few weeks with great success. Tonight, the football team, dance team, and cheer team will have their senior night recognition before the home football game. Finally, this Sunday will be the annual Jamie Hullely Arts Foundation fundraiser-“[Afternoon For the Arts](#).” As we close out the first quarter of the school year, it is clear that we have begun laying the foundation for the community ARHS will become post-pandemic, with opportunities for new growth and development while maintaining our tradition of supporting the “3As-academics, athletics, and the arts.” Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Nichols College](#) is a private college located in Dudley, Massachusetts, approximately 90 miles from the BOWA area. Nichols’ [programs](#) focus on experiential learning and professional development that have earned accolades from Business [Colleges of Distinction](#), The [Princeton Review’s Best Colleges](#) in the Northeast and others. There are 23 D3 [athletic teams](#), that compete in the [Commonwealth Coast Conference](#) and about 50% of students participate in varsity or club/intramural sports. [Annual tuition, room and board](#) for 2021-2022 is \$51,250. For

more information, please visit their [admissions website](#), watch this [quick video](#), or attend their [OPEN HOUSE](#) this Sunday, November 7th from 9am - 2pm. **NOTE to SENIORS - there is NO application fee, and the Common Application is accepted.** “[Market Research Analysts](#) study market conditions to examine potential sales of a product or service” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Market research analysts](#) are employed in nearly every industry and need a bachelors’ degree for entry-level positions. The median salary is \$65,810 and **faster than average job growth is expected (22%) through 2030** (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the following websites: [American Marketing Association](#), [Marketing Research Association](#), and the [American Association for Public Opinion Research](#).

Some colleges that have marketing research programs include:

Nichols College	University of Connecticut	University of New Haven
Roger Williams University	Bryant University	Endicott College
SUNY/Delhi	Johnson & Wales Univ	Ithaca College
Springfield College	Bentley University	Univ of Rhode Island
SUNY/Fashion Ins of Tech	Pace University	SUNY/Morrisville
Merrimack College	Sacred Heart University	So New Hampshire Univ

Or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

1st Marking Period Report Cards: Today is the close of the 1st marking period. Digital report cards will be sent via email next Friday afternoon, November 12th.

Join the PTSO: There is still time to join! Please consider becoming a member of the Amity Regional High School PTSO. This [link](#) will take you to the registration page.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Please be reminded that parent-teacher conference signups are now available through “forms” in PowerSchool. The form for each day will close the day before the scheduled conference (i.e. the form for 11/11 will be closed on 11/10).

Safety/Security Webinar: Please be reminded of the upcoming **School Safety Question and Answer Webinar** on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm**. Panelists will include school administration representing all three Amity schools and law enforcement officers from Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge. This will be a moderated webinar to discuss general school safety and parents **must register** to participate in the webinar.

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 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.

From the Health Office-Attention 10th Graders: Please make sure to bring an updated physical form to the Health Office. The State of Connecticut requires that all 10th grade students must have a physical exam with a date after 6/1/21. Staying current with your health forms ensures that there will be no delays when registering for athletics and beginning your junior year. Thank you for your cooperation!

Underclass Portrait Distribution: Portrait packages for students in grades 9, 10, and 11 were distributed throughout the week this past week.

Underclass Photo Makeups and Retakes: Underclass photo makeup and retake sessions will be held in the senior lounge on Monday, November 8th from 10 to 1. No appointments are necessary; students may drop by during either their SSP session or a study hall period. 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.

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

Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season is here! The Career Center posts both local and national scholarships throughout the months of November through April. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under the scholarship tab. There are many additional merit based and need based scholarships available through websites like [fastweb.com](#), [scholarships.com](#) or learn more about scholarships [here](#). If you need help searching scholarships, please feel free to see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

College visits for the week of Nov. 8th-12th:

- **Lynn University (virtual visit) Tuesday, Nov. 9th @ 4pm**

- **The College of Saint Rose (in-person) Wednesday, Nov. 10th @ 11:00am.** Students are asked to register on Naviance. Visits will be held in the Career Center.

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](#).

On-Site Admission Days at Amity High School! Local colleges will soon be visiting with interested seniors for an on-site admission day. *In order to participate, seniors will need to submit their application to the college at least two weeks before your scheduled appointment.* Please know that financial aid information will NOT be available at these meetings, but will be sent you later. **Please click [here](#) to reserve your appointment and to view the list of participating colleges.**

JUNIORS and SENIORS! Are you looking for an alternative to 4-year colleges? Then check out the upcoming visits from IMTI and the CT State Apprenticeship Program! [IMTI](#) is a trade school located in Waterbury, CT that has programs in electrical, plumbing and HVAC. They will visit us on Wednesday, November 10th at 11:30am. A representative from the [CT Apprenticeship Program](#) will visit on Friday, November 12th at 9:30am. **Stop by the Career Center to get a pass to these visits!**

Upcoming Military Visit: The **United States Army** will be visiting Amity High School on **Monday, November 8, 2021 from 10:30am to 12:30pm.** The Army staff will set up a table outside of the cafeteria during all lunch waves. Interested students may visit with the recruiters at this time

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.

Important Reminders

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.

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. Do not 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.

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Athletics

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

Winter Sports Night: The parent/student meeting for winter sports will be held virtually at 6:30 on Tuesday, November 9th. Please be sure to pre-register at this [link](#).

Amity Booster Club November Meeting: The ARHS Booster Club will be meeting next Thursday, November 11 at 6:30pm at the high school. Please join us!

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.

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