

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Throughout this week, our students, faculty, and staff celebrated our community through the annual Student Government Spirit Week. Theme days and school activities, such as the UMTTR volleyball tournament and the Link Crew Ice Cream Social and today's upcoming pep rally, help remind us of the value of highlighting our connection through community. Tomorrow night we will host our homecoming, an annual event that we were unable to hold last year. This year, however, we have roughly 830 students signed up to attend the dance, which will be the culmination of our Student Government Spirit Week. We enter a shortened week next week, with school dismissing at 12:12 on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We have come a long way this fall to returning to a sense of investment and connection to our high school. It is exciting to continue to rebuild and witness the opportunities our students have to grow academically, socially, and civically. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: [Embry Riddle Aeronautical University](#) is a private university that operates in two locations - one in Daytona Beach, Florida and the other in Prescott, Arizona. In addition, ERAU's Worldwide/Online program currently enrolls over 17,000 undergraduate students. ERAU [originally began in the 1930's](#) as a pilot training school before WW2. The Florida campus enrolls approximately 6,400 undergraduate students and ERAU overall [offers over 100 degree programs](#) in aeronautics, engineering, business administration, homeland security, and others. Annual tuition, room and board [is \\$53,360 \(2021-2022\)](#). For more information, go to ERAU's [admissions website](#), check out their "[did-you-know?](#)" page", or watch an [informational video here](#). "[Airline and commercial pilots](#) fly and navigate airplanes, helicopters, and other aircraft" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). Airline pilots typically need a bachelor's degree for entry-level positions while commercial pilots need to complete a certified flight-training program. [ALL pilots](#) must be licensed through the [Federal Aviation Administration](#) and have extensive flight training that includes thousands of in-flight hours. The median salary is \$130,440 and **faster than average job growth is expected (13%) through 2030** (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the following websites: The [Professional Pilots Association](#), the [Air Line](#)

[Pilots Association International](#), and the [Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals](#).

Some colleges that have pilot training programs include:

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| Embry-Riddle Aero. Univ | Boston University | George Washington Univ |
| University of Florida | Bridgewater State Univ | Rochester Inst of Tech |
| Worcester Polytech Inst | No Carolina State/Raleigh | Univ of Maryland/Coll Park |
| Rensselaer Polytech Inst | Southern New Hampshire Univ | New York Inst of Tech |
| Penn State University | Syracuse University | University of Virginia |
| Univ of Central Florida | University of Alabama | Florida Inst of Tech |

Or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Early dismissal next Wednesday: The ARSD #5 will be following an early dismissal schedule next Wednesday, November 24th, prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Upcoming Alumni College Panel: On **Wednesday, November 24th**, (the day before Thanksgiving), Amity will host our annual Alumni College Panel for juniors and seniors. Recent Amity alumni will share their college experiences and offer insight into the college process. Last year's event was virtual - [click here to watch](#).

ARHS Flag Football vs North Haven: On Monday, November 22nd, Amity Flag Football will host North Haven High School for the annual flag football game (which was cancelled last year due to COVID-19). The event starts at 6:00pm and will take place at the Amity stadium.

Senior Happenings

Save the Dates! On-Site Admission Days at Amity High School! Starting on November 30th, 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 to you at a later time. **Please click [here](#) to reserve your appointment and to view the list of participating colleges.**

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.

Start Your Path To Become An EMT! Members of the Bethany Volunteer Ambulance Corps. visited Amity on **Wednesday, November 17th** and shared valuable information regarding their upcoming **Karen R. White Memorial Training Program**, which will host an **EMT-Basic Training Initial Certification Course**. If you would like more information on the upcoming Winter Course Program being held at the Bethany Fire Dept., please click [here](#). To learn more about the recruitment info session and open house click [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 [this link](#) to learn more.

Notes from Counseling Department

All STUDENTS - need help with academics? Work with a peer tutor for extra help. Either stop into the Career Center after school on Tuesdays and 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.

Important Reminders

Concern with School-Issued Devices: We have found that some student devices have been “erased” or restored to factory settings, violating our AUP and creating concern in a variety of ways. It opens the door for downloading of potentially malicious software. Additionally, students who have modified their device will not be able to access any state or local standardized testing or use the device for the intended instructional purposes. The process of restoring (fixing) devices that have been modified necessitates the purchase of more licenses for software that is erased. Please note: any student who has erased, modified, or otherwise changed the operating system of school owned devices should report to administration or a teacher on Monday morning. We will repair those devices free of charge and students will not face administrative consequences. **After the Thanksgiving break, any student who has a modified school device will be charged for the repair and will face additional administrative action, including but not limited to possible disciplinary consequences.** Please take some time this weekend to speak with your child to ask if

their device has been modified and, if a non-authorized modification has been made, have them speak with a member of the technology staff on Monday morning.

Athletics

Winter Sports Registration: Any students interested in trying out for a winter sport must have the registration completed through “forms” in PowerSchool prior to the start of tryouts.

Amity Sports Broadcasting: The athletic department is looking for students to join our sports broadcasting team this winter. We need help with directing, camera operators, and play-by-play announcers. Please email Mr. Goodwin if you are interested: egoodwin@amityregion5.org

Community Happenings

ACT Fall Play: Amity High School is proud to present the off-Broadway smash comedy PUFFS by Matt Cox. For seven years, a certain boy wizard went to a certain Wizard School and conquered evil. This, however, is not his story. This is the story of the Puffs... who just happened to be there too. A tale for anyone who has never been destined to save the world. The PUFFS motto: "Third or nothing!" Fun for the hardcore "Harry" fans and "Mug Borns" alike. Purchase tickets [here!](#)

Community Involvement Opportunities: Please see [this flyer](#) for information from Woodbridge Youth Services about ways to become involved with the local community.