

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



As we arrive at the Thanksgiving break, it is an opportune time to reflect on the strides we have made throughout this fall. Throughout the first, few months have been important to our growth as a school community. We have re-entered in to working and living with each other every school day and through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The faculty have had the opportunity to reflect on what curriculum, instruction, and assessment can look like post-pandemic while still in a 1:1 environment. While we are not out of the woods yet with COVID-19, we are able to anticipate how we can incorporate what we learned about school and the importance of in-person learning. I am thankful that we have been able to reinstitute much of what we lost last year, including field trips, after-school in person clubs, and athletics. The Amity Regional School District celebrates the “3As.” I am looking forward continued opportunities for growth and connection as we make our way through the end of the calendar year 2021. Have a wonderful long weekend and a very happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

Final Parent-Teacher Conference for 1st Marking Period: We will hold our final set of parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday, December 1st. There will be an early release for students and the conferences will be held virtually.

Thank you to the PTSO! A huge thank you to all of the members of the ARHS PTSO for your help with food delivery on Saturday night for Homecoming. We are so grateful for your support and thankful for your continued partnership with Amity Reg. High School in helping make this one of the most successful homecoming dances ever!

Congrats to Amity’s Flag Football Team: After a hiatus last year due to the pandemic, Amity Flag Football was back in action last night against North Haven. The final score was 32-16, Amity! Way to go!

Thank you to our alumni: Today we welcomed multiple ARHS alumni back to the Brady Center to address our 11th and 12th grade students to discuss how their preparation at Amity helped them as they transitioned to school, programs, and work after high school. We are very grateful these students have given back a few hours of their time to help provide a glimpse of what life is like after Amity. Thank you to: Amity Class of 2017 Sam Martin, 2020 alumni Adam Ginsberg and Jayson Hutchinson, and 2021 alumni Melita Collins, Ryan Freeman, Evan Jurzyk, Luke Hauser, Ryan Kennedy, Claudia Lihar, Ben Martin, and Nick Matalote.

Senior Happenings

CHANGE TO FIRST QUARTER GRADE PROCESS: Naviance has made changes regarding sending first quarter grades electronically through their system. Beginning this year, students cannot select specific schools so if a student wants their transcript sent electronically, it must go to all schools listed in "Colleges I'm Applying to." The college/university will only download that transcript if the student has already submitted their application to them. Due to this, we are going to adjust the way we send first quarter grades. For students who want first quarter grades to go to a limited amount of schools, we will send them via snail mail to those schools. Please indicate below how you would like your transcripts sent. We will begin to send out grades on 11/17. Please complete this [NEW Google form](#) if you are requesting first quarter grades. Because of the change in Naviance, **YOU WILL NEED TO DO THIS AGAIN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY FILLED THE FORM OUT BEFORE.**

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.

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

Start Your Path To Become An EMT! Members of the Bethany Volunteer Ambulance Corps. will be offering the **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](#).

All 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.

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.

Community Service/Donation Opportunity: On Friday, 12/3 OPD is hosting a toy/food drive at High Plains Community Center. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information or contact Orange Youth Officer Bailey at Orange Police Department.

