

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We begin second semester with a renewed sense of focus and excitement, as the first semester has successfully drawn to a close after our midterm exam period. The midterm exams were a pivotal moment for our learning community as these comprehensive assessments not only offer important information for teachers to determine the level of learning of students, but also create a unique experience for students where they practice the skills of organization, preparation, emotional regulation, time management, and resiliency. For our 9th and 10th grade students who have never prepared for assessments such as these, the experience is as important as the assessments themselves. High school is a time to learn about oneself to prepare for later life. As we move in to second semester, we are also beginning to think about next school year for our current 9th through 11th grade students. Junior planning meetings have begun for 11th graders and our students will soon choose their courses for the 2022-2023 school year. Seniors are beginning to plan for Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) or Senior Interest Project (SIP), as they start their final semester of compulsory, public school. This year has been full of transitions and readjustments, but one constant has been our focus as a school community to support our students as they continue to prepare to become contributing citizens of our every-changing world. Have a wonderful weekend and stay warm!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College/Career of the Week: [Emmanuel College](#) is a private, Catholic college located in Boston, Massachusetts, approximately 140 miles from the BOWA area. Originally founded as a women's college [in 1919](#), EC is one of the five [Colleges of the Fenway](#) Consortium that allows students to share additional academic and social opportunities at neighboring colleges. EC offers over [70 majors](#) within their 5 academic schools - Business & Management, Education, Humanities & Social Sciences, Nursing, and Science & Health. Campus life is busy with many [student organizations](#), and over 80% of students participate in community service activities. [Club and intramural sports are popular](#) and there are [16 NCAA-Division 3 athletic teams](#) on campus ([Great Northeast Athletic Conference](#)). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is \$59,939.00 (2021-2022). For more information, visit EC's [admissions website](#), view [fast facts](#) or take a

[virtual tour](#) of campus. “[Mathematicians and statisticians](#) analyze data and apply computational techniques to solve problems” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). [Mathematicians](#) and [statisticians](#) primarily work in government, industry and research positions and will sometimes work on teams with other specialists to complete tasks. A master’s degree is usually required for entry-level jobs in this field. The median salary is \$93,290 and ***much faster than average job growth is expected (33%) through 2030*** (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the following websites; The [American Mathematical Society](#), the [American Statistical Association](#) and the [Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics](#).

Some schools that have programs in mathematics/statistics include:

Emmanuel College	University of Connecticut	SUNY/Albany
Central CT State Univ	Nichols College	Univ of Saint Joseph (CT)
Bentley University	UMASS/Boston	Univ of Rhode Island
Pace University	SUNY/Purchase	University of New Haven
Springfield College	Trinity College	UMASS/Dartmouth
Merrimack College	Fairfield University	Southern CT State Univ

Or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Report Cards and February Parent-Teacher Conferences: Second marking period/midterm exam report cards will be released February 2nd, the same day as parent-teacher conferences. The signup for conferences is, once again, being completed through “forms” on PowerSchool. The form will close at 3:00pm on Tuesday, February 1st. Please note: grades are not finalized in PowerSchool for 2nd marking period or exams until the morning of February 2nd.

2022-2023 Course Selection: With the start of 2nd semester, we have entered course selection season. Ninth through 11th grade, students will be speaking with teachers, getting information during their Student Study Period (SSP) regarding course offerings, and instructions for registering for courses over the coming weeks. More information will be sent out as the student selection process draws nearer in mid-February.

Join the Amity Music Department! As you consider course selection for next year, think about becoming a part of the Amity High School Music Department! If you enjoy singing and playing an instrument, the music department is the place for you! We offer many opportunities to play, sing, perform and learn about music! No previous experience necessary. Make some great friendships and perform some fun music! See our testimonial video [HERE!](#) Reach out to our teachers if you have any questions!

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Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun! Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under the college tab. Scholarships can also be found on our school website [here](#). Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college/university or additional websites like [this one](#). If you need help navigating scholarships or with the process of applying, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Additional scholarship opportunity: The **Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven** is offering college scholarships to seniors from Jewish households. All applications are due by **May 13, 2022**. Please click [here](#) for detailed information and applications. For any questions, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Last Chance for SSLP or SIP! There is still time to sign-up for the mandatory SSLP Workshop OR the SIP Workshop. **SENIORS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EITHER PROGRAM IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND A WORKSHOP!** Register [here](#) to attend an SSLP (Internship Program) Workshop OR register [here](#) to for the SIP (Senior Interest Program) Workshop. If you have any questions, please contact the Career Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

SAVE THE DATE! The **New Haven Mineral Club** is presenting their 47th annual show at the **Amity Middle School, 100 Ohman Avenue in Orange**. The fair will take place on **Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9:30am-5pm and Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 10am-4:30pm**. Learn about minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry and find unique gifts. Admission is \$6.00 and children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, please visit [this link](#).

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.

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.

For High School Juniors (Rising Seniors): The Mercy College Business Honors Program is hosting a Summer Leadership Academy in July 2022 for high achieving Juniors/Rising Seniors (graduating 2023). There are THREE separate weeklong experiences – CHOOSE ONE! If you are interested in a live-in, week-long college experience, please fill out a quick form-[CLICK HERE - Summer Leadership Academy 2022](#) – Bottom Link will direct you to our website and more information! [LA Application 2022 \(jotform.com\)](#)

Attention Juniors! The **Connecticut State Universities and UCONN** are hosting a virtual chat base College Fair on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 6:30pm-8:00pm**. The college fair is free to all students and parents. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Important Reminders

Makeup Exam Sessions: Makeup exam sessions will be held after school from 2:30-4:30 during the first few weeks of the 2nd semester on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for students who were absent due to an unforeseen/unanticipated reason during the midterm exam session. Makeup exams should be arranged with the student's teacher and may necessitate the involvement of the assigned associate principal.

Athletics

Winter Sports: Winter sports are here! For information or if you have any questions, please contact the athletic department or view the website [here](#).

Community Happenings

SAT Prep Course: Please see [this flyer](#) for information about an SAT Prep Course.

Attention Local Employers: If you are interested in hiring a high school student or would like to post a part-time position, please contact the College & Career Center (203-397-4836) or email Paula Vallie at paula.vallie@amityregion5.org. Jobs must conform to the State of Connecticut regulations regarding the employment of minors.

Woodbridge Youth Services Updates: Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org for information or to sign up for programs. Like us on Facebook [Woodbridge, CT Youth Services](#) –

- **Survey for Woodbridge and Bethany Parents:** Woodbridge Youth Services would like to get input from Woodbridge and Bethany residents to improve our programming. Please complete the survey by clicking the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9B37KCR>
- **Snow Art Challenge for Woodbridge and Bethany Families:** Families looking for outdoor fun this winter can express their talents by entering in the Youth Services Snow Art Competition. Email a photo as an attachment of you and your family with your creation to youthone@woodbridgect.org. Prizes will be awarded for skill and creativity. Check the Town of Woodbridge [website](#) or see our Facebook [page](#) for updates and prizewinners. Due date for photos is March 1, 2022. Sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.
- **Valentine Wishes for Seniors: Bring some smiles to the faces of our senior citizens by making a few valentines to show you care. Get creative and send a message of love and hope. Youth Services will distribute them to local seniors who may be lonely due to the pandemic and may lack the technology to stay in touch with family and friends. Please leave your cards in the Valentine box located at school, or in Youth Services at 4 Meetinghouse Lane.**
- **Job Bank:** It's snow season. Residents may call to request teens to shovel or do odd jobs. Please plan for snow shoveling as the number of teens is limited. Teens who want paid work should contact Youth Services to schedule an interview. The Job Bank is a referral service for residents who offer odd jobs to resident teens ages 13 – 18.
- **Nominations for First Selectman's Youth Award Sought:** If you know a Woodbridge youth (up to 18 years old) who has volunteered their time working to improve the Town of Woodbridge or its residents, consider nominating that deserving resident. Principals, teachers, fellow students, neighbors, group, and religious leaders, etc. are encouraged to make nominations. Parents or family members may not nominate a relative. Nominations are due to Youth Services by April 4. The winner will receive an award and a gift at a date to be determined later this spring. The nomination form can be found on the Town Website at www.woodbridgect.org/472/Programs or call the office at 203-389-3429.

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