

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

Throughout this National Teacher Appreciation Week, we have celebrated our ARHS teachers and thanked them for their unwavering commitment to our students, our school, and our community. The work they do, day in and day out is essential. This year has been a particularly difficult one as we have worked hard to socially reintegrate after so much disruption due to the pandemic. Much of the learning that happens in school is based on interpersonal interactions, and the Amity Regional High School Teachers value the relationships they build with students because those strong relationships enhance the learning environment. The value of an Amity education is, in part, due to this commitment by our educators, as they seek to help student build the skills and dispositions necessary to be successful, contributing members of society upon graduation. We discovered during the pandemic that school is much more than just a building; our teachers are the heart and soul of our school and essential to the success of our students. Thank you, ARHS Teachers. We appreciate all that you do!

I also want to say a VERY big thank you to the members of our PTSO and Student Government who did so much work to give our teachers a proper celebration this week. The entire faculty and staff were thankful for the food, gifts, games, and messages. Have a nice weekend and a very Happy Mother's Day!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** [Dean College](#) is a private institution located in Franklin, Massachusetts. Originally [established in 1866](#), [Dean College](#) was known as a "junior college" (2-year programs only)" before it began offering bachelor's degrees in 1994. Today, Dean offers [over 30 majors](#) to its 1,200 full-time students. An abundance of [clubs & organizations](#) as well as [guaranteed housing](#) makes for a very active social scene as 87% of students live on campus. The Dean Bulldogs sponsor [16 NCAA Division-3 athletic teams](#) who compete in the [Great Northeast Athletic Conference](#) (football in the [ECFC](#)). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) is 62,242.00 (2022-2023). For more information, check out Dean's [fast facts](#), visit the [admissions website](#) or take a [virtual tour here](#). "[Kindergarten and elementary school teachers](#) instruct young students in basic subjects in order to prepare them for future schooling" ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), 2020). [Teachers](#) are employed by both public and private schools. A bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement for employment, as well as practical training and [certification](#). The national median salary is \$61,350 and the profession is expected to have **average job growth at 7% through 2030** (BLS, 2020). ([Average salary in CT](#) is \$82,140 - BLS, 2020.) To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [Connecticut Education Association](#), the [National Education Association](#), and the [Association of American Educators](#).

*Some schools that have elementary education programs include:*

Dean College	Southern CT State Univ	University of Connecticut
Boston Univ/Wheelock Col	Central CT State Univ	Eastern CT State Univ
Western CT State Univ	Sacred Heart University	Mitchell College
Endicott College	St. John's University	Salve Regina University
Univ of Rhode Island	Springfield College	Bridgewater State Univ
Pace University	Roger Williams University	Long Island University

*Or search in Naviance for more choices!*

## **Happenings and Information**

**Grade 11 High School Partnership Program:** Students who are interested in taking a college course at Southern Connecticut State University this summer through the High School Partnership Program should see their school counselor for more information. Students who have a minimum B average in their ARHS courses are able to take a course as long as it is not one we offer at ARHS.

**Upcoming performance event:** Come join us for an evening of fun **music!** The Amity Music Department will be having their first annual **Amity MusicFest!** Concert on **Tuesday May 24 at 7pm** in the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts at Amity High School! The concert will feature the **choir, band, jazz band, Rhythmix and other selected acts!** It is going to be a great night of music and dancing!! Please consider joining us! We would love to see you there! This concert is free and open to the public! See [this flyer](#) for more information! Visit our website too! [Amity Music Department Website](#)

**Distribution of additional COVID-19 test kits:** Please be aware that students will be given additional test kits by the end of next week. As stated in this week's update, please be sure to continue to test if/when necessary.

**Parents of seniors:** An email went out to all seniors with a few important details before they graduate. Student Google accounts are deleted after they graduate so students will need to save to a flash drive or another personal Google account if they have anything they want to keep. Secondly, seniors need to update Naviance with their college outcomes and set their attending school so their final transcript can be sent in June to the school they will attend in the fall. Lastly, we ask all seniors to complete a Senior Sketch to help provide us some data to reflect on and improve our practices. Please encourage your children to check their email and complete these steps. This will need to be done prior to them receiving their cap and gown for graduation practice or going out on SSLP/SIP.

**Senior Picnic/Prom:** Students have been reminded to purchase senior prom and picnic tickets. The last day to purchase is May 10! They can be purchased on PowerSchool!

**Parents of sophomores:** Pre-ACT scores and booklets were distributed to grade 10 students during the lunch period. If you did not receive yours, please come to the Career Center to pick up your booklet.

### **PTSO News:**

- Support the PTSO when shopping on Amazon Smile: Please support us when you shop by visiting [this site](#) and selecting Amity High School PTSO Inc. as the charity of your choice.
- Attend our monthly meetings: PTSO meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month in the school's library media center. We hope to see you on May 19 at 7:00pm!

**Yearbooks Are Sold Out:** The yearbook staff is excited to have reached its sales goal for this year; at this point, there are no longer any books available for purchase. The publisher may be able to provide us with additional books prior to distribution day, but as there is no guarantee that they will be able to do that or how many they will be able to provide, the yearbook staff has begun keeping a waiting list for those still interested in purchasing books. In order to get their name on the waiting list, students must see either Mr. Clark or Mrs. Hulse in person (we will not honor e-mail requests), and they must provide the full purchase price of \$90.40, either in cash or by check (made out to ARHS). Students will be refunded if their requests are unable to be fulfilled after books are delivered. Please note that the waiting list will prioritize seniors over underclassmen.

**Class of 2025 Council Bottle and Can Drive:** Please consider dropping off your bottle and can returnable to benefit the Amity High School Class of 2025. Freshman class council members will be in front of the high school on Saturday May 7, 2022 between 10:00AM and 1:00PM. Thank you!

### **Senior Happenings**

**SSLP/SIP Update:** Seniors are asked to please read their emails in the next few weeks for updates on the last few weeks of school. Seniors should go to their Google Classroom and go to Step 5 to print out the Faculty Approval Form. This form must be filled out completely by **Friday, May 13.**

**Attention Seniors:** The Scholarship page on our [website](#) has been updated with new scholarships. Please feel free to browse through the many local opportunities.

## Notes from Counseling Department

**Interested in Photography/Arts?** The **Yale Center for British Art** on Chapel Street in New Haven is offering **The View From Here: Accessing Art from Photography**, a free semester- long, photography-based program for young adults in the Greater New Haven area. This program will begin September 15 and continue until December 15, 2022. For more details, please find more information [here](#).

**Local Opportunity?** Consider working or volunteering at the **JCC's Summer Camp**. Work opportunities are available for those over 16 - volunteer/CIT training programs for 14 & 15 year olds. Click [HERE for more information](#).

**Summer Employment:** Check out our job board for a variety of summer job opportunities available within the local communities.

**EMT Summer Courses available in Seymour!** The Seymour Ambulance Association is offering summer day and night EMT Courses. Please find more information [here](#).

**Want to enjoy the outdoors this summer & be a change maker?** The **Natural Resources Conservation Ambassador Program** is offering (grades 9-11) a summer field Experience at the UConn Campus from **July 17-23rd**. Students will explore environmental topics like forestry, wildlife, & mapping, where you can apply your new skills to an environmental effort that benefits your community. Stay in dorms, get a feel for campus life, and enjoy fun activities: BBQ's, lake swimming, campfires & more. A [short online application](#) is **now open until May 13**. Learn more & apply today [here](#).

The **Peer Tutoring Club** is offering a new service to students called "Working Wednesdays." **EVERY WEDNESDAY, peer tutors will be in the Career Center during the lunch/SSP periods to work with any "drop-in" students who want help.** We will continue to offer drop-in peer tutoring after school (on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Career Center) as well as 1 to 1 tutoring by completing [the form HERE](#).

## Athletics

**Amity HS Booster Athletic Club Family Fun Day:** Come celebrate with us at our 1st Amity Family Fun Day! On Sunday, June 5 at the AHS fields from 11am to 2 pm., Perfect for ages 3 to 12! Play carnival games with our student athletes, win raffles and enjoy a bite to eat. Cost is \$10 per child, cash only. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Please help spread the word about this wonderful community get together! Visit us on FB...Amity HS Athletic Booster Club. See event info and list of raffle prizes!

**Adult Volunteer Opportunity:** Our Booster Club is also looking for an accountant to help with tax filings and record keeping. We are interested in hearing from you, our local residents! Please contact Carrie at [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) with suggestions or inquiries. We thank you very much!

**Spring Sports:** Please visit the [Amity Athletics website](#) for information regarding schedules and results.

## **Community Happenings**

The **Amity Adult & Continuing Education catalog for the Spring and Summer Sessions** are now online! We have many great options for these sessions and we hope that you will consider registering for a course or maybe two! Consider taking a course with a friend and/or a family member for more fun!

**Woodbridge Youth Services Updates:** Call 203-389-3429 or email <mailto:youthone@woodbridgect.org> for information or to sign up for programs. Like us on Facebook Woodbridge, CT Youth Services

**Woodbridge Job Bank Seeks Teens Who Want Work:** The Job Bank in Woodbridge offers occasional jobs to teen residents (ages 13 – 18) who would like to work in Woodbridge to earn some extra cash. Youth Services provides an opportunity to learn about the interview process, safety on the job, and how to negotiate pay. Do yard work, babysitting, weeding, dog walking, raking, etc. Call for an interview at 203-389-3464 or e-mail [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org). Masks and social distancing may be required. Woodbridge residents who wish to hire someone for odd jobs like babysitting, yard cleanup, weeding, moving boxes, etc. Save your energy and keep teens working to gain, experience. Call 203-389-3464 for more information.

## **Community Service Opportunities**

- **Tech Tuesday Instructors:** Woodbridge Youth Services is looking for a few students who are interested in helping our senior citizens with their phones, laptops, notepads, etc. for Tech Tuesdays in the Center Building, Please call if you wish to help a senior resident after school hours. Training is one-on-one to address individual needs and is scheduled by appointment only. We approve service hours.
- **Youth Program Assistance Needed:** Juniors and seniors are requested to assist at the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party at Amity Middle School-Bethany on Friday, 5/13. Help with registration, food, etc. Contact Youth Services for details and earn your service hours in a fun environment.
- **Free Mental Health First Aid Training for Adults:** This training is open to all individuals that live or work within the towns of Milford, West Haven, Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge.

**May 14th**, Saturday from 10am - 4pm (ADULT MHFA)

**May 25th**, Wednesday from 10am - 3pm (YOUTH MHFA)

**June 2nd & June 9**, Thursday Evening(s) from 6pm - 9 pm (ADULT YMHFA)

**June 11th**, Saturday from 10am - 3pm (YOUTH MHFA)

Trainings will be held virtually on Zoom. (Trainings will be rescheduled if less than 5 participants register). REGISTER FOR A TRAINING NOW at <https://bit.ly/trainings-MHFA>. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches Adults how to identify, understand & respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children & adolescents ages 12-18. Participants must complete 2 hours of self-paced, pre-work before attending the interactive, instructor-led portion of the training. Participants must attend the entire virtual training to become certified and will be required to complete a knowledge check and course evaluation. Course materials and fees are covered through a Mental Health Awareness Training grant and Bridges Healthcare.

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