

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, 9/9/2022

It has been a busy week at Amity Regional High School. Our fall sports teams started interscholastic competition this week, our Gr. 9 & 12 open house took place on Thursday, and this evening we are inducting the new members of our National Honor Society. Enjoy the late-summer weather this weekend, and we hope to see you at any of our games in the coming days or at next week's open house for Gr. 10 & 12 parents.

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Haven's Harvest Food Rescue Starting Next Week:** Amity Regional High School is again partnering with Haven's Harvest, a New Haven-area food rescue organization that supports families and area food pantries in the greater New Haven area. We will begin collecting unopened and unused packaged food items and produce at all breakfast and lunch waves. Students can simply drop off what they do not use in the conveniently located donation boxes in the cafeteria.
- **Reminders from the Health Office:** Current DPH guidelines allow students who are experiencing potential Covid-like symptoms to attend school if they test negative for Covid each day they have symptoms. Free test kits are available in the Health Office for students who need them. Students with Covid-like symptoms who test positive or who do not test daily are required to quarantine, and parents should report positive Covid results to the Health Office so that we can accurately manage the health needs of our school community.
- **Student Survey on Arts Classes:** Students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades – the Visual and Performing Arts department would like your feedback. Please fill out the survey on your google classrooms or follow this [link](#).
- **Back To School Night for Grades 10 & 11 will take place on Thursday, September 15:** The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a brief welcome in the Brady Auditorium, after which parents

will follow a shortened version of their child's class schedule. Please join us for what is sure to be an informative opportunity to meet your child's teachers.

- **Underclass Picture Days:** Underclass pictures will be taken during English classes on Tuesday, September 20, and Wednesday, September 21. English teachers will inform their classes of which day to prepare for. Those students who are absent or otherwise unable to be photographed can have their pictures taken on the makeup day, which will be Thursday, November 3. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark, and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org.
- **Order and Prepay for Underclass Pictures:** Ahead of our upcoming underclass picture days on September 20 and 21, parents can order and prepay for prints of their children's school pictures online beginning on Tuesday, September 6. Instructions are available [here](#). The payment portal will be active until Wednesday, September 28. After this date, Amity's bulk order will be processed, and digital proof cards will be e-mailed to parents who did not place orders. These proof cards will feature a watermarked proof image along with the codes to order prints online. At that point, prices will be slightly higher, and orders will be shipped directly to families' homes rather than to the school.

College and Career of the Week

[Southern Connecticut State University](#) was [originally founded in 1893](#) as the "New Haven State Normal School", offering only a two-year teacher training program. Presently, SCSU offers [over 250 programs](#) to approximately 9,000 undergraduate and graduate students. SCSU is part of the [Connecticut State Colleges & Universities](#) system. While SCSU is best known for its teacher education programs, many others have earned excellent reputations as well. The [Department of Nursing](#) boasts a 98% pass rate on the [NCLEX exam](#) (a national nursing exam). SCSU can be a great financial aid safety school on anyone's college list as full-time, in-state students pay \$12,438 for [annual tuition](#) (2022-2023). Their "[Financial Literacy & Advising](#)" service helps students and their families make good financial decisions regarding college costs. Learn more about SCSU by [viewing fast facts](#), taking a [virtual tour](#) or by attending their rep visit here on 9/27 @ 9:30am (register via Naviance).

"[Registered nurses \(RNs\)](#) provide and coordinate patient care and educate patients and the public about various health conditions" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). In order to become employed, [Registered nurses](#) must graduate from an accredited nursing program at a college, university or nursing school and pass a national certification exam called the [NCLEX](#). Nurses must also obtain state licensure in each [individual state](#). Many nurses choose to specialize in a specific area of practice such as pediatrics (with children) or oncology (cancer patients). The median salary for nurses is \$77,600 (national average) per year and the profession is expected to have **average growth at 6% through 2031** (BLS, 2021). For more information, please visit the [Registered Nurses Professional Association](#), the [American Society of Registered Nurses](#), nurse.org OR the [Emergency Nurses Association](#).

Some schools with programs in nursing include:

Southern CT State
Central CT State
UMASS (all 4 campuses)
Pace University
Gateway Comm Coll

Univ of Connecticut
Fairfield University
Fitchburg State Univ
Boston College
Univ of Rochester

Western CT State
Sacred Heart Univ
Northeastern Univ
SUNY/Stony Brook
Naugatuck Valley CC

Senior Happenings

- **Financial Aid Night:** Financial Aid Night will be held on 9/29 at 6:30 PM in the Brady Center. Colleen Mulrooney, Director of Student Financial Assistance at Sacred Heart University will present an overview of the financial aid process for students who are applying to college. The presentation will be geared toward the application process for this year, but it will be open for parents of a student in any grade to attend.

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Juniors & Seniors mark your calendars!** The [Southern Connecticut College & Career Fair](#) is coming to the **Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater in Bridgeport on Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th from 4:00pm to 7:30pm.** This free event is designed for high school students and their families to meet with over 200 representatives from colleges, universities, businesses and gap year programs. An updated list of attendees can be found [here](#).
- **Fall College visits are back starting Monday, Sept. 12th!** We encourage Seniors to register for in-person visits through Naviance. See steps on how to register below:
 - Click on COLLEGES - RESEARCH COLLEGES - COLLEGE VISITS
 - Scroll through the listing of colleges
 - REGISTER for those visits you would like to attend
 - Obtain your pass from the Career Center
- See a list of [upcoming week's visit listing HERE](#). ***This year we will limit each student to no more than 8 visits.*** Visits are 30 minutes in length. If you unable attend a visit, updated notes will be posted on Naviance.
- **Students who are interested in attending the Military Academy at West Point:** The USMA at West Point is hosting an information session at Providence College on Wednesday, September 14th, 2022, at 6pm. Click here for detailed information about this event.
- **Attention Seniors!** This year's ARHS [50 top colleges](#) list has been updated. These are the most applied to colleges from 2018 through 2022. We have also included ARHS acceptance rates for each school on the list.
- **Upcoming/Local Volunteer Opportunities!** The **Orange Country Fair** at the High Plains Community Center grounds is looking for volunteers to help with their upcoming fair on **Saturday, September 17th & Sunday, September 18th.** Three-hour shifts starting at 11 am are available. Please call, text, or email Lynn Plaskowitz @ 203- 627-1673 or lplaskowitz@orange-ct.gov. A **fundraiser event** at the **Woodbridge Club** on **Saturday evening, October 15th from 5:00pm-9:30pm.** Please email Mrs. Conley, School Counselor, at lisa.conley@amityregion5.org or sign up with Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center. The **Durham Fair** is looking for students to assist with parking, which will help raise money for the **Amity Youth Wrestling Program on Friday evening, Sept. 23rd, Saturday, Sept. 24th & Sunday, Sept. 25th.** If interested, please sign up with Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **The ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School **on Tuesday, October 19, 2022, at 7:30 am** in the Lecture Hall (room 138). Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be offered through an online format. **Students may register to take the test by signing up here.** While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the*

test. **Taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test does not obligate students to enlist!** Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).

Athletics

- **Ticket Sales for Sporting Events:** Starting this school year, the Athletic Department will be selling tickets digitally. You will be able to purchase tickets prior to the game(s) and they will appear on your phone. **There will be no paper print outs accepted.** GoFan is the sponsor for our tickets and their website is very user friendly by carefully following the directions when purchasing. There is also the option if you are purchasing more than one ticket and the individual(s) will be arriving at a different time than yourself for the game, you can forward the ticket to their phone. To help with the transition from cash to digital, tickets will still be available at the door by cash for a short time until we can fully transition into digital. Tickets are \$3.00 for students and seniors. Free for those 10 and under. Adult tickets are \$6.00.
- The QR code for ticket sales is attached or you can use the following link to purchase: <https://gofan.co/app/school/CT17350>

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- The Amity Athletics Booster Club is a parent-run organization that prides itself on supporting the athletes and coaches. The support we give through volunteering and fundraising help contribute towards equipment needs, facility updates and scholarships, to just name a few. Please join us for our monthly meetings, the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in room 501. You will hear about our upcoming events and can share any ideas you have with us. Membership sign-ups will begin shortly. Be on the lookout for our online sign up. Please like and follow us on Facebook at Amity HS Athletics Booster Club for complete up to date info and upcoming events.
- Available now! “A” stickers and yard signs are back. Stickers are \$5. “Amity Proud” yard signs are \$15. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. Look for us at the home games, too! Show your Spartans Spirit!

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Join the PTSO:** Support your student(s) and the school by joining the PTSO today! To access our membership form, please visit our website amityptso.org, click on Membership, and then Click here to join!
- **Attend our monthly meetings:** Our first meeting of the year will take place on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00pm in the school library media center. We hope to see you there! For our meeting dates, visit our website amityptso.org and click on Meeting Info.
- **Donations through Amazon Smile:** Support us every time you shop, at no cost to you, by visiting [this site](#) and selecting Amity High School PTSO Inc as the charity of your choice.

- **Volunteers needed:** If you are interested in helping with activities and events throughout the school year, please send an email to arhsptso@gmail.com.

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