

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, 9/16/2022

Thank you to all the parents who attended our two Back to School nights over the past two weeks. We appreciated the opportunity to talk with you about your children's classes and to show off some of what we do here at ARHS.

We have a few academic accolades to share from the past week. First, congratulations to the 38 new members of the National Honor Society who were inducted at a ceremony after school last Friday. And this week we recognized eight seniors who have earned the honor of being selected as National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists, which places them in the competition for Finalist status as well. It is worth noting that only three public high schools in Connecticut have more semi-finalists than Amity's elite eight. Way to go, Spartan scholars!

And in the arena of civic engagement, the Haven's Harvest food rescue program is off to a great start. In its first week our students have already redirected several large boxes of food that would otherwise have been thrown away to support food insecurity efforts in the New Haven area. This is yet another example of the great work our students and staff are doing together to extend their classroom learning to find practical solutions to real-world problems.

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **October 12th programming:** Students in grade 9 will be taking the PSAT 8/9 during the school day. No registration will be needed. Students in grades 10 and 11 will be taking the PSAT during the school day. No registration will be required. All students in grade 12 will not be required to attend school and should use the day to make a college visit or work on college applications or other post-secondary plans.
- Amity Regional School District has partnered with Griffin Health to offer a **COVID Vaccination Clinic** on Thursday, September 22, 2022. The clinic is open to all staff, students, and accompanying adults in the Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge, and Amity school districts. The clinic will be located at Amity Regional High School for BOWA staff and students from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, and it will then be open to the public from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. For more information and required forms, please [click here](#).
- **Buy Your Yearbook:** The 2023 edition of Embers is now officially on sale! The current, special Back-to-School price is \$75, but hurry—this is a limited time offer! The cost will increase to \$85 on October 1st! Visit amityembers.com to reserve your copy today! Please be advised that the yearbooks are scheduled for a summer 2023 delivery.
- **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. 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

The [University of Southern Maine](#) is a public university with [3 campuses](#) located in Portland, Gorham, and Lewiston, Maine. Founded [in 1878](#), USM currently enrolls about 6,000 undergraduate students and offers over 60 [undergraduate degree programs](#). USM offers its students an active [residential life](#) with 75% of undergraduates living on campus. There are also many [clubs, organizations](#) and social opportunities to choose from. USM sponsors 22 NCAA-D3 [athletic teams](#) that compete in the [Little East Conference](#). Annual tuition, room and board for out-of-state students is [approximately \\$38,000.00 \(2022-2023\)](#). For more information, visit the [admissions website](#) or take a [virtual tour here](#).

" [Information security analysts](#) plan and carry out security measures to protect an organization's computer networks and systems" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). A bachelor's degree in computer science or other computer related field is required for entry level positions in this field. The average salary is \$102,600 and **MUCH faster than average (35%) job growth is expected through 2031(BLS, 2021)**. Demand for [information security analysts](#) is expected to be very high due to the increase in cybercrime. To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium](#), the [Information Systems Audit and Control Association](#) and the [Association of Information Technology Professionals](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in computer science/cyber security include:

Univ of Southern Maine	University of Connecticut	University of New Haven
Fairfield University	Southern CT State	Quinnipiac University
Sacred Heart University	Bentley University	Pace University
SUNY/Farmingdale State	FLA Polytechnic Univ	Wentworth Inst of Tech
Albertus Magnus College	Boston University	Eastern CT State
FLA State University	Roger Williams University	Johnson & Wales Univ

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Senior Happenings

- **UCONN Application Process Updates:** Since so many of our seniors apply to UConn, we are sharing some important information related to [changes in UConn's policies and deadlines](#). The

application deadline for their highly selective special programs in Law, Medicine, and Dental Medicine has changed to November 15th. Nutmeg and Day of Pride Scholarship application process has also changed. Student may now apply to Day of Pride Scholarship or the Nutmeg Scholarship (not both) with a counselor's nomination. Interested students should submit their application for admission by October 25th and all supplemental materials by November 1st.

- **All seniors will be meeting with their school counselors** on Monday 9/19 or Tuesday 9/20 to learn about the process for applying to colleges. Students should check their school email for dates and times of the meeting schedule.
- **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 visit sign-ups:** 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.
- **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!**
 - Bethany Harvest Festival is looking for volunteers to help from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 2. You can use this QR code to learn more and to sign up to help: **Woodbridge Club fundraiser event 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](#).

- **Virtual Service Academy Info Sessions:** If you are interested in attending a military service academy, attend this **VIRTUAL information session** on **Wednesday, September 28th** at 6pm. [Click HERE for more information](#) about this event! The institutions represented are:
 - US Military Academy (West Point, NY)
 - US Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)
 - US Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT)
 - US Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY)
 - US Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO)
 - Army, Navy & Air Force ROTC Programs
- Interested in becoming an **Aviation Technician**? Check out these upcoming **OPEN HOUSE EVENTS** in Hartford and Stratford, sponsored by the [Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians](#), a division of the Bristol Education Center.
 - CLICK [HERE for October 1st](#) (9am-12noon) event at the HARTFORD CAMPUS
 - CLICK [HERE for October 22nd](#) (9am-1pm) event at the STRATFORD CAMPUS

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 Booster Club is a parent run organization that prides itself with 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. Our next meet is scheduled for October 6th. You will hear about our upcoming events and can share any ideas you have with us.
- Membership sign ups have begun!! Please follow the link to registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxdB1gAEQ-ukkACc3cB76EgXfC3rAxeuQYtZZ7gZfawF8AFg/viewform>

Please like and follow us on Facebook at Amity HS Athletics Booster Club at [google.com/amityschools.org/amityathleticsboosterclub/home](https://www.google.com/amityschools.org/amityathleticsboosterclub/home) for complete up to date info and upcoming events.

- Available now! "A" sticker (car decals) 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:** Please join us next Thursday, September 22nd, for our first meeting of the year in the school's media center. We hope to see you there!
- **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 out with activities and events throughout the school year, please send an email to arhsptso@gmail.com.

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