

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, 9/23/2022

I attended my first Amity PTSO meeting this week, and it was great to have an opportunity to talk directly with Amity parents about their children's education. If you are not yet a member, it is never too late to join the PTSO. Our PTSO is a vital part of our school community, contributing generously to senior scholarships, the Teacher of the Year award, Amity Hall of Honor, Link Crew, activities for all grades, senior breakfast, teacher/staff appreciation week and luncheons, and holiday & family outreach. Information on how to join the PTSO is available in their section of this week's Community Happenings.

If you want to get a sense of the energy that our Amity Spartans brought to the start of this year, we have the video for you. This short feature on the Link Crew 9th grade orientation program was posted to our website this week, and I am sure you will enjoy it: <https://openmic.link/mt5>. Keep checking the Amity website throughout the year for more video features on events around the school.

And finally, don't forget that we will not have school on Monday, Sept. 26, in observance of Rosh Hashana. For those of you who observe the holiday, we wish you all the best in the coming year, and "*Shanah tovah um'tukah*"!

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Club Day, September 30:** Club Day is an opportunity for our students to learn about the broad variety of clubs and activities they can join at ARHS. Representatives from more than 60 clubs will have displays and information available in the bus drop-off area during Session 4 on Friday, Sept. 30 (rain date of Monday, Oct. 3), and all students will have an opportunity to visit them during their SSP block.
- **The Homework Help Center** will start running on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in the career center. It will be held every Tuesday and Thursday on full school days. Peer tutors are available for help, and snacks are provided. Students can also request a one-to-one tutor to work with during study hall, SSP, or after school using this google link: <https://forms.gle/UjdkshG53Lu44PqD9>
- **Amity Pink-Out Shirts:** The Amity Student Government, in collaboration with Amity Army, is fundraising to raise awareness and fight cancer this October. Throughout next month, Pink Out themes will be set for special athletic and school events, and we would like as many people as possible to purchase a pink Amity Army shirt from this link: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/amity-pink-out>. All proceeds of this fundraiser will go to Yale New Haven Hospital's Closer to Free Fund. This fund supports Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center's mission to pursue the latest advances in cancer research at Yale Cancer Center, develop promising new cancer treatments, and make these therapies available as quickly as possible to their patients at Smilow Cancer Hospital. Sales close on October 2nd, and

shirts will be delivered between October 11th and 13th.

- **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.
- **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 www.amityembers.com to reserve your copy today! Please be advised that the yearbooks are scheduled for a summer 2023 delivery.

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Vermont](#) (UVM) located in Burlington, Vermont, was originally [established in 1791](#) as a private institution. UVM now has “quasi-public” status since it receives 6.2% of its total operating budget from the State of Vermont ([2019](#)). UVM enrolls approximately 10,000 undergraduate students and only 25% are from Vermont. [Over 100 bachelor degree](#) programs are offered and there are 250+ [clubs and organizations](#) to choose from on campus. There are 16 NCAA-D1 [athletic teams](#) who compete in the [America East Conference](#) (excluding hockey). Plenty of both indoor and outdoor [recreational sports](#) opportunities are also available. Annual tuition, room & board for out-of-state students is [\\$57,244 \(2022-2023\)](#). Contact UVM’s [admissions office](#), check out fast [facts](#) or watch a [quick video](#) to learn more.

“[Mechanical engineers](#) design, develop, build, and test mechanical and thermal sensors and devices”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Mechanical engineers](#) use their knowledge and creativity to solve problems and create prototypes of new products. A bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering is required for entry level positions in this field and all 50 states [require licensing](#) as well. The average salary is \$95,300 and slower than average (2%) job growth is expected through 2031 (BLS, 2021). However, additional job openings are expected due to transfers and retirements. To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Society of Mechanical Engineers](#), the [National Society of Professional Engineers](#), or the [Society of Manufacturing Engineers](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in mechanical engineering include:

University of Vermont	University of Connecticut	Central CT State
Fairfield University	Trinity College	University of Delaware
Hofstra University	SUNY/Binghamton	Quinnipiac University
Univ of New Haven	US Coast Guard Academy	College of New Jersey
Worcester Polytech Inst	UMAINE/Orono	Univ of Rhode Island
UMASS/Dartmouth	Merrimack College	Western New Eng Univ

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Senior Happenings

- **Senior Yearbook Quotes:** Members of the Class of 2023 have been offered the opportunity to submit quotes that they feel represent them for inclusion alongside their senior portraits in the

2023 edition of *Embers*. Students may submit up to two quotes: a first and second choice. All quotes must meet the yearbook's standards, which can be found [here](#). Any quotes that do not meet these standards will not be printed in the yearbook. All submissions are due on October 31.

- **Yearbook Grad Ads:** Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers* 2023 yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! Visit amityembers.com for details!
- **Last Call for Senior Portraits:** "Last Chance" senior portraits will be taken on Wednesday, October 19th, and Thursday, October 20th. If your child didn't make an appointment over the summer, this will be the very last opportunity to have a portrait taken in time to be included in the yearbook. All students in need will receive appointment cards in the coming weeks. We want all our seniors to be in the yearbook, so please note that THERE IS NO CHARGE for this single pose sitting. For multiple-pose sittings, please contact Robert Taylor Photography at (203)377-0739 to schedule an appointment at the studio. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark, and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org.
- **This year's School Profile for the Class of 2023** is posted on the website. Please click [here](#) to view it.
- **The presentation from Senior Parent Night** is available on the Counseling Department's Website. You can view it [here](#).
- **Seniors should be mindful of the transcript request deadlines for this school year:**
 - App Deadline Transcript Request Date
 - October 15 September 29th
 - November 1 October 17th
 - November 15 November 1st
 - December 1 November 15th
 - December 15 December 1st
 - January 1 December 12th
 - January 15 January 2nd
 - February 1 January 18th
- **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.
- **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.
- **SENIORS - COULD YOU USE SOME HELP WITH THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?**
- ATTEND one or more of the **20-minute WORKSHOPS** (held during SSP times) and learn how to get started with your COMMON APP, using NAVIANCE with college applications, resume writing and how to send SAT or ACT TEST SCORES to colleges. **ALL sessions will be held in the CAREER CENTER during SSP periods on the following dates:**
 - COMMON APP Workshop - Mon 10/3, and Wed 10/19
 - Using NAVIANCE Workshop - Tues 10/4, and Mon 10/17
 - RESUME Writing Workshop -Thurs 10/6 and Fri 10/21
 - SENDING SAT or ACT SCORES to COLLEGES Workshop - Monday 10/24
 - [REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND!](#)
- **Upcoming/Local Volunteer Opportunities!**
 - **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.
 - **Beecher Road Elementary School** is looking for volunteers for their annual **Halloween Hoot on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022**, from 11am-3pm. Rain date will be Oct. 23rd. Please sign up in the Career Center.
 - **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

- **Are you 16 yrs. or older and interested in working part-time?** If so, many jobs have become available within your community. Check out recent job opportunities posted outside of the Career Center window. If you have questions, please stop by the Career Center and speak with Mrs. Vallie.
- **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](#).
- **For students who are interested in attending the Military Academy at West Point:** The USMA at West Point is hosting an information session at the University of Connecticut on Wednesday evening, October 5, 2022, at 7pm. Click here for detailed information about this event. Here is the RSVP link for quick reference: <https://forms.office.com/r/wdXx1dehuh>.
- **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

- **The QR code for athletic event ticket sales** is here, or you can use the following link to purchase your tickets: <https://gofan.co/app/school/CT17350>

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Membership sign ups have begun! Join here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxdB1gAEQ-ukkACc3cB76EgXfC3rAxeuQYtZZ7gZfawF8AFg/viewform>
- For PayPal payment: https://www.paypal.me/AthleticsBoosterClub?locale.x=en_US
- The Booster Club is a parent run organization that prides itself with supporting the athletes, coaches, and our trainer. 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 at 6:30pm in room 501. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 6. You will hear about our upcoming events and can share any ideas you have with us.
- Please like and follow us on Facebook at Amity HS Athletics Booster Club for complete up to date info and upcoming events.
- Soon, we will begin our first fundraiser. We will be collecting gently used and new shoes and sneakers. More info to come.
- Available now! "A" decal stickers and yard signs are back. Decal stickers are \$5 each and "Amity Proud" yard signs are \$15 each. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. Look for us at home games, too!

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 on Thursday, October 20th at 7pm for our next meeting 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 with activities and events throughout the school year, please send an email to arhsptso@gmail.com.

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